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ENERGY GLOBE Award – Prague 09: The superlative TV gala

The participants:

- The appropriate ministers of the EU countries
- The appropriate ministers of the EFTA countries
- The appropriate ministers of all the EU candidate countries
- The Chairman of the EU Presidency
- The appropriate EU commissioner
- National ENERGY GLOBE winners from 76 countries
- The most high-ranking ambassadors from politics and commerce

The projects

- Environmental- and energy efficient projects from a total of 111 countries have been submitted.
- 15 Projects in the categories Earth, Fire, Water, Air and Youth have been nominated
- Those nominated were chosen by an international jury under the superintendence of Maneka Gandhi.
- Each category is assigned to a continent.
- The prizes are presented by high-ranking ambassadors of every continent.

The TV gala

- The TV gala will be broadcast for the first time on 14 April at 8 p.m. on CT 24.
- International TV stations have agreed to broadcast the gala and will reach 3.7billion households.
- Presenter : Desiree Nosbusch
- Show acts from all over the world
- The world-wide winner will be voted by the audience

The organizer

The organizer is the ENERGY GLOBE Foundation with President Wolfgang Neumann.

- Organized by the GEG Agency which instigated and developed the award.
- This year the prize is being awarded for the 10th time.
- The ENERGY GLOBE Award is indisputably the number 1 award for the environment.



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The history of the ENERGY GLOBE
An environment prize becomes a world-wide trade mark for sustainability

Ten years ago the ENERGY GLOBE Award was given for the first time: an award for projects which use our energy resources carefully or use renewable or emission free energy forms. In time, the Austrian energy pioneer Wolfgang Neumann`s idea has developed world-wide into the most important global sustainability prize. The prize, once a small one, has grown and today offers a world-wide presentation platform for the best environmental projects from all the continents.

Five categories, an international jury

The prizes are given in the categories earth, fire, water, air and youth. The winners of the categories are chosen by an international jury in which all the continents are represented. The chairman of the jury is Maneka Gandhi, the former minister for the environment in India. One prize is not decided by the jury, however: The overall winner is voted for by the audience- live during the gala. Besides the international award which is given at the gala, there is a national ENERGY GLOBE for every participating country.

EU supports the ENERGY GLOBE award

The ENERGY GLOBE gala has already taken place in Canada und Japan. However, in the past two years (2007, 2008) the award ceremony was in the sanctum of the European Parliament, the plenary hall. It was by special invitation and in strong cooperation with the parliamentarians who certainly gained impulses there. Till today the ENERGY GLOBE gala is the only event of this kind which is broadcast direct from the Parliament. There are always prominent names among the gala guests. The former UN-General Secretary Kofi Annan, the Nobel prize winner for peace Michail Gorbatschow, European parliament President Hans-Gert Pöttering and the President of the EU Commission José Manuel Barroso were all more than willing to help. Likewise prominent names from the show business have given the ENERGY GLOBE award the honour of appearing: Martin Sheen, Peter Falk, Alanis Morissette, Dionne Warwick, Robin Gibb, Nigel Kennedy, Zucchero und Aamir Khan – they have all been guests at the ENERGY GLOBE.

6000 Projects from more than 100 countries

At every ENERGY GLOBE gala the real stars of the performance are in the limelight: those whose projects show what protection of the environment really means. In the past 10 years more than 6000 projects have been handed in for the award. This year they came from 111 countries.



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Those nominated for the ENERGY GLOBE Award are:

Category Earth

- **Switzerland:** The Jenni Energietechnik AG has created the first multi-family house heated solely by solar energy. Thanks to its good insulation and enormous heat store no additional heating is needed.
- **Chile:** The RECYCLA Chile operates the only recycling-depository for electronic waste in the whole of Latin America with the Project "Working for the E-Waste Solution" and combines avoiding waste and saving resources. Social side effect: under-privileged citizens get the chance of a work-place.
- **Cuba:** The CIDEM Universidad Central de las Villas has developed sustainable building materials from sugar cane waste – that conserves resources. In addition jobs are created locally.

Category Fire

- **Myanmar:** The Border Green Energy Team supplies hospitals with solar energy systems, with the involvement of doctors. Hundreds of thousands of displaced persons can now get medical treatment during the night, too.
- **Czech Republic:** All the houses of the borough of Měňany are supplied with heat from a central bio-mass heating run by the community. The environmentally harmful coal-burning stoves are a thing of the past. The fuel now comes in a resource saving form from the near vicinity.
- **USA:** The New Age Energy, Inc. Developed a solar energy supply system with the project called Tri-generation which can even make larger business- and housing blocks completely energy self-sufficient.

