



# EU ECOLABEL NEWS ALERT

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## EU Ecolabel scheme recognised by Hotelforum 2012

The EU Ecolabel scheme has received the Blue Hotel Award from Hotelforum 2012, a European meeting for professionals around hotel properties that took place in Munich in October 2012. The prize was accepted by Henning Scholtz, representative of the EU Ecolabel Competent Body RAL GmbH and President of the EUEB (European Union Ecolabelling Board).

The award aims to highlight effective models for businesses to improve efficiency and sustainability in a holistic sense – not purely through the optimised use of natural resources but looking as well at factors concerning the quality of life for employees and guests. Concretely, the Blue Hotel Award recognises that the EU Ecolabel is a strong, widely visible ecolabelling scheme



*Mr. Scholtz accepts the Hotelforum award on behalf of the EU Ecolabel*

in the category of tourist accommodation and campsite services.

It maintains its reputation through a reliable system of inspections across relevant categories of environmental concerns such as energy and water consumption,

favouring the use of renewable energy resources and materials. Furthermore the EU Ecolabel puts special emphasis on educating businesses on sustainable practices to ensure quality management.

Mr. Scholtz thanked all parties involved in the development of the criteria and the certification of the EU Ecolabel: The European Commission, the Competent Bodies of the Member States and all other involved stakeholders.

For more information, visit the [Hotelforum website](http://www.hotelforum.com).



## Sunwing Hotel in Thailand attains Landmark EU Ecolabel certification



*The Kalama Beach hotel, Thailand*

The Sunwing resort Kalama Beach in Phuket Island Thailand, is the first hotel to receive the EU Ecolabel award in Asia.

This is a landmark achievement for both the hotel and the EU Ecolabel network. The Kamala Beach Hotel has the unique opportunity of standing out in a competitive environment of the Thai tourism industry, while the EU Ecolabel as a whole benefits by continuing to expand the international network

of adherent businesses beyond Europe. Tourists going to Phuket Island now have a reliably certified environmentally friendly hotel from which to choose.

Beyond this, it is worth mentioning that the Sunwing resort has scored exceptionally good marks on their Ecolabel audit. For example, the report made by the auditing team, authorized by the Greek Competent Body, during their visit to Phuket, mentions that the Thai hotel fully complies with the mandatory criteria whilst scoring 44,5 points on the optional criteria when a minimum of 29 is required by the legislation. The hotel in Thailand is part of an international resort hotel chain,

Sunwing Resorts, which is owned by the group Thomas Cook Northern Europe. Sunwing already have 2 hotels in Greece and one in Turkey certified with EU Ecolabel. Moreover, 1 hotel in Mallorca and 2 hotels in the Canary Islands, have also been awarded the EU Ecolabel. This particular hotel chain is very well acquainted with the EU Ecolabel scheme having received the first ever Ecolabel award for hotels (Rhodes) in the EU in 2003.

Visit the [hotel's page](#).



## EU Ecolabel at Ecomondo 2012

From 6 to 9 November 2012, ISPRA (the Italian Environmental Agency) participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> international fair for material and energy recycling and sustainable development, Ecomondo 2012.

ISPRA' stand promoted certified products with the EU Ecolabel in order to give visibility to companies involved in environmental, responsible commitments. Brochures were printed and videos were shown.

An information campaign for students was undertaken during the Ecomondo Fair, using games with specific questions on the EU Ecolabel in order to inform students about the advantages of Ecolabelled products.



## Product Group Calendar 2013 - 2014

New product groups	Scheduled adoption
Sanitary tapware	Early 2013
Toilets and Urinals	Late 2013
Imaging equipment	Late 2013
Hydronic heating generators	2013
Converted paper products	Early 2014
Absorbent Hygiene Products	Early 2014
Renewed product groups	Scheduled adoption
Bed mattresses	Late 2013
Soaps and Shampoos	Late 2013
Outdoor and Indoor Paints and Varnishes	Late 2013
Textiles	Late 2013
Televisions	Early 2014
Computer and laptops	Early 2014
Soil improvers and Growing media	Early 2014
Light sources	Mid 2014
Footwear	Late 2014

### GPP and EU Ecolabel website updates

EU GPP Criteria (Green Public Procurement) for seven product groups updated in 2012 have now been translated, making them available in 22 languages. Product categories include electricity, gardening, indoor lighting, IT equipment, street lighting, textiles and transport. [Go to the criteria](#).

