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Copenhagen wins the title of 2014 European Green Capital!

Welcome to the 7th issue of the European Green Capital Award's Ezine. We are very excited to announce that Copenhagen was proclaimed as the 2014 European Green Capital.

COPENHAGEN EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL 2014

On the 29th June 2012, The Danish city of Copenhagen has won the European Green Capital Award for 2014. The award was presented by the European Commissioner for the Environment Janez Potočnik at a ceremony in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, the current holder of the title, on Friday evening. Copenhagen received special praise for its achievements, notably in terms of eco-innovation and sustainable mobility, its commitment to act as a role model for the green economy, in Europe and beyond, and for an exceptionally promising communication strategy.



L-R: Ms Manuela Rottmann, Frankfurt Vice Mayor, Ms Ayfer Baykal, Copenhagen Mayor for techniques & environment, Simon Cook Leader of Bristol City Council, The Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz Javier Maroto Aranzabal.

Commissioner Potočnik said: "I congratulate Copenhagen on the example they are setting. We have much to learn from the city's efforts to improve the environment and quality of life for citizens, whilst creating new business opportunities, and I look forward to their year as European Green Capital. They will have numerous occasions to showcase their expertise and their creative approach to urban planning and to developing a green economy."

The jury singled out Copenhagen as a good model in terms of urban planning and design. It is also something of a transport pioneer, aiming to become the world's most practicable city for cyclists. Its goal is to have 50 % of people cycling to their place of work or education by 2015 (35 % cycled to their workplace or school in 2010), helping the city reach an ambitious goal of being CO2 neutral by 2025.

The other finalists were Bristol and Frankfurt. For more information on the finalists click [here](#)
To read this press release in EN FR DE DA click [here](#)
To read more about the event click [here](#)
For more information about the European Green Capital Award click [here](#)
For more information on Vitoria-Gasteiz, the European Green Capital 2012 click [here](#)

WILL YOUR CITY BE THE EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL IN 2015?

Do you think your city could join the ranks of Stockholm, Hamburg, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Nantes and Copenhagen as a European Green Capital Award winning city? The competition to become the European Green Capital 2015 opened on the 15th June 2012 and the closing date will be the 15th October 2012.

To see how to become a European Green Capital click [here](#)

To view a leaflet about applying for the Award in any of the 23 official European languages click [here](#)

WIN A TRIP TO VISIT THE 2012 EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL: VITORIA-GASTEIZ - MAKE A WINNING "GREEN" CITY VIDEO

We are launching our 2nd Social Media Competition! Do you know what it takes to be a European Green Capital? Are you a budding film maker? Would you like an opportunity to visit the 2012 European Green Capital, Vitoria-Gasteiz? If you are then this competition is for **YOU!**



A view of the Beautiful Green Capital

We are calling all aspiring film makers to produce a five-minute video on the theme "What makes a city a European Green Capital?". Get your creative juices flowing and display what you think a European green city is by focusing on at least one of the 12 criteria for the European Green Capital Award. We want to see fresh, imaginative and unique works that will really engage and inspire an audience.

Bring sustainability to life and be in with a chance to win a trip for 2 people and 2 nights stay in the capital of the Basque Country in northern Spain, Vitoria-Gasteiz, this year's European Green Capital (see [Terms and Conditions](#)). The closing date for entry has been extended until the 31st July.

To read more about the competition click [here](#)

If you know of any organisations that you think would like to promote this competition email or contact us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

31	July	Online	Closing date for entry for Social Media Competition
16-22	September	Europe-wide	European Mobility Week
25	September	Brussels, Belgium	The Second Smart Cities Summit
28	September	Europe-wide	Landlife Week
15	October	Europe-wide	Closing date for entry for the competition to become European Green Capital 2015
17-18	October	Brussels, Belgium	EuroPCom 2012- 3rd European Conference on Public Communication

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