Category Water

- **Nicaragua:** The NGO Green Empowerment has already built many solar-powered water pumps in rural areas of Nicaragua. These have greatly improved the supply of drinking water and the sanitary situation in the area.
- **Tanzania:** A sophisticated water supply project of the Institute Oikos East Africa has made it possible for the people in the north of the country to have a lasting supply of clean and sterile water.
- **Austria:** The ARGE R.U.S.Z GmbH optimizes old machines in regards to water and energy use in the framework of its washing-machine tuning. These are then sold at an affordable price. Side effect: permanently unemployed persons are integrated into the job market.

Category Air

- **Germany:** The SkySails GmbH & Co. KG has developed a wind-powered system for present day shipping. The propulsion with a towing kite uses the force of the wind and greatly lowers the energy use for sailing.
- **Sri Lanka:** The clothes producer Brandix Lanka Limited managed to greatly reduce the emissions in its biggest factory with a climate protection project. A second positive aspect is the improved working conditions for 1600 employees.
- **Spain:** The authorities of the Spanish town Burgos have been able to greatly reduce air pollution with its traffic concept. This includes a pedestrian zone in the town centre, free bike rental and a campaign for the use of bio-fuel.

Category Youth

- **Japan:** The Green Cross Japan Foundation makes pupils and their families aware of the topic of protection of the environment with its project „ Environment diary“. The project should be spread to all Japanese schools.
- **Austria:** Technical college students developed a latent heat storage system which can save surplus heat energy from thermal solar plants over a period of many months without any loss.
- **Portugal:** At the „Rock in Rio Solar School“-Project which was organized by Rock in Rio/Lobosolar/ADENE pupils were motivated to participate in projects for the environment by means of a rock concert. The best 20 projects got a photo-voltaic plant for their schools.



Program National Awards

Energy Globe
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Program

Monday, 13 April 2009

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Attendants: national winners from 71 nations

Moderation:
Don Baker, President CSEG California (Center for Sustainability & Economic Growth)
Peter Rae, Vice Chairman REN 21 and Chairman REN Alliance

Award presenters:
Jan Dusik, 1st Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic
Professor Edward Solomon Ayensu, President CSIR Ghana

5.30 p.m. Arrival of participants, award presenters and VIP guests
6.00 p.m. Play out of ENERGY GLOBE Song and images
6.05 p.m. Welcome by moderator Mr. Don Baker, ENERGY GLOBE Initiator Mr. Wolfgang Neumann
6.10 p.m. TV message from Smt. Maneka Gandhi, ENERGY GLOBE Jury Chairwoman
6.11 p.m. Award presentation to national winners / blocks each with 5 winners

- Europe
- Asia

Play out of Presentation with short project description and images

7.00 p.m. Show performance / Viktor Kee, Cirque du Soleil star artist
7.05 p.m. Award presentation to national winners / blocks each with 5 winners

- Australia
- Africa
- America

Play out of Presentation with short project description and images

8.00 p.m. Final Show performance with French Chanson and Rock Star Viktor Lazlo

Followed by buffet and jazz music performance by „Gambit Trio“



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Location:
Veletřní Palac, Dukelských hrdinů 47, 17017 Praha 7, Hall B, ground floor

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10.30 a.m. ENERGY GLOBE Press conference
11.15 a.m. VIP Welcome & Buffet, Hall B
12.15 p.m. Doors of Gala Hall open
Warm up, Gala Hall

01.00 p.m. **TV Gala – ENERGY GLOBE World Awards, Gala Hall**

Address of welcome: Mirek Topolánek, President of the European Council of the EU

AWARD PRESENTATION IN THE CATEGORIES

- AIR Martin Bursík, Präsident des EU-Umweltrates
Michael Fehn, Vorsitzender E.ON Tschechische Republik
- WATER Edward Solomon Ayensu, Chairman of CSIR Ghana
Hans Zeinhofer, Managing Director Energie AG Oberösterreich
R. K. Pachauri, UN climate expert (fbc)
- FIRE Nisha Kataria, American pop singer
- YOUTH Hon. Peter Roe, Vice Chairman REN 21/Chairman REN Alliance

PRESENTATION OF ENERGY GLOBE World Award
Mirek Topolánek, President of the European Council of the EU
Martin Bursík, President of the EU Environment Council
Stavros Dimas, EU Environment Commissioner

