

Climate Action Award for Local Government 2015

The Award Winners and their Projects

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The Award

In total there were 119 applications for the „Climate Action Award for Local Government 2015“. The winners in the categories „Local Climate Action through Cooperation“ (45 applications), „Local Energy and Climate Action Management“ (15 applications) and „Local Climate Action through Participation“ (59 applications) each receive a cash award of 25,000 Euros. The communities invest the prize money again into Climate Action projects. The initiator of the award, which honours communities and regions that have realised particularly exemplary cooperations, management strategies or activities in the area of Climate Action, is the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) together with the German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu). Cooperation partners are the Association of German Cities, the German County Association and the German Association of Towns and Municipalities.

The Award Ceremony

The winner communities were awarded on the 1st of October 2015 in Hanover in the framework of the International Conference on Climate Action, ICCA. The hosts are the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Protection Lower Saxony and the German Institute of Urban Affairs.

Further information on the award and the conference under: www.klimaschutz.de/wettbewerb2015.



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Category 1: Local Climate Action through Cooperation

Exemplarily realised climate action projects, which are based on participation processes and/or are the result of a successful cooperation with various actors within the community and/or with other communities. Also international climate action cooperations and partnerships between communities are asked for here. Relevant are especially the results of the collaborations, such as consultation offers, mobility schemes or building projects.

Beckum Town (North Rhine-Westphalia):

Intercommunal and energy self-sufficient building yard

By constructing an energy self-sufficient building yard, in which various former building yard locations of Beckum Town and of Warendorf County could be merged together, the town realised an exemplary, intercommunal climate action project. Thanks to the climate friendly construction method, the new building, which is now jointly used, allows not only for synergy effects in workflows and facilities, but also for significant CO₂-savings.

City of Siegen (North Rhine-Westphalia):

Establishment and organisation of the Energy Association Siegen-Wittgenstein e.V.

With the establishment and organisation of the Energy Association Siegen-Wittgenstein e.V., the university City of Siegen has created an extensive information and competence network on the topic of energy modernisation and efficient energy utilisation. The integration of about 40 mostly institutional members from different sectors allows an interdisciplinary exchange of experience as well as the bundling of expertise. Furthermore, interested citizens are offered independent and target group-oriented consultations.

Rheinberg Town (North Rhine-Westphalia) as representative of the in total eleven KliKER-communities:

KliKER – climate action in communities in Euregio Rhine-Waal

With the idea and the realisation of the cooperation project „KliKER – climate action in communities in the Euregio Rhine-Waal“, Rheinberg Town built up an extensive network with ten other German and Dutch communities. Through the intercommunal and cross-border collaboration, an intensive exchange took place, with the aim of strengthening local climate action activities and developing the cooperation of the Euregio Rhine-Waal on this topic.

Category 2: Local Energy and Climate Action Management

Outstanding commitment in local energy and climate action management, e.g. through energy controlling, climate friendly procurement, sensitization and involvement of employees, with the goal of reducing energy consumption.

Oldenburg County together with the Ganderkesee, Dötlingen and Lemwerder Municipalities and Twistringen Town (Lower Saxony):

Regional Energy Management – REM kommunal

With the Regional Energy Management „REM kommunal“ that was launched in 2012, Oldenburg County together with the Ganderkesee, Dötlingen and Lemwerder Municipalities and Twistringen Town, tackles the issue of energy saving in public properties. Through an intensive collaboration and the joint utilization of concepts, technology and know-how, the communities were already able to reduce the energy consumption of their properties by on average ten percent.

City of Mannheim (Baden-Wuerttemberg):

Climate Action-Programme „FlurfunkE“

With the Climate Action-Programme „FlurfunkE“ (office grapevine), the City of Mannheim motivates employees of the city administration and urban enterprises in a practical and creative way to promote climate action in the office and everyday life. On the topics of Energy, Mobility and Nutrition/Consumption, the city offers the employees a package consisting of information, actions and competitions. A high degree of recognition is achieved through a diverse internal communication strategy – optimally interest should be ignited like a „Flurfunk“ or „spark“ in hallway conversations.

Harsefeld Municipality (Lower Saxony):

Energy and CO₂ savings of the sewage treatment plant

Due to its consequent energy management, Harsefeld Municipality was able, with a number of small and large measures taken for the optimization of its sewage treatment plant, to achieve significant energy and CO₂ savings. By installing a process control system, for instance, considerable amounts of electricity were saved. Through investments in renewable energy sources the sewage treatment plant as an energy consumer has even become an electricity producer. In this way, both climate action and the municipal budget profit equally.

Category 3: Local Climate Action through Participation

Successfully implemented actions, which address and motivate citizens to take climate action measures and/or to take measures adapting to the consequences of climate change, e.g. community campaigns or specific offers.

Norheim County together with Osterode am Harz County and Göttingen County (Lower Saxony): Villages compete for climate action

Since 2012, with the project „Villages compete for climate action“, many villages and their residents could be motivated to implement climate action measures by participating in competitions. The structured preparation, execution and follow-up work of the competitions in cooperation with several partners, as well as the continually accompanying public relations work are of particular note.

City of Offenbach am Main (Hesse):

Free of charge energy efficiency consulting for companies

The City of Offenbach am Main, developed and implemented free of charge and provider neutral on-site energy efficiency consultations to small and middle-sized companies. The companies are specifically motivated to implement energy saving measures, use renewable energy sources and function more energy efficiently. By involving competent partners, the city has developed target group specific and wide ranging offers in terms of CO₂ and cost savings.

Traunstein County (Bavaria) together with Berchtesgadener Land County and Salzburger Seenland: Climate Shop – what does my consumption have to do with the climate?

With the interactive, travelling exhibition „Climate Shop“, children and youngsters are effectively motivated to behave climate consciously. In a practice-oriented and concrete way, they can experience how they can do climate friendly and sustainable shopping. Through the cooperation with other partners – even across borders – the exhibition was designed in such a way that it can easily be transported and visited all over the country.