The first non-EU companies to succeed in using the EU Ecolabel have been mentioned on the EU Ecolabel website.

- Ming Fai Enterprise International Co. Ltd is a Chinese retail supplier of luxury and high quality products for international brands and services for airlines, hospitality, and body care.

- New Zealand based company Energy Mad produces energy saving light bulbs sold worldwide, including EU-countries such as Germany, Ireland, and Spain.

[Read the success stories](#).



### European Business Awards for the Environment

The European Business Awards for the Environment were established by the European Commission Environment Directorate-General in 1987. They are presented every two years and aim to recognise and reward European companies that set an example by successfully bringing together innovation, economic viability and environmental concerns. This year, the awards highlighted the work of two companies that have introduced technological innovation while also maintaining socially responsible business practices. [Get more information](#).



### EcoAP

A [new website](#) has been launched to support the implementation of the European Commission's Eco-innovation Action Plan (EcoAP). In addition to supplying relevant information, the website will provide interactive features to enable policy-makers and stakeholders involved in EcoAP – as well as the wider eco-innovation community – to exchange ideas and best practices.

## Agenda and other issues

The **EU Ecolabel Communication Awards 2012** application period has been closed. The jury will review the applications and select the winners early next year. [More information](#).

On **15-18 January 2013**, the 8th edition of the fair [Ecorismo](#) on sustainable development in the tourism sector will be held in Nantes, France.

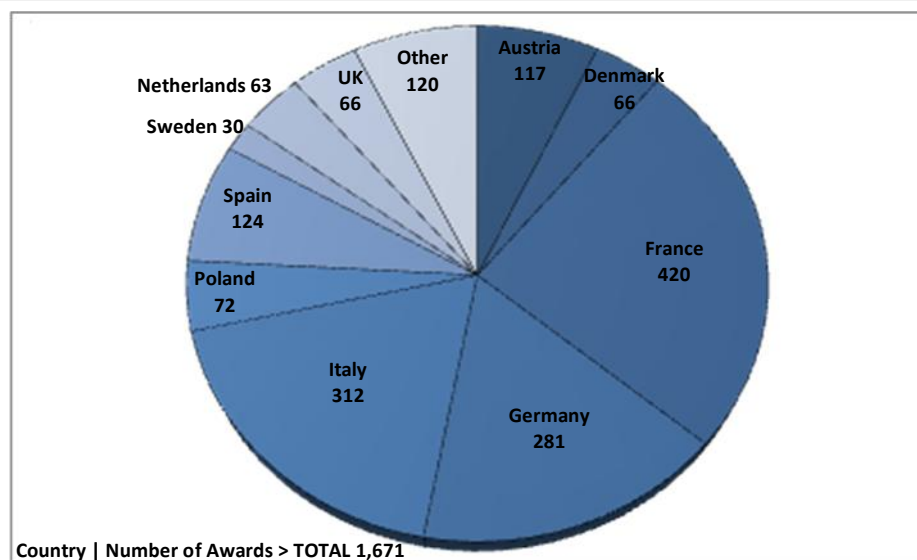
[Intelligent Energy - Europe Info Day](#)—This free annual conference, taking place in Brussels on **23 January 2013**, will provide information about how to apply for Intelligent Energy – Europe funding. This programme supports organisations and companies working on energy-related sustainability issues.

Are you an EU Ecolabel license holder? Would you like to share your specific experience and benefits related to the EU Ecolabel and to have your company featured in upcoming News Alerts? [Write to the EU Ecolabel helpdesk](#) for more information.

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year 2013 from the EU Ecolabel Team!**

## Facts and Figures

### EU Ecolabel Licences per Country



These statistics represent the current number of valid licences. Licences under application or renewal process are not taken into account.