Showacts:
International Popstar Viktor Lazlo
US shooting star Nisha Kataria
Folkband "SEER"
Cirque du Soleil star artist Viktor Kee

3.15 p.m. **AFTER SHOW CONCERT** with Viktor Lazlo



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 **Category Earth**

Submitted by: **Jenni energytechnik AG**
Nation: **Switzerland**

First 100% solar-heated multiple-family house in Europe

The eight apartments in Europe's first multiple family house to be heated completely with solar energy, in Oberburg, were quickly rented. This is no wonder, since heating without oil is more attractive than ever. This is especially true in this Swiss solar house: Its apartments rent at the local average rate, but there are no heating costs because there is no supplementary heating system. Excellent thermal insulation and passive solar utilization via windows combine with 276 m² of solar collectors and a 205,000-liter buffer for year-round hot water and comfortable room temperatures. The large buffer, situated vertically in the middle of the building, provides the heat required for colder seasons. To achieve optimal solar harvest, the building is oriented to the south.





Category Earth

Submitted by: **Recycla Chile**
Nation: **Chile**

Working for the E-Waste Solution

Sustainable disposal of electric appliances that contain dangerous materials is the goal of the project "Working for the E-Waste Solution", which was planned and implemented by Recycla Chile of Santiago. Thereby Recycla offers the only recycling storage site for electronic waste in all of Latin America. In 2007 the company disposed of and recycled 600 tons of electronic waste, which is 3% of the total electronic waste in Chile; the goal is to reach 10% by 2010. Recycla Chile strives to conserve resources and to assure a sustainable future for the IT branch. As a measure of the success of the project, Epson has already signed a contract, and many other companies are expected to follow. In addition, the project helps socially disadvantaged residents to find their way back to employment.





Category Earth

Submitted by: **CIDEM Universidad Central de las Villas**
Nation: **Cuba**

Sustainable materials for subsidized housing

Cuba's Caribbean climate and frequent hurricanes put high demands on municipal buildings. In repairing hurricane damage, normally industrial materials are used that are produced with high energy consumption and transported across long distances. Furthermore, these materials (e.g., Portland cement) are repeatedly subject to bottlenecks and price increases.

The research institute CIDEM sought alternatives and discovered a method of producing a substitute material from old building materials and wastes from the sugar industry, the largest industry branch of the nation. They produce cement from the ash that ensues as a byproduct in the combustion of sugar cane wastes. These wastes previously heated the kilns for bricks and lime sand bricks, which can also be produced locally. Private sponsors such as the NGOs Grupo Sofonias and Werkhof e.V. as well as government bodies such as the National Housing Institute (NIH) financed small workshops where the materials are produced economically and jobs are created. Annually 150,000 roof shingles, 200,000 cement blocks and over 2500 tons of lime Pozzolana cement are produced from sustainable resources along with door and window sills and rafters.





Category Fire

Submitted by: **Border Green Energy Team**
Nation: **Myanmar**

Burma solar hospital project

Border Green Energy Team (BGET) provides ethnic minorities in the border area between Thailand and Myanmar with proven energy technology as well as training and financial aid. Previously there was no electric power in this region, and hospitals were forced to operate at night without light and power. Since 2003 Myanmar medical personnel on the Thai side of the border have been trained to install and maintain solar energy systems. Then they returned to their side of the border with the necessary equipment; there they installed the systems in hospitals. In 2007 two larger hospitals were equipped with more powerful energy systems, so that medicines can now be refrigerated and medical equipment and computers are powered. With additional courses from dental hygiene to solar energy, BGET has achieved improvement in the quality of life in the borderland.

This initiative of the Border Green Energy Team ensures environmentally friendly solar power to provide around-the-clock medical services for some 200,000 domestic refugees. This is a truly sustainable energy project.





Category Fire

Submitted by: **Municipality of Měňany**
Nation: **Czech Republic**

Central regional heating using biomass

The community of Měňany in the Czech nature reserve Český Kras has established a regional heating network for the whole town to provide local energy and heat. The network consists of three biomass furnaces and a comprehensive regional heating network for all households. The furnaces are fired with waste wood, which is available in the area in sufficient quantity. This ensures short transport distances and a price below the coal that was used before. In the future, excess straw from agricultural production will be used for heat production.

The switch from coal to renewable energy from wood protects both budgets the environment. In the place of fossil fuels, renewable energy now ensures a comfortable standard of living in the nature reserve. Crisis proof energy from nature and its environmentally friendly utilization combine to yield exemplary sustainability.



