Organisation

Cit’ergie, the French counterpart of the European Energy Award (eea) programme, is administered and disseminated through the regional offices of ADEME, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency. Participating municipalities are provided with technical assistance for entering the programme and financial support during the awarding process, and integrated in the Cit’ergie network.

In addition to highlighting the ambitious sustainable energy policies of local governments, Cit’ergie is promoted as an operational tool for structuring and executing a Territorial Climate-Air-Energy Plan, taking action under Agenda 21, complying with commitments made under the Covenant of Mayors, and the implementation of local energy and climate policies.

Status of the eea in France

The Cit’ergie programme was launched in 2007 with the awarding of the first French eea municipalities Besançon, Echirolles and Montmélian and the Europe’s first eea agglomeration, Grenoble Alpes Métropole. Since then, the number of municipalities involved in the Cit’ergie programme has increased constantly. At the beginning of 2019, 167 municipalities were involved in the programme, 45 of which have qualified for the Cit’ergie label (which corresponds to eea award) and 2 for the Cit’ergie Gold label (eea Gold award).

Awarded municipalities are recognised as being well positioned for the preparation of Territorial Air, Energy and Climate Action Plans (PCAET), which are compulsory in France for communities with more than 20,000 inhabitants.

Figures

- Number of municipalities:
  - participating in total: 167
  - awarded eea: 45
  - awarded eea Gold: 2
- Population involved: 19.9 m
- 1st eea award: 2007
- 1st eea Gold award: 2012

Status beginning of 2019

Participating municipalities by number of inhabitants:

- < 10'000: 53
- 10'000 - 50'000: 108
- > 50'000: 1

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European Energy Award

The European Energy Award (eea) is a quality management and awarding system for municipalities committed to sustainable municipal energy, climate and transport policies. From spatial planning to energy supply, from mobility to communication and cooperation – the eea comprises the full range of proven energy and climate protection measures municipalities can take. The eea is therefore the most comprehensive quality management system for municipalities in the field of energy efficiency.

The eea takes particularities of individual countries and regions into account, yet provides for benchmarks to be established between municipalities at a European level. At the European level, the eea is interlinked with other programmes such as the Smart Cities initiative and the Covenant of Mayors and corresponds to the 20-20-20 objectives of the European Union for 2020. Today, more than 1,500 municipalities are participating.

Further information: www.european-energy-award.org