

## Sustainable Energy Europe Awards 2012: And the nominees are...

## From innovative technologies to awareness-raising actions, from local and national SMEs to world-renowned companies, the 25 finalists for this year's Sustainable Energy Europe Awards showcase a series of best-in-class projects.

From a total of 262 submitted projects for the SEE Awards 2012, **25 initiatives have been shortlisted** and are now in the final running for an Award in one of the following **five categories**: Communicating, Consuming, Learning, Living and Travelling.

Finalist projects come from 14 different EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, and the United Kingdom), in addition to a number of projects managed by pan-European partnerships.

First launched in 2006, the European Commission's Sustainable Energy Europe (SEE) Awards recognise outstanding **renewable energy or energy efficiency projects** in Europe, which demonstrate high levels of impact and replication potential. With more than 1 200 project promoters from across the 27 EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries, the awards bring together a strong network of implementing bodies throughout its previous six editions, consisting of public administrations, private companies, universities, NGOs and industry associations.

The list of the 2012 SEE Awards finalists is available here.

Winning projects are showcased as examples of sustainable energy excellence. They are set to inspire other energy actors throughout Europe and beyond to follow suit. The five overall winners will be announced during the prestigious **SEE Awards Ceremony** in the presence of the EU Commissioner for Energy, Günther H. Oettinger. The ceremony, taking place in Brussels (BE) on 19 June 2012, is a highlight of the EU Sustainable Energy Week. Every year hundreds of organisations take part in the EU Sustainable Energy Week, the reference event for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in Europe.

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