



# Association European Energy Award AISBL

## Activities 2017

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The new international non-profit association European Energy Award started operating in 2017. Two working groups with representatives of almost all member countries were established to further improve the European Energy Award. The Working Group Development and Quality is concerned with how to address and include topics such as smart cities, climate adaption and digitalization. The results of its discussions are being incorporated into the online eea Management Tool (EMT). Greater flexibility in the selection of measures will ensure that these new topics as well as national frameworks can be addressed more specifically in the future. The Working Group Dissemination has developed a roadmap for activities in 2017 and 2018. Based on this, the European Energy Award Association is actively discussing opportunities in other European countries. Furthermore, links and synergies between the European Energy Award and the Covenant of Mayors are also being discussed with the European Commission. In December 2017, the first eea Club Event was held on this topic in Brussels with the participation of representatives of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

Two project proposals submitted by the eea network under the Horizon 2020 framework were approved in 2017 and will start in 2018: 'CoME EAsy' will develop a more quantitative assessment of eea cities and better exploit synergies with the Covenant of Mayors initiative and ISO 50001 certification. 'IMPLEMENT' will bring the European Energy Award to four new countries: Belgium, Croatia, Greece and Poland. Another

project, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), will start in 2018 and aim at introducing the eea in the United Kingdom.

The establishment of the new Association European Energy Award also brought personal changes. Walter Steinmann resigned after a 14-year term as the organisation's president due to his retirement from the Swiss Federal Office of Energy. Under his presidency from the inception of the European Energy Award, the program was successfully disseminated from initially three to seven countries and from 450 to 1500 participating municipalities and cities. The European Energy Award has successfully positioned itself as the quality management program for national and European energy and climate policy in several European countries. Walter, thank you for your untiring commitment!

Municipalities and cities remained very active in implementing energy efficiency and climate protection measures in 2017, and the number of eea-awarded municipalities and cities has reached 914 communities. A total of 16 new cities and communities were awarded with the eea Gold, while 12 were re-awarded. Congratulations to all these committed municipalities and everybody involved!

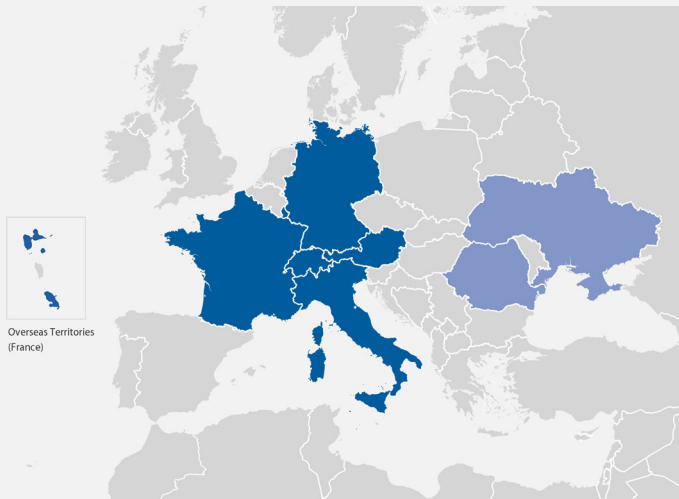
*Helmut Strasser*  
*Chair of the Association European Energy Award AISBL*



# Facts and Figures 2017

## Participating countries and overall figures

Status end of 2017



**Ordinary member countries ..... 8**  
Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland

**Pilot countries ..... 2**  
Romania, Ukraine

### Population involved

- in participating municipalities ..... 48 m  
- in awarded municipalities ..... 32 m

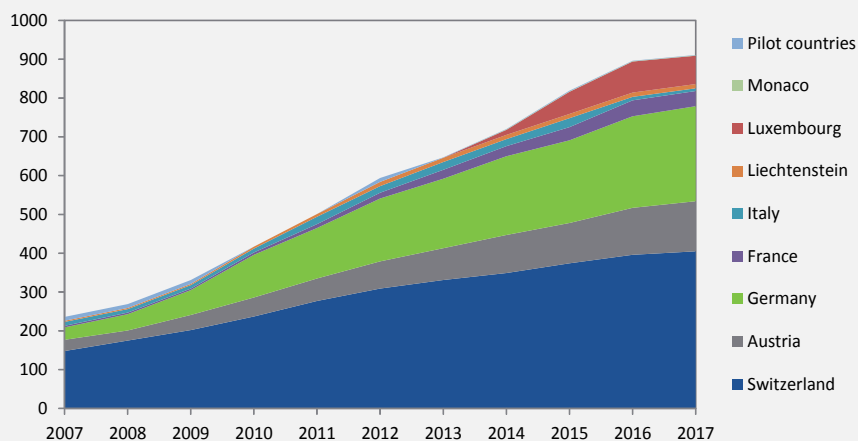
### Number of municipalities

- participating ..... 1,504  
- awarded eea ..... 914  
- awarded eea Gold ..... 125

