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Welcome!

To the 2nd issue of the European Green Capital Award's Ezine.

CALL FOR ENTRIES TO BECOME EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL 2014

Will your city be the next European Green Capital? Today the search to find the city that will inherit the prestigious title in 2014 begins. Four cities - Stockholm, Hamburg, Vitoria-Gasteiz and Nantes - have been awarded the title so far, from 2010 to 2013 respectively. The European Green Capital Award recognizes and rewards cities that are at the forefront of environmentally-friendly urban living and which can act as role-models to inspire other cities. The annual award is intended to help European cities become more attractive and healthy places - "fit for life".

Today all cities across Europe with more than 200,000 inhabitants can apply for the title of European Green Capital 2014. The award is open to EU Member States, Candidate Countries (Turkey, FYROM, Croatia, Montenegro and Iceland) and European Economic Area countries (Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein). In countries where there is no city with more than 200,000 inhabitants, the largest city is eligible to apply.

The three key aims of the award are to:

- a. Reward cities that have a well-established record of achieving high environmental objectives,
- b. Encourage cities to commit to ambitious goals for future environmental improvement and sustainable development, and
- c. Provide a role model to inspire other cities and promote best practices and experiences in all other European cities.

Entries will be assessed on the basis of 12 indicators: local contribution to global climate change, transport, green urban areas, noise, waste production and management, nature and biodiversity, air, water consumption, waste water treatment, eco-innovation and sustainable employment, environmental management of the local authority and energy performance.

Cities can apply via an online application form [here](#). The deadline for applications for the 2014 title is 14 October 2011. The title is awarded by a Jury supported by a Panel of renowned [experts](#) in different environmental fields. The winner will be announced in June 2012.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMPETITION

In tandem with the launch of the call for the next European Green Capital, we are running a social media competition. The aim of our online communications strategy is to work in synergy with the

other communication methods to increase awareness of the European Green Capital Award, incite discussion and promote best practice. To participate in our competition please visit our [facebook](#) or [twitter](#) pages. For more information on the Terms and Conditions of the competition please click [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE & BENCHMARKING REPORT LAUNCHED

The Environmental Best Practice and Benchmarking Report for the shortlisted cities of the 2012-2013 award cycle is now available. The aim of the benchmarking report is three-fold:

1. Showcase the best environmental practices undertaken by cities that were shortlisted in the last award cycle;
2. Benchmarking the environmental performance of these cities in order to provide quantitative data for use by other cities;
3. Show how each city can be a role model for future entrants to the award.

The report looks at what cities are doing in relation to each of the indicators as part of their application for the 2012-2013 Award.

To read the report click [here](#).

For more information on applying for the European Green Capital Award click [here](#).

STOCKHOLM PUBLISHES ITS POST-ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2010

Stockholm's year as the first European Green Capital is over. A lot has happened since February 2009, when the European Commission chose Stockholm as European Green Capital 2010 for its long-term and successful work with sustainable development and for its ambitious targets for the future, and the year has been concluded in a final report. For further information and to read the full report click [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

27-1	June-July	Edinburgh, Scotland	INSPIRE Conference, 2011
19-24	July	Tallinn, Estonia	European Youth Meeting for Sustainable Development, 2011
12-14	September	Brussels, Belgium	The ICLEI European Convention 2011 "Cities in Europe 2020 - Enhance sustainability now!"
26-27	October	Naples, Italy	2nd Informed Cities Forum

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