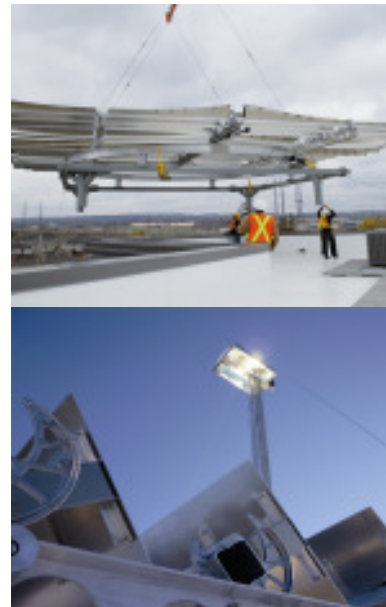


Category Fire

Submitted by: **New Age Energy, Inc.**
Nation: **USA**

Tri-Generation solar power supply system for commercial and residential buildings

Tri-Generation is a solar power supply system that enables full energy autonomy for large or small buildings either on the grid or as isolated applications. The system is built around movable parabolic mirrors over an area of 150 m². These mirrors bundle the solar radiation and concentrate it on eight collector modules, where power and heat are generated. The thermal and electrical output is five times that of conventional systems. Excess power is stored in a zinc-bromine fuel cell and is readily available on demand. The generated heat is used for heating and cooling via a buffer tank and coupled geothermal collectors. The cooling system works on the basis of evaporation of water and is especially environmentally friendly because it does not use conventional coolants. The overall system is controlled by a central energy management system. This enables operating a building with 1000m² with solar energy alone.





Category Water

Submitted by: **Green Empowerment**
Nation: **Nicaragua**

Solar-operated water pumps for rural population

Between 2004 and 2007, Green Empowerment and Asofenix (another Nicaraguan NGO) established three solar-operated water pumps in rural areas of Nicaragua and thereby helped ca. 1000 persons to gain clean drinking water. The quality of life rose sustainably because the long distances for fetching water are no longer necessary and the hygienic situation generally improved. Further, this project motivated the village communities to establish gardens and sanitary facilities in their villages and to ensure their energy supply via a sustainable biogas production.

To assure the problem-free operation of these facilities, a technician was trained for each facility to do maintenance work (for which they collect a small fee). In 2008 Green Empowerment installed another solar-operated water pump and plans additional projects in rural Nicaragua for 2009.





Category Water

Submitted by: **Oikos East Africa**
Nation: **Tanzania**

Water supply for Ngarenanyuki and Oldonyosambu, Tanzania

This project in the north of Tanzania was implemented between 1999 and 2008. Its goal was to ensure lasting local availability of clean, bacteria-free drinking water for the population. A development plan was created for the region and tuned with local authorities. Existing water distribution systems were renovated and improved, and additional systems were installed. Simultaneously, rainwater harvesting systems, dams and solar-operated pumps were integrated with the existing infrastructure. In addition, gravity-fed flow of water to the individual distribution points was utilized as far as possible. To guarantee the required water quality, filter systems were installed and regular measurements are conducted; the population was informed about potential dangers.





Category Water

Submitted by: **ARGE R.U.S.Z GmbH**
Nation: **Austria**

Tuning old washing machines

Old washing machines are often water and energy guzzlers. ARGE R.U.S.Z GmbH sought a technical solution to reduce the energy and water consumption of old washing machines while simultaneously prolonging the lifetime of these appliances. The resulting showcase project brings ecological and social advantages. Washing machine tuning is the answer: Thrown-away machines are fetched from the recycling center and then serviced to bring them as close as possible to the level of new appliances of the same type. Even appliances with 10 years of service can be returned to useful operation. The results are impressive: the appliances operate economically and the low-cost second-hand machines are affordable even for the socially disadvantaged. A further effect is waste avoidance, where the potential in Vienna alone is 30,000 tons annually. Further, the production of new appliances would consume large amounts of water, which the tuning project saves.