## Awarded and participating municipalities per country

Country	No. of awarded municipalities			Total	of which of eea Gold	No. of participating municipalities
	< 5,000 inhabitants	5- 50,000 inhabitants	> 50,000 inhabitants			
AT	77	48	4	129	22	277
CH	170	229	10	409	46	635
DE	36	117	86	239	47	309
FR	1	10	28	39	2	131
IT	4	2	1	7	2	29
LI	9	2	-	11	-	11
LU	53	24	1	78	6	105
MC	-	1	-	1	-	1
RO	-	-	-	-	-	4
UA	-	-	1	1	-	2
<b>Total</b>	350	433	131	914	125	1,504

## No. of eea awarded municipalities 2007 - 2017 per country



# Activities of the Association European Energy Award in 2017

## eea Annual Event in Clervaux, Luxembourg

The Association European Energy Award and myenergy co-organised the eea Annual Event on 20 and 21 November 2017 together with the Naturpark Our and the community of Clervaux, which was also awarded with eea Gold in 2017. More than 200 national and international participants met in the Cube 521 in Marnach to exchange information and experiences about local energy and climate policy.

eea President Walter Steinmann and Camille Gira, the Secretary of State of Luxembourg for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, awarded 38 municipalities with the European Energy Award Gold during a gala dinner at the Chateau d'Urspelt. Sixteen municipalities and districts were awarded for the first time. The eea Gold cities and towns 2017 are located in Austria, Germany, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland. The German city of Leipzig is the largest among them (579,530 inhabitants), while the municipality of Weissensee, Austria, is the smallest (754 inhabitants).

## eea General Assembly

On 20 November 2017, the first eea General Assembly of the newly founded Association European Energy Award took place in Clervaux, Luxembourg. The agenda covered all association-specific issues. The budget 2018 was approved. There were no annual accounts presented for approval, since it was the first assembly of the eea Association. Having presided over the organisation for 14 years, Walter Steinmann resigned due to his retirement from the Swiss Federal Office of Energy. Currently, Helmut Strasser, eea Board member since 2012, has taken on the presidency of the Association eea.

## eea Board Meetings

There were two Board meetings held on 1 June 2017 in Paris and on 20 November 2017 in Clervaux, Luxembourg. The agenda covered the following topics:

- Transfer of eea rights from the old to the new eea organisation
- Formal issues for the full incorporation of the new Association eea AISBL
- Approval of proposals of Working Groups regarding dissemination strategy, accreditation of International eea City/Country advisors and framework rules for the eea Management Tool
- EU Horizon 2020 project proposals
- Approval of all Gold label applications
- Organizational issues like improvement of the Internal Rules and Regulations or invoicing procedures



Awarding Ceremony at the Annual Event in Urspelt, Luxembourg



Chateau d'Urspelt, Luxembourg

## Representation in Brussels

A permanent eea representation in Brussels has been one of the Association's bodies since it was established in this city. Bernard Gindroz, the eea representative in Brussels, shares the eea's experiences with European innovation programmes (e.g. European Innovation Partnership – Smart Cities and Communities) and standardisation bodies (e.g. CEN-CENELEC-ETSI Sector Forum on Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities) and maintains a regular exchange with related initiatives (e.g. Covenant of Mayors), networks and the EU Commission.

The first ever eea Club event, which was held at Austria's Permanent Representation to the European Union on 5 December 2017, deserves special mention. The eea Club event series has been launched to strengthen the network of eea country representatives in Brussels and to discuss current EU policy developments in terms of energy and climate in cities and communities with other stakeholders in Brussels.

