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Eight Cities apply for the 2015 European Green Capital Award!

Welcome to the 8th issue of the European Green Capital Award's Ezine. We are very excited to announce that 8 cities have registered for the 2015 European Green Capital Award..

Which cities have applied for the 2015 European Green Capital Award?

The deadline for submitting entries to become European Green Capital 2015 is now closed and the following cities have entered the competition:

Bristol (UK)	Glasgow (UK)
Brussels (Belgium)	Kaunas (Lithuania)
Bydgoszcz (Poland)	Kutahya (Turkey)
Dublin (Ireland)	Ljubljana (Slovenia)

EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik said: "This is the sixth year of the European Green Capital Award and it is encouraging to see former applicants reapplying and some cities entering that have not previously participated in the competition. Many EU cities are setting global standards for urban sustainability, with pioneering innovative solutions to environmental challenges, and the Green Capital Award is a unique opportunity for them to share that knowledge with the rest of Europe."

The European Green Capital Award is presented to a city in the vanguard of environmentally friendly urban living. An international [Expert Panel](#) will now perform a technical assessment of each entry on the basis of 12 indicators covering climate change and energy performance, sustainable local transport, air quality and noise levels, green urban areas and sustainable land use, promotion of nature and biodiversity, waste management, water consumption and waste water treatment, eco-innovation and sustainable employment, as well as the environmental management practice of the local authority.

What happens next?

In 2013 shortlisted cities will be invited to present their proposals to an international [Jury](#), which evaluates their commitment to ongoing environmental improvement and the level of ambition of their future goals, their communication actions and the extent to which they can act as a role model and promote best practice in other European cities. In addition to inspiring other cities, the winning city will benefit from an increased profile, which will enhance its reputation and attractiveness as a

destination for people to visit, work and live in.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE APPLICANT CITIES

The winner will be announced in June in [Nantes, France \(the 2013 European Green Capital\)](#).

For more information about the European Green Capital Award click [here](#)

The European Green Capital Award Handover Event 2012 to 2013 will take place on the 29th November 2012.

The European Commission will hand over the title of European Green Capital from Vitoria-Gasteiz to Nantes at a prestigious event in Brussels on Thursday, 29 November 2012.



Photo from the 2011 Handover Event, from Hamburg to Vitoria-Gasteiz

Speakers on the day will include the EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik, Javier Maroto the Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz- the 2012 European Green Capital, Patrick Rimbart the Mayor of Nantes and Vice-president of EUROCITIES and Gilles Retière the President of Nantes Métropole. More speakers will be announced soon.

We will be reporting live from the event to keep you updated, so make sure to follow us on Twitter [@EU_GreenCapital](#) or on Facebook ([EuropeanGreenCapitalAward](#)).

For more information on the event visit <http://www.euconf.eu/egc2013/en/registration/index.html>
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The European Green Capital wins at Cannes!

The European Green Capital has won an award for their video on Hamburg, the [2011 European Green Capital](#), scooping a Gold Dolphin trophy in the On-line Media "Virals" Category at the 3rd Annual Cannes Corporate Media and TV Awards.



The short video is a lovely demonstration of why Hamburg won the title of the 2011 European Green Capital, and demonstrates the benefits of being a European Green Capital. The Video was used to promote the 2011 call for applications, showing how Hamburg is a best practice example for city administrations throughout Europe who wish to undertake the challenge and register in the competition and become the next European Green Capital.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd September	- 15th December	Ljubljana - Slovenia	Take Care: Inspiring people to care about our planet - Open-air photographic exhibition
October - 17 - 25	December	Vitoria-Gasteiz	Green Capital Bird Banding
22 - 23	November	Europe-wide	European Week for Waste Reduction 2012
26 - 27	November	Paris, France	UNESCO Colloque International
29	November	Lisbon, Spain	13th European Forum on Eco-Innovation Developing new markets for eco-innovation With a special focus on water
5	November	Brussels, Belgium	European Green Capital Handover Event 2012 to 2013
	December	Brussels, Belgium	Driving better implementation in our cities & regions - a key element of the 7th Environment Action Programme

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