The project also has enhancement potential. In addition to washing machines, now dishwashers are also tuned. Social umbrella organizations such as RepaNet (Austria) and RREUSE (EU) support the project





Category Air

Submitted by: **SkySails GmbH & Co. KG**
Nation: **Germany**

Skysails wind propulsion system for modern nautical shipping

It is an obvious fact that wind is the most economical and environmentally friendly source of energy for propulsion. Sails were employed over millennia to propel ships. SkySails has developed a wind-driven sailing system that utilizes the wind while meeting the demands of modern nautical sailing. The system employs a towing kite in combination with wind-optimized routing. The overall system is installed as an auxiliary propulsion system and on annual average, fuel costs and emissions can be reduced by 10 to 35%, depending on the type of vessel, actual wind conditions and actual utilization. Under optimum conditions, fuel consumption can be reduced temporarily by up to 50%. Projected for the 100,000 ships that would be suitable to utilize this system, our climate could be relieved of 150 million tons of CO₂ annually. The pilot phase was completed in 2008. The Norwegian shipping company Wilson has already equipped two freighters with Skysails; additional ships will follow after a test phase.





Category Air

Submitted by: **Brandix Lanka Limited**
Nation: **Sri Lanka**

Brandix Green project

With its 25,000 employees, Brandix Lanka Limited is Sri Lanka's largest exporter of casual wear. The company has launched an eco-initiative aimed at making the company CO₂-neutral within five years. In 2007 one of the company's largest production sites was retrofitted to green production, and a year later the first evaluation took place. What is good for the climate also helps the 1600 employees who daily work on 900 sewing machines to enjoy a completely new quality of work.

The measures include installation of a highly efficient air conditioning system, installation of overhead lighting, roof insulation and painting in reflective white, installation of additional high-insulation glass for more lighting and better work quality, application of modern HVAC technology (LED lighting to steam distribution), modern energy management system, rain water harvesting, water-saving faucets, and water recycling. Instead of asphaltting the area outside the building, heat-absorbing cobblestones were used; a biogas system was installed; two inner courtyards were created as green spaces; electric vehicles are in daily use, including for waste removal. In addition, employees are continuously informed about measures and their effects.

The results are impressive: 78% less CO₂ emissions with uniform production, 44% less energy consumption, 58 % less water consumption, 71% less SO₂ emissions and 92% less NO_x. In addition, more than 95 % of the waste is recycled.





Category Air

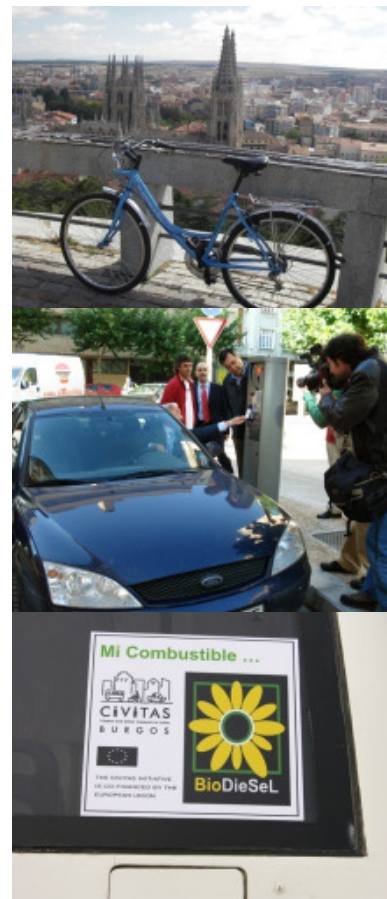
Submitted by: **Ayuntamiento de Burgos** (Burgos City Council)
Nation: **Spain**

City of Burgos explores new approaches to sustainable mobility

Mobility in the Spanish city of Burgos is sustainable and environmentally friendly. To achieve this, various projects were conducted, including a free bicycle loan system that enjoys 4000 members. The materials for the bicycles and the bicycle loan points are all recyclable. All marketing materials are printed on recyclable paper. Burgos decided to limit access to the city via auto and transformed 4 km² of the city into a pedestrian zone. A traffic center with 24-hour monitoring controls traffic access.

Likewise public transportation was integrated in the sustainability concept: Clean vehicles use only bio-fuels, such as the 27 new biodiesel buses, and fuel stations were established. To recycle used vegetable oil, the city council introduced an awareness campaign. All buses were equipped to enable handicapped access and all bus stops are accessible by wheelchair.

As a result, the auto-free city center reduces air pollution by 30%. In addition, CO₂ emissions were significantly reduced; the CO₂ emissions of public transportation were reduced by 25%. The project enables residents to enjoy a city center that is free of autos and the associated pollution and noise.