The eea additionally played an active part in the following Brussels events in 2017:

- 20 June 2017: 1st EIP SSC General Assembly 2017
- 12 October 2017: 2nd EIP SCC General Assembly 2017
- 19 October 2017: World Standard Days

## Dissemination

The Association eea is planning to disseminate the eea in additional European countries to give more communities and cities the opportunity to participate in the eea. The Working Group Dissemination is concerned with implementing this goal and discusses issues associated with the dissemination of the eea, the representation of the eea in Brussels and questions regarding communications.

A number of principles were developed in 2017 as a basis for promoting the dissemination of the eea:

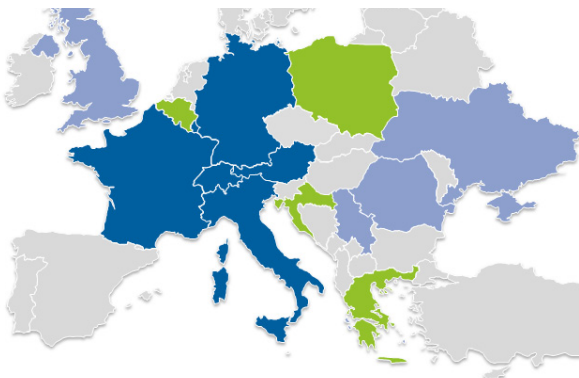
- Dissemination strategy and processes: Priority countries have been defined where the Association will actively look for national partners to introduce the eea. At the same time, processes and steps have been established for introducing the eea in new countries.

- Accreditation of International eea City Advisors and International eea Country Advisors: The Association has introduced accreditation for international eea advisors in order to ensure the quality of new eea programmes in new countries right from their inception. International eea City Advisors are able to provide consultancy to pilot municipalities in new countries and have the requisite expertise to support national bodies in setting up national eea programmes.

The Working Group met twice in 2017: in Bolzano (IT) on 15 March and in Zurich (CH) on 21 September.

## Communications

The Association's main means of communications is its homepage: [www.european-energy-award.org](http://www.european-energy-award.org). The homepage has additionally been used to publish regular eea related news since 2017. The annually updated eea factsheets, which are available for the eea overall and for all long-standing eea countries, are another popular resource.



EU-Project IMPLEMENT: Implementation of the eea of four new countries Belgium, Croatia, Greece and Poland

## Development and Quality

The eea as a management system for communities and cities places stringent demands on the quality of its tools and processes. The Working Group Development & Quality is responsible for ensuring consistently high quality that is responsive to the needs of and available scopes for action in the various participating countries.

This working group met twice in 2017: in Bolzano (IT) on 16 March and in Zurich (CH) on 20 September. The following topics were addressed:

- Working group task descriptions
- General conditions for adapting national eea assessment tools and quality assurance processes for such adaptations
- Inclusion of new measures in the international eea master catalogue
- Adaptations and improvements of the European Management Tool (EMT)
- Pilot project for long-term eea Gold municipalities
- Adjustments to the eea Gold process

## International Calibration Day ICD

The International Calibration Day is a conference where accredited international eea Gold auditors and representatives of the national executive offices exchange experiences, calibrate their work and harmonise national assessment guidances. The main aim of the ICD is to ensure that not only the national eea assessment tools but also national assessment guidances are comparable and reflect the contents of measures appropriately, especially regarding the defined key measures. The auditors additionally provide feedback regarding Gold audits they have performed and make recommendations to the Board. The ICD gives both the national and the international eea executive offices an opportunity to share innovations and developments within the Association and to collect direct feedback.

The 2017 ICD was held in Zurich on 21 and 22 September. The event was used for the above-mentioned exchange and calibration as well as to share information about two Luxembourg projects on air quality and circular economy.

# Activities in member countries

## eea member countries

Countries with their own national eea programme can become ordinary member countries of the European Energy Award. Local authorities can then join the national eea programme and obtain national awarding under the European Energy Award. The programme is managed by the respective national eea office, which also trains national eea advisors and auditors and handles all other aspects of the national eea programme.

## Austria

Over 35% of Austrians currently live in municipalities and regions that are part of the e5 programme.

Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter presented 27 cities and municipalities with the European Energy Award on the occasion of the 67th Conference of Austrian Cities and Towns in Zell am See.

Last year, 19 Austrian municipalities received the European Energy Award, including the federal state capitals of Salzburg and Innsbruck.