### New licences and extensions (May 2012 until November 2012)

#### All purpose cleaners and cleaners for sanitary facilities

Fisher Research Ltd (UK)  
Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Initial Hygiene Austria GmbH (AU)  
PROYECTOS QUIMICOS, S.A. (ES)  
INDUQUIM S.L. (ES)  
Laboratories Anios (FR)  
F. Lima, S.A. (PT)  
ADIS HIGIENE SL (ES)  
ALCORNORDEMAN, SA (ES)  
SA PRODER (ES)  
PROYECTOS QUIMICOS, S.A. (ES)

#### Campsites

Château de Poinsouze (FR)  
Château de Poinsouze (DE)

#### Copying and Graphic paper

Stora Enso Nymölla AB (SE)

#### Detergents for Dishwashers

SORO INTERNACIONAL S.A. (ES)  
SORO INTERNACIONAL S.A. (DE)

#### Hand Dishwashing Detergents

Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Pizzolotto Srl (IT)

Pizzolotto Srl (IT)  
Initial Hygiene Austria GmbH (DE)  
PROYECTOS QUIMICOS, S.A. (ES)  
INDUQUIM S.L. (ES)  
PROYECTOS QUIMICOS, S.A. (ES)

#### Indoor Paints and Varnishes

O'DASSIA PEINTURES (MA)  
Trip Trap Woodcare A/S (DK)  
PEINTURES ONIP (FR)  
PPG Coatings Nederland BV (NL)  
Inchem Polonia Sp. z o.o. (PL)  
F.F.i.L. SNIEZKA S.A. (PL)  
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Tikkurila Polska S.A. (PL)  
Flügger A/S (DK)  
Day-System AB (SE)  
PP Mester Maling A/S (DK)  
Trip Trap Woodcare A/S (DK)

#### Laundry detergents

Senzora B.V. (NL)

#### Lubricants Hydraulic Fluids

BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
BASF SE (DE)  
PANOLIN AG (CH)  
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Kettlitz-Chemie GmbH & Co. KG (DE)  
GS Caltex Corporation (KR)  
KAJO-Chemie GmbH (DE)  
KAJO-Chemie GmbH (DE)  
KAJO-Chemie GmbH (DE)  
KAJO-Chemie GmbH (DE)  
Fuchs Europe Schmierstoffe GmbH (DE)  
Fuchs Europe Schmierstoffe GmbH (DE)  
Zeller-Gmelin GmbH&Co.KG (DE)

#### Newsprint paper

UPM Kymmene Corporation (FI)

#### Outdoor Paints and Varnishes

PINTURAS LEPANTO, SA (ES)  
MATERIS PAINTS ESPANA, SL (ES)  
Inchem Polonia Sp. Z o.o (PL)

#### Soaps & shampoos

ADA Cosmetic GmbH (DE)  
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ADA Cosmetic GmbH (DE)  
Hygiene Vision Limited (UK)  
Nordisk Parfumerivarefabrik A/S (DK)  
Nordisk Parfumerivarefabrik A/S (DK)

#### Textiles

Bestseller A/S (DK)  
Bestseller A/S (DK)

#### Tissue paper

PAPERGROUP (IT)  
Celtex Spa (IT)  
Celtex Spa (IT)  
Industrie Cartarie Tronchetti S.p.A (IT)  
CEL Technologies & Systems (ES)  
PAPERGROUP (IT)  
Centralcarta (IT)  
CASALINO CARTA SRL (IT)  
Cartindustria Eurocarta (IT)  
Industria Cartaria Fenili spa (IT)  
TISSUNION EUROP SRL UNIPERSONALE (IT)  
AMS GOMACAMPS, (PT)

#### Tourist accommodation (new licence holders)

DAIRA s.r.o. (SK)  
Ferienwohnungen - UTJEHA (AT)  
Meenaslieve Schoolhouse (IE)  
Saint Christophe (FR)  
Hôtel Albert 1er (FR)  
Hôtel Manoir Dalmore (FR)  
Hotelli AVA (FI)  
BEST WESTERN VILLA SAINTANTOINE (FR)  
Agriturismo Pian di Filetto Poppi di Fanni Cristina (IT)  
KOD SLAVKA Ferienwohnungen / Apartments (AT)  
Refúgio Atlântico Exploração Hoteleira e Turística, S.A. (PT)

#### Wooden Furniture

Fabryka Mebli Okrętowych FAMOS Sp. z o.o. (PL)

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