

## Associations and organisations



**The association of European local authorities promoting a local sustainable energy policy.**

**Project co-ordinator**

The network of municipalities covers the whole of Europe. This includes member municipalities from more than 20 European countries. In total Energie-Cités has 129 members through which more than 500 municipalities are involved.

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### **SuisseEnergie for the municipalities**

**SuisseEnergie** is the federal program dedicated to the promotion of the renewable energies and the rational use of energy. It will last until 2010.

With the label **Cité de l'énergie® - european energy award®** and under name "SuisseEnergie pour les communes", an attractive approach is proposed to the cities, the towns and the areas. Any commune can thus seize the occasion to develop programs and actions adapted to contribute concretely to the objectives of SuisseEnergie which are as follows:

- ▶ From here till 2010, to reduce by 10% the emissions due to the consumption of fossil energies.
- ▶ Within the same times, to limit to 5% the increase in consumption of electricity.
- ▶ To avoid any fall of the proportion of the consumption of hydroelectricity in spite of the opening of the market.
- ▶ To increase at least 1% (that is to say by 0,5 térawatthour) the part of renewable energies for electricity and 3% for the production of hot water.

**The municipalities** play an essential part in the implementation of the SuisseEnergie program. They must give the example to the population and SME by creating the essential conditions with the application of voluntary measures, for example in the field of renewable energies or that of mobility.



### **The Council of European Municipalities and Regions**

44 national associations of municipalities which in turn bring together 100,000 local authorities.

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### **EuroACE, the European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings**

EuroACE, the European Alliance for Companies promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings, for products and services, grouping 22 leading companies and posting sales of € 70bn with 438,000 employees.

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### **Association of Irish Energy Agencies**

The Association of Irish Energy Agencies is an all-island body supporting the development and implementation of energy policy and best practice in an impartial and effective manner.

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### **EnEffect, the Centre for Energy Efficiency- Bulgaria**

An experienced Bulgarian partner, leader of the EcoEnergy network grouping 40 towns.

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### **EcoEnergy**

The Municipal Energy Efficiency Network EcoEnergy is an association of Bulgarian municipalities, established in February 1997 at the initiative of the mayors of 23 municipalities. The main objective of EcoEnergy is to support the efforts of the central and local authorities for attainment of sustainable development of the country. The Network has three strategic objectives: to raise energy efficiency awareness in member municipalities; to create conditions for diminishing the burden of energy costs on municipal budgets; to reduce the energy costs incurred by individual end-users in municipalities.

EcoEnergy collaborates successfully with governmental and non-governmental institutions and the private sector for achieving its goals. Currently 45 Bulgarian municipalities are members of the Network.

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### **Vereniging Klimaatverbond Nederland**

The Dutch Climate Alliance or Vereniging Klimaatverbond Nederland is an association of 120 Dutch municipalities and provinces responsible for reinforcing environmental and climate policy. They have been designated by WWF to take care of the promotion of the international Climate Symbol and this logo will appear on all municipal posters that are members of the alliance.

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## **Yorkshire and Humber Assembly**

The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly consists of representatives from 22 city councils, along with a range of social, economic and environmental organisations. Besides promoting and lobbying for the region in the capitals of the UK and EU one of its main tasks is to help shape where and what types of development will meet the future needs of the region and therefore work towards a sustainable future.