“We would like to ensure that half of all Austrians live in e5 municipalities by 2025. After all, climate protection must be lived every day at the regional level if people are to be motivated to rethink and integrate it in their everyday lives”, explained federal Minister Rupprechter.

## France

A leaflet of good practices is produced for each Gold and Cit'ergie municipality. The municipalities of five French regions were invited to a Cit'ergie Inter-regional Day in Angers in October 2017. About fifty people came together on this day and two workshops were offered: one on interest in the Cit'ergie approach for mobilising municipality services and the second on the theme of mobility.

During the main French presentation on energy and the climate dedicated to municipalities – the European Annual Conference on Energy Transition in January 2018 organised by Greater Geneva – a special Cit'ergie 10 Years round table and a ceremony for awarding re-accreditations were organised. Three webinars were offered to Cit'ergie advisors and municipalities during 2017.

## eea pilot member countries

Countries just starting to establish a national or regional eea programme can become pilot members of the European Energy Award. The European Energy Award Association collaborates with experienced international eea country advisors in providing coaching and advice to support pilot countries in their tasks and responsibilities.



Ceremony of the 19 Austrian municipalities awarded with the eea in 2017 in Zell am See. 8 of them achieved the Gold status.



2017 labelled municipalities at the annual Cit'ergie award ceremony, January 2018 in Geneva

## Germany

Three achievements of the German eea programme in 2017:

**Improved Project Data Sheet tool:** This online tool assists eea municipalities in creating project sheets of eea-related activities. The tool also allows information to be transferred to other data portals such as best-practice online databases of eea partners.

**Publication “European Energy Award – Der Weg zum kommunalen Klimaschutz”:** A 65-page booklet was published, in which Dr. Armand Dütz describes the background and history of the eea as well as its instruments and integration with national and international political frameworks.

**Certification logos were redesigned in 2017.** The new design features an additional element to highlight the municipality’s eea status as well as the year in which its status was achieved.

## Italy

Florence, the largest municipality in the Italian eea programme, continued to implement the SCC1 Replicate project with the technical support of SPES to develop best practices in the energy, mobility and ICT sectors: the municipality, which was first awarded in 2016, has attended numerous events at the national and international level to promote the eea methodology and has hosted a number of events. An international meeting has been organised in the German city of Essen in September to enhance the exchange with this eea municipality (Green Capital 2017).

In 2017, the promotion of ComuneClima [Climate Municipality] – eea activities continued with numerous speeches in municipalities and conferences during fairs or other events, which were well received. In May 2017, a course for ComuneClima consultants/eea advisors was held in Bolzano.

## Liechtenstein

(integrated in the Swiss “Energierstadt” programme)

In Liechtenstein, all municipalities updated their energy (structure) plans in 2017 and redefined their 2000 Watt goals using the energy register. Many municipalities additionally promote energy awareness among primary school students by offering modules on “Energy saving basics” and “Environmental footprint”.

Planken has launched “Plankner Schtromgelta”, an innovative car sharing project that breaks new ground in mobility concepts. A recently developed mobility strategy paper identifies further scope for action in Planken, the smallest Energierstadt town in Liechtenstein.



Awarding ceremony for the eea Gold municipalities of Baden-Württemberg



Award Ceremony ComuneClima-eea 2017



Car sharing project „Plankner Schtromgelta“



# Activities in member countries

## Luxembourg

All Luxembourg municipalities have now signed the Climate Pact Agreement and are thus committed to climate protection.

Municipalities were able to obtain accreditation for air quality for the first time in 2017. The circular economy concept has additionally been integrated into the Climate Pact through the development of a separate assessment tool, the training of climate consultants and the preparation of additional tools. The eea Annual event was held in Clervaux, Luxembourg, in November 2017. There were four parallel technical workshops as well as the eea Board meeting and General Assembly and the European Gold municipalities were presented with their awards during a ceremony and dinner in the evening.



eea Annual Event 2017 in Clervaux

## Monaco

Monaco's 2017 environmental agenda

- Ban on single-use plastic bags
- Eco-responsibility of the Monaco Administration
- Recharging your mobile phone by pedalling to Monaco station
- Launch of the label campaign "Committed Business"
- Continuation of the deployment of the electric bike service
- Energy transition in the Principality of Monaco
- An hour for the planet
- Sustainable development objectives: the Principality Government presents its Voluntary National Exam to the UN
- European Mobility Week



First photovoltaic panels installation on a residential building in presence of Prince Albert

## Switzerland

The general assembly of Energiestadt was held in Andermatt, combined with regional excursions to municipal energy policy projects. Subjects were developments of the Energiestadt label under the motto of "Leading by example through continuity and commitment", including a strengthening of the Energiestadt network and adjustments to the assessment tool.

