


A Town with a City Ambition - Montmélian, France	
Keywords	Cit'ergie-eea® Label, Exemplary Municipal Energy Policy, Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic Energy, Environmental Approach to Town Planning
Pictures	
Description	<p>The Cit'ergie-eea® label rewards local authorities for their exemplary energy and climate policies. It is a comprehensive and demanding process that leads committed local authorities to develop a sustainable local energy policy through a number of steps culminating with the award of a label. Local authorities must have achieved at least 50% of their potential in the six areas to qualify. These are: Spatial planning, public buildings and facilities, energy and water supply, sewage services, mobility, internal organisation and communication and co-operation</p> <p>The municipality of Montmélian received the Cit'ergie-eea® label in 2007. Some of the actions awarded are presented below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active promotion of solar energy. Every new municipal building or renovation project systematically includes a feasibility study concerning thermal solar and PV energy. In 2007, the municipality of Montmélian disposed of a total of 1,273m² of thermal solar panels equalling approximately 0.32m² per capita and making Montmélian the top French town in this field. - Adoption of an environmental approach to town planning (Analyse Environnementale de l'Urbanisme or AEU) and conduction of a survey in order to address the future development of a number of town districts in a more sustainable way, in particular to control urban sprawl, to preserve natural areas, to find alternative solutions to private car journeys and to regenerate commercial areas as well as the area around the railway station - Promotion of water savings and rainwater collection, especially for watering communal green areas. - Integration of electric vehicles in the municipal fleet - Appointment of an energy manager within its technical services department <p>Several actions to raise public awareness, <i>inter alia</i> visits to municipal solar installations all through the year</p>
Online information	<p>http://www.energie-cites.eu/db/montmelian_574_en.pdf</p> <p>http://www.energie-cites.eu/db/montmelian_574_fr.pdf</p>
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