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Ljubljana wins European Green Capital 2016!

Welcome to the 14th issue of the European Green Capital Award's Ezine, with the exciting news of the winner for the European Green Capital 2016.

On 24th June 2014, the Slovenian city of Ljubljana won the 2016 European Green Capital Award. The award was presented by the European Commissioner for the Environment Janez Potočnik at a ceremony in Copenhagen, Denmark, the current holder of the title. Ljubljana received special praise for its sustainability strategy 'Vision 2025', its implementation of a range of green urban measures over the past decade and its impressive transportation network.



Mr. Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment presenting Mr. Zoran Jankovic, Mayor of Ljubljana with the award. Photo courtesy of Ursula Bach Sharing Copenhagen.

Commissioner Potočnik said: 'It gives me great pleasure to present Ljubljana with the European Green Capital Award for 2016. As a citizen of Ljubljana, it is with immense pride that I congratulate the city on its environmental achievements. I

very much look forward to its year as the 2016 European Green Capital. All of the finalists of this Award provide us with valuable real-life examples of how respect for the environment, excellent quality of life and economic growth can all be successfully combined.'

Ljubljana was shortlisted alongside Essen, Ljubljana, Nijmegen, Oslo and Umeå. Each city was shortlisted for the award in its own unique way. For more detail you can read the Expert Panel Technical Assessment Report [here](#). The Jury had a tough challenge in selecting an overall winner from such a high standard of applicants. The Jury Report can be read [here](#). We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all shortlisted cities and invite the unsuccessful cities to apply again for the 2017 Award.

Click here to read the press release in [EN](#), [DE](#), [SL](#) and [FR](#).

WILL YOUR CITY BE THE 2017 EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL?

Now that the 2016 European Green Capital has been announced, it is the perfect time to follow in Ljubljana's green footprints and start thinking about your application for the 2017 European Green Capital.



Cities across Europe with more than 100,000 inhabitants can apply for the title. Previously only cities with inhabitants of 200,000 or more were eligible; this opens the award up to over 500 cities across Europe.

There are lots of benefits to be gained by applying and winning the Award, click here to read the experiences and benefits gained by one of the winning cities - Copenhagen (European Green Capital 2014).

The competition to become European Green Capital 2017 opened on 4th June 2014 and the closing date will be 20th October 2014.

For more details on what it takes to become a European Green Capital, please view the Will your City? leaflet in English by clicking [here](#). It is also available in other European languages [here](#).

Come join us at the 2017 Applicant Workshop on 5th September in Brussels

The European Green Capital Award Secretariat is happy to announce the hosting of the 2017 Applicant Workshop for potential applicant cities on 5th September 2014 at the DG Environment offices in Brussels.



The workshop will provide advice on how to successfully complete the 2017 Application Form and will also discuss the benefits of being a winning city and being an applicant city and the use of social media. Hamburg will present on its experience of applying for and winning the EGCA, planning and building a programme as the 2011 European Green Capital as well as taking part in the European Green Capital Network for previous winners and shortlisted cities.

The Good Practice and Benchmarking report from the 2016 cycle is now available to read [here](#).

For more information on the European Green Capital Award Applicant Workshop please click [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

25	Jul	Copenhagen, Denmark	Master Class on Urban Challenges
25-29	Aug	Oxford, UK	Oxford summer School in Ecological Economics 2014

5	Sep	Brussels, Belgium	2017 Applicant Workshop
7-11	Sep	Detroit, USA	ITS World Congress 2014
11-12	Sep	Gent, Belgium	CHAMP Final Conference
23-26	Sep	Casablanca, Morocco	CIVITAS Forum Conference 2014
24-26	Sep	Siena, Italy	ECO-ARCHITECTURE 2014
24-26	Sep	Florence, Italy	EcoProcura 2014
25	Sep	Lucca, Italy	CitiNet 2014
30	Sep	Copenhagen, Denmark	Masterclass on "Energy neighbourhood Sydhavn"
13-14	Oct	London, UK	SMi's 7th Annual Conference on Energy from Waste
20	Oct	Europe	Closing date for the 2017 European Green Capital Award
5-8	Nov	Munich, Germany	EUROCITIES 2014

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