In September, the Federal Office for Energy organised the annual Energy Day in Fribourg, which honoured municipalities, 2000-Watt Sites and energy schools.

A range of aspects of 2000-Watt Site accreditation were developed further in 2017, both regarding organisational matters and improvements to contents. 2017 saw the first operational sites being accredited and the first site sponsors joining the "Sites in Transformation" pilot project.



PV-installation in Minusio

# Activities in pilot countries

## Romania

In 2017 there were visits to cities interested in eea, like the one in January at the second largest city in Romania, Iasi, with a meeting with the mayor and the energy team.

On July 13 there was the official launch of SEAF (Sustainable Energy Action Fund) supported by SECO (Swiss State Secretariat for economic), which provide co-finance for the eea consultants and for the eea licence fees.

ENCO (Energie-Consulting AG) and RoGBC (Romania Green Building Council) have finalized the assessment guidance adapted for Romania.



Official launch of Sustainable Energy Action Fund

## Ukraine

Activities in Ukraine relate to the cities of Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr and are jointly funded by the Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO) and the respective cities. Following the starting of the eea process in Zhytomyr in 2015, activities continued in 2016 and 2017 to improve the city's management of energy policy based on the eea. A Municipal Energy Plan 2016-2020 was adopted by the City Council, and consultants supported the city in implementing it. In Vinnytsia, where a similar project was started earlier and led to the city's eea certification in 2015, activities continued in 2016 and 2017 with a special focus on improving bicycle transport in the city and public awareness raising campaigns.

With regard to the national introduction of the eea in Ukraine, three additional eea pilot cities (Cherkasy, Lviv and Sumy) were selected and will receive financial support from SECO. Also, the tender documents and process for the selection of the national eea trustee in Ukraine were approved by SECO and Minregion.



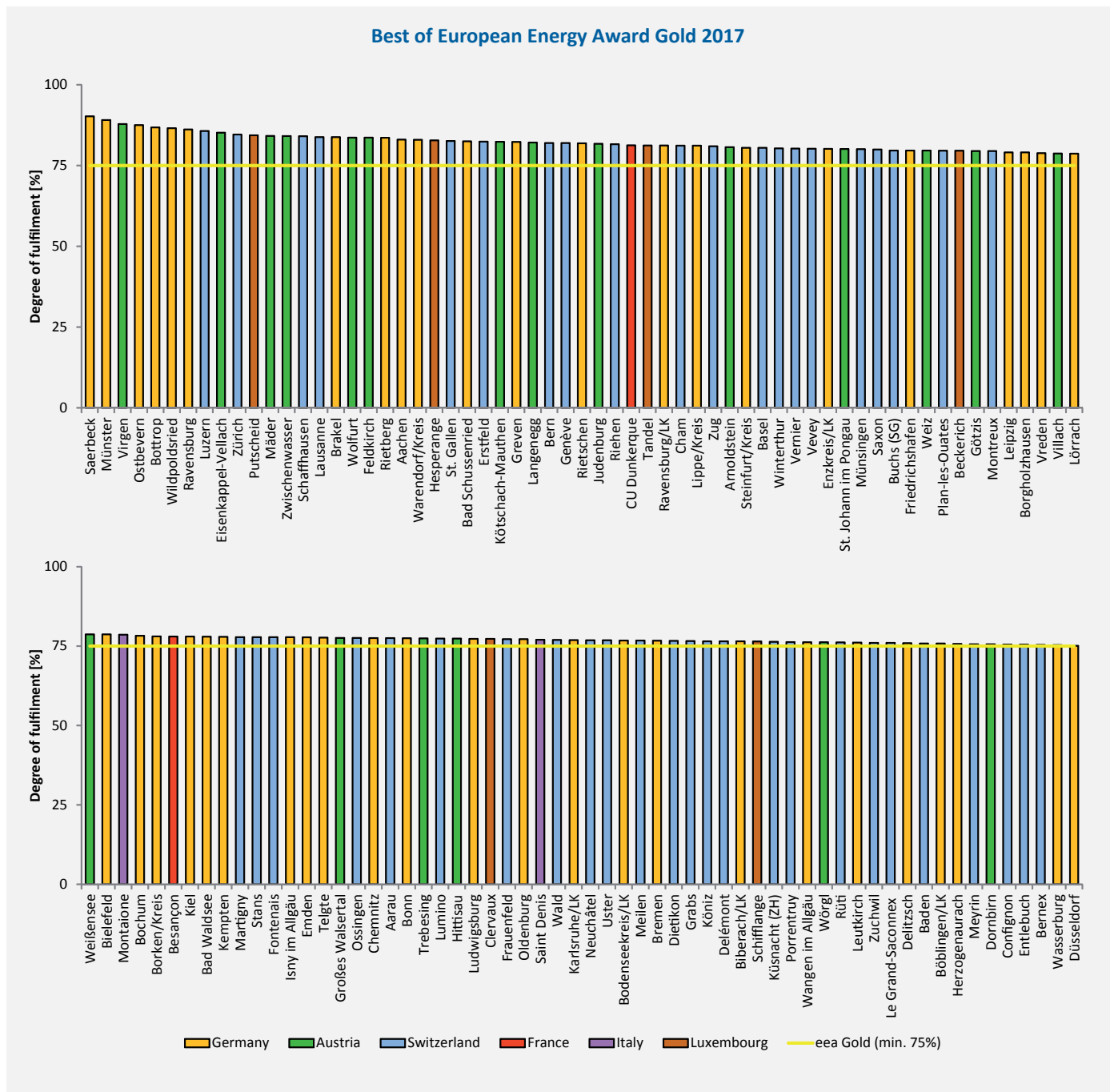
A delegation from Zhytomyr is visiting the new wood chip incineration plant for district heating financed by the Swiss Confederation in Vinnytsia.



