



## Energy education project wins European award

During the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels last month, awards were presented to projects which have made a particular effort to promote sustainable energy in Europe. In the category "Promotional, Communication and Educational Actions", the winner was a project entitled "Integration of Active Learning and Energy Monitoring with Schools Curriculum".

### Active learning concept

The project aims to reduce energy use in school buildings and homes by teaching children rational use of energy, renewable energy sources and transport through hands-on activities. It advocates children as an important resource in their own education rather than passive receivers of information.

The project builds on a number of recommendations from the **Reflection Document on Sustainable Energy Education**, namely:

- Active involvement of students through hands-on approach
- Integration of energy in curricula
- Combination of theoretical and experimental aspects
- Educational material in national languages
- Training of teachers.

### Educational toolkit online

The project has developed an educational toolkit on active learning which is being tested at primary schools in European countries. The tools will be available on the internet, and will be adapted to national conditions.

### Cooperation across Europe

The project is an example of European cooperation and experience exchange. The project consortium comprises 16 partners in 14 European countries, and is an official partner of the pan-European campaign: Sustainable Energy Europe. For more information about the project and the campaign visit:

[www.sustenergy.org](http://www.sustenergy.org)

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