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Season's Greetings!

Welcome to the 4th issue of the European Green Capital Award's Ezine. We at the European Green Capital Award Secretariat would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER POTOČNIK HANDS OVER THE EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL TITLE TO VITORIA-GASTEIZ, 2012 WINNING CITY

This exciting event marks the third year of the European Green Capital initiative, which recognises the important position local authorities play in improving the environment. With three out of four people living in urban areas throughout Europe today, promoting and showcasing best practice in cities is an excellent way to exchange ideas, strike up friendly competition and provide inspiration for green growth.

The Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potočnik will hand over the title of European Green Capital from Hamburg to Vitoria-Gasteiz at a prestigious event in Brussels on Thursday, 15 December 2011.

At the event the City of Hamburg will reflect on the City's year as European Green Capital, and Vitoria-Gasteiz, the 2012 winner, will present a programme for its year as the title holder.

For more information and to register for the event click [here](#)

For more information on Vitoria-Gasteiz, the European Green Capital 2012 click [here](#)

Thank you Hamburg, for a wonderful Year as the 2011 European Green Capital!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hamburg, the 2011 European Green Capital for all the amazing work it has undertaken this year.

Hamburg has set a fantastic bench mark for all future European Green Capital applicants in the future, and will continue to be a Green Capital into the future.

To read more about Hamburg's year as the European Green Capital Click here [here](#)

Lessons Learned: Vitoria-Gasteiz visit Hamburg

The 2012 European Green Capital Vitoria-Gasteiz, visited Hamburg- the 2010 European Green Capital.

The Vitoria-Gasteiz delegation, headed by Councillor for the Environment, Idoia Garmendia, stated that the purpose of the visit was to "learn about initiatives that Hamburg has undertaken during its year as the European Green Capital" and to make sure that Vitoria-Gasteiz shares in the experiences that other Green Capital award winners have learned.



Idoia Garmendia, Vice Mayor and Councillor for the Environment for Vitoria-Gasteiz

There was a very positive spirit of cooperation between the current and future European Green Capital, a spirit which encapsulates the very core of what the Award is about.

Vitoria-Gasteiz believe that as the capital of the Basque Country they have an important role to play in setting an example to other cities of a similar size within Spain and Europe.

EXPERT EVALUATION PANEL

The Expert Evaluation Panel are currently hard at work evaluating applications from all 19 cities that were received this year for the 2014 title.

For more information on the the Expert Evaluation Panel click [here](#)

CLIMATE COMMUNICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ICLEI has compiled five new climate communication guidelines specifically for local governments. The Climate [Communication for Local Governments](#) is a world-wide applicable guidance with recommendations on how to message climate change.

Learn how to frame climate, talk about climate impacts, explain climate science, and understand your audience's values and priorities.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2-4	December	Durban, South Africa	LG Climate Forum @COP17
15	December	Brussels	European Commission hands over the title to

		Belgium	Vitoria-Gasteiz, 2012 European Green Capital
15-17	December	Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain	"Light the City Green" event
12-15	May 2012	Bonn, Germany	Resilient Cities 2012
22-25	May 2012	Brussels, Belgium	Green Week
20-22	June 2012	Rio, Brazil	Rio +20 Summit

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