Bicycle stands in Vinnytsia

# European Energy Award Gold municipalities

By the end of 2017, 125 municipalities were labelled eea Gold. In 2017, 16 municipalities and districts received the eea Gold for the first time, while 12 other municipalities successfully renewed their eea Gold label. Some of the outstanding measures implemented in these cities and municipalities are described on the following pages by the municipalities themselves.



Comparison of the implementation level of the scope of action of the eea Gold municipalities. Status end of 2017

# New eea Gold municipalities

## Austria

### Judenburg

10,092 inhabitants

The city of Judenburg has been strongly committed to its environmental and climate protection responsibilities for almost 30 years as an e5 and Climate Alliance municipality and member of the Covenant of Mayors. The city's stakeholders implement a holistic mix of measures to contribute to achieving the EU climate targets and preventing the worst climate change scenarios. The city has intensified the increased use of renewable sources of energy, including biomass district heating, solar energy and hydroelectric power, supports sustainable mobility, conducts awareness and educational programmes, participates in relevant international projects and has decreased both CO2 emissions and energy consumption through increased efficiency in order to achieve its goal of becoming energy self-sufficient by 2050.

### Weissensee

754 inhabitants

Weissensee, an Alpine Pearl, Climate Alliance and Nature Park municipality, joined the national e5 programme for energy-efficient municipalities in 2010 and has been strongly committed to the sustainable, future-friendly handling of resources and energy since. Weissensee has set down concrete measures and goals for the period until 2020 in its energy guidelines, including the high-priority strategic goal of becoming a sustainable, ecological model region in terms of all of the municipality's major functions as a natural environment, habitat and economic area. This entails a need not only to re-shape the core issues of energy and agriculture in a future-oriented manner, but also to ensure that all aspects of tourism are developed sustainably and "soft mobility" is promoted in Weissensee.



Judenburg

## Germany

### Bodenseekreis District

212,000 inhabitants

Based on its participation in the eea process, the Bodenseekreis district developed an exemplary district-wide climate protection strategy in collaboration with its municipalities. It was the first district in the region of Upper Swabia to build up district-wide e-charging infrastructure with mobility packages and to develop an infrastructure planning tool for municipalities that has already been implemented in three municipalities.