Category Youth

Submitted by: **Green Cross Japan Foundation**
Nation: **Japan**

Ecological lifestyle via the Environmental Diary

Since 1999 Green Cross Japan has been distributing the Environmental Diary to pupils from 6 to 12 years old in order to teach and promote sustainable environmental thinking already in childhood. The Environmental Diary consists of two parts: a guide and the diary pages. The guide explains to children about today's environmental problems and shows how an ecological lifestyle can help to solve these problems. In the diary pages, over a period of three months the children record important lessons and personal experience. This process influences not only the children but also their social environment (parents, relatives) toward sustainable environmental consciousness. Thus far 600,000 Environmental Diaries have been distributed to children and utilized. In 2008 the program was also launched in Sri Lanka. The NGO-initiated environmental education program Environmental Diary will be implemented in all of Japan.



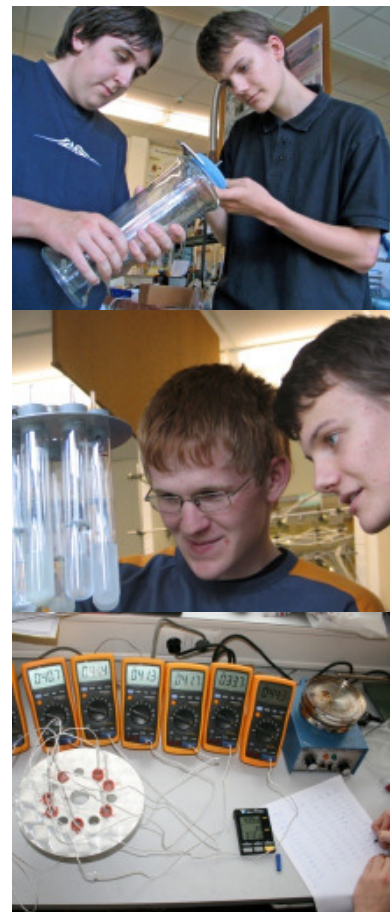


Category Youth

Submitted by: **HTL Braunau**
Nation: **Austria**

Latent heat buffer

At HTL Braunau (technical secondary school for engineering) the future has already begun. Young people and their unconventional, clever ideas make the impossible possible. Their task was to find a way to store solar energy and so preserve it from summer into winter. In their solution, a simple example served as a model and inspiration: the good old pocket warmer, now in larger format and naturally technically refined and developed to serve as a buffer in a house. With their latent heat buffer, students of HTL Braunau were able to store excess energy from thermal solar systems in cold form over a period of several months. This solves the greatest problem of solar technology: long-range storage. Thanks to the ideas of the three students, the storage is free of losses. In cooperation with the Austrian solar enterprise Xolar, a practice-ready 1000-liter prototype has already been produced and in multiple studies its functionality has been proven. Its materials are nontoxic, cheap and readily available. This is an absolutely new development that has never been applied in this form in practice.



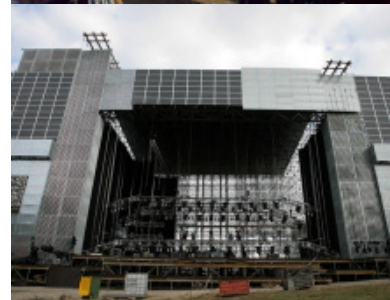


Category Youth

Submitted by: **Rock in Rio / Lobosolar / ADENE**
Nation: **Portugal**

Rock in Rio school project

The "Rock in Rio Solar School" project of the Rock in Rio Lisboa organization in Portugal motivated Portuguese through a contest to plan projects that combine social and environmental advantages. The best 20 projects won a photovoltaic system for their school; these meanwhile generate nearly 60 KWp of clean energy from 800 m² of collector area. The installation of the solar systems is intended to make the young generation aware of the importance of solar energy and to direct their interest to problems such as climate change and sustainability. The world's largest music event of 2008 served as a motivator for participation in the contest. During the concert, solar collectors were installed on the main stage to direct the consciousness of the audience to the importance of sustainable energy. The message reached an audience of 354,000 in Lisbon and 280,000 in Madrid. The project was completed at the end of 2008.



Statements >>> Maneka Gandhi

The world may well emerge from the current economic crisis, but can it survive the impending environmental collapse? Can we protect against rising populations with rising affluence and energy demands. Can we save the planet against ourselves? ENERGY GLOBE works to protect the planet by encouraging sustainable solutions. There is but one truly renewable and remarkable energy resource, the human mind. Use it abundantly to conserve all other resources.



Smt. Maneka Gandhi

Chairwoman of the
International ENERGY GLOBE Jury

Statements >>> Hans Zeinhofer

Careful treatