



EU Energy Commissioner Piebalgs awards MODEL project!

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On 29th January 2008, MODEL, a recently started project on the energy management of local authorities, has been recognized by the European Commission as the most promising initiative among the 243 very varied projects assessed for the second edition of the Sustainable Energy Europe Awards competition.

This special prize has been handed over by the EU Energy Commissioner, Mr. Andris Piebalgs, to the MODEL partners.

The project which is coordinated by the European cities' network Energie-Cités aims at helping 41 pilot local authorities to become models for both citizens and other municipalities in terms of sustainable energy use and management. It is aimed at ten New Member States of the European Union and Croatia.

To achieve this goal, MODEL will, among other activities, assist these municipalities in planning, implementing and evaluating activities in order to:

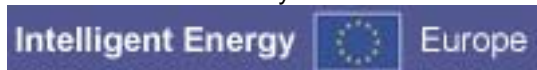
- improve local energy efficiency, focusing on their overall process management;
- increase their practical capacities at both individual (municipalities) and collective (networks) levels;
- prepare the ground for Sustainable Energy Communities.

Energie-Cités is very proud to share this European recognition with all MODEL partners and pilot cities. It will of course continue to promote and act in favour of local sustainable energy policies!

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