### Biberach district

194,019 inhabitants

The sustainable energy policy of the district of Biberach is clearly reflected in the buildings owned and managed by the district. Both schools and administrative buildings are highly energy-efficient, and renewable energies feature very prominently in the generation of electricity and heat. As much as 23% of the total end-use energy requirements within the district of Biberach are already covered by renewable energies, and more than 52% of electricity is generated from renewables. The district of Biberach recently commissioned one of the most sophisticated bio-natural gas plants in Germany.



Biberach

# New eea Gold municipalities

## Leipzig

579,530 inhabitants

Leipzig has developed into a dynamic city with an above-average quality of life in recent years, and the city wishes to ensure that its growth will continue on a sustainable path. With a long-term goal of reducing annual CO2 emissions to 2.5 tons per inhabitant, Leipzig has set itself ambitious climate protection targets. The city has participated in the European Energy Award for many years, allowing it not only to identify strategic scope of action in the fields of energy-related building refurbishment, environmentally friendly energy supply, smart mobility and climate-conscious urban development, but also to take targeted action. Leipzig's application for certification under the European Energy Award Gold scheme will further strengthen the city's commitment and provide additional motivation for future endeavours in municipal climate protection.

## Wasserburg

3,616 inhabitants

The municipality of Wasserburg has actively promoted climate protection for many years and has participated in the eea process since 2007. Wasserburg adopted high-quality guiding principles for municipal energy use in 2008, which commit the municipality to comprehensive climate protection and the economical use of resources and energy. Relevant energy policy measures have been consistently implemented as a consequence. Quantifiable requirements added to the guiding principles in 2014 include the target of reducing CO2 emissions by 20% by 2022, among others. As a particular highlight, Wasserburg won the "Energy Future Allgäu" competition in 2014 for its development of an environmental rating system for tourist accommodation. The municipality has now undertaken a Gold audit to reflect the successes achieved in recent years.



Leipzig

## Rietschen

2,594 inhabitants

Rietschen has been a leader in climate protection policy in the region of Eastern Saxony for over 15 years. The municipality has been self-sufficient in terms of its electricity supply since 2014 and has sourced almost 40% certified green power for supplying its municipal buildings and street lighting since 2015. This has ensured a high degree of heat utilisation for the biogas plants operated by the local agricultural cooperatives, and residents have been financially supported in refurbishing detached homes to make them more energy-efficient. Energy policy measures taken throughout last year include the ongoing expansion of pedestrian and bicycle paths, the organisation of two meetings of the Eastern Saxon eea municipalities, the complete substitution of fuel oil in heating municipal buildings by more environmentally friendly solutions, and the construction of a solar plant on the roof of the municipal waste water treatment plant.

## Herzogenaurach

24,668 inhabitants

Herzogenaurach is committed to stringent energy and climate protection policies. The municipality intends to supply all of its private households and small and agricultural businesses from renewable energies by 2030. It has been part of the eea process since 2007 in order to implement systematic climate protection management and was awarded as a European Climate Protection Municipality in 2013. Herzogenaurach participated in the eea Gold audit in view of its progress in the energy sector and the success of its climate protection measures.



Herzogenaurach

# New eea Gold municipalities

## Luxembourg

### Clervaux

5,102 inhabitants

The municipality has a long-standing commitment to establishing renewable energy generation systems such as the Heinerscheid wind park with a total output of 20,700 kW, the installation of a photovoltaic system on the day care centre in Reuler, a biogas-based heat generating unit for the school complex in Reuler as well as a woodchip-based central heating system for communal buildings located in the centre of Heinerscheid (church, cultural centre, administrative building and other small buildings).

### Hesperange

14'329 inhabitants

“Should I stay, or should I go?” is a pop song lyric that comes to mind in relation to Hesperange and its approach to combating climate change? Does this line accurately reflect this approach? One might add one additional – and essential – word at the end: forward! From a political point of view, this is not always easy. But is that not precisely the challenge? The daily business of managing a municipality is filled with plenty of very different concerns. So, keeping us working on environmental issues demands a focus that must be constantly at the front of our minds. Oh YES, thinking that we have a good chance of receiving the eea Gold award makes us very proud of our community. In fact, it was interesting to discover that the eea process generated a lot of brain activity and creativity in moving forward. Not only were the topics of reducing fossil energy, waste and more on the agenda, but there was also the challenge of finding new ways to deal with social and environmental problems, new ways to move (mobility and transport), to consume, and to live.



Hesperange

### Putscheid

1,040 inhabitants

Energy efficiency and climate protection are focal points of municipal action, as is evidenced not only by the innovative design of the Neit Wunnen residential area, but also by the construction of school and recreational facilities designed and built in full compliance with sustainability criteria and completely supplied with heat from a biogas BTTP. The municipality has developed a refurbishment programme for existing municipal buildings and consistently implements relevant measures. The municipality of Putscheid is an excellent example of a rural municipality utilising its scope of action in terms of mobility. Putscheid additionally supports climate protection through active participation in the regional Climate Pact cooperation for the Our River Nature Park. Highly motivated municipal employees ensure that the successes achieved as part of the eea process will be maintained in the long term.

## Switzerland

### Entlebuch

3,300 inhabitants

The municipality of Entlebuch has positioned itself as a role model in terms of using renewable energies. It has implemented a range of measures (guiding principles, building and zoning regulations, traffic management plan, special land use plans) to ensure that its various potentials are utilised. The municipality has created a solid basis for having energy issues prominently integrated in education and leisure activities (Entlebuch Energy Experience, UNESCO biosphere Entlebuch).



Entlebuch

## Switzerland

### Aarau

20,799 inhabitants

The city of Aarau has been taking exemplary, pro-active steps in its energy policy in recent years. Since the municipality resolved to embed the principles of the 2000 watt society in the municipal by-laws, Aarau has successfully built a district heating and cooling network within a very short time, gradually converted its electricity mix to 100% renewable energies and developed a broad-based energy consultancy service. The town designs and builds its properties according to stringent building standards and sensitises Aarau residents regularly to issues associated with the 2000 watt society, renewable energies and energy efficiency using a diverse range of activities and events. The municipal energy balance clearly shows that its efforts are paying off.

### Ossingen

1,422 inhabitants

Ossingen has been an Energiestadt municipality since 2001 and has implemented consistent, pro-active energy policies with a focus on maximising energy self-sufficiency based on renewable local sources of energy such as wood and solar power. The municipality both acts as a role model by fully covering its own heating and electricity needs from renewable sources of energy, and also continues to drive its sustainable development through energy planning, private-law measures and active engagement with special land use plans.



Aarau

### Plan-les-Ouates

10,603 inhabitants

The municipality of Plan-les-Ouates has been proudly committed to reducing its environmental impact and improving the quality of life of its inhabitants for a long time. A significant number of measures and projects have been undertaken in the domains of energy savings and the production of renewable energy, soft mobility (sustainable transport), waste management and the protection of fauna and flora. The eea association encourages us to pursue these endeavours and aim for ever more ambitious objectives. A Gold award is a wonderful recognition of our involvement. It also enables us to be an example not only to locals and visitors but also to numerous enterprises located in our community.

### Saxon

5,747 inhabitants

After an exceptional result of 73% of points for its first eea audit in 2013, the municipality of Saxon, on track to become a 2000 watt society, aimed for the Gold award in 2017 with more than 80% of points. Winner of the Swiss Solar Prize in 2014, the municipality has for years been committed to an innovative process of developing and using sources of renewable energy, which is reflected in numerous undertakings such as the introduction of large-scale solar photovoltaic installations, the provision of self-service electric cars and the creation of a “renewable energies and sustainable development” committee for the municipality. And the projects just keep rolling in: the idea of “towards zero waste” in the community, for example, the introduction of a biogas network in the eastern part of Saxon village, local energy planning and the development of photovoltaic systems on municipal and private facilities.



Plan-les-Ouates

# Recertified eea Gold municipalities

## Austria

Langenegg   1,081 inhabitants	(eea Gold since 2004)
Mäder   3,875 inhabitants	(2005)
St.Johann im Pongau   10,860 inhabitants	(2009)
Virgen   2,196 inhabitants	(2009)
Wolfurt   8,409 inhabitants	(2009)
Zwischenwasser   3,186 inhabitants	(2005)



Virgen

## France

Dunkirk   198,748 habitants	(2014)
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## Germany

Bochum   371,097 inhabitants	(2012)
Böblingen   380,000 inhabitants	(2014)

## Switzerland

Buchs (SG)   12,048 inhabitants	(2013)
Lucerne   77,400 inhabitants	(2009)
Vernier   35,397 inhabitants	(2009)



Dunkirk



Luzern



# Important bodies & contacts (status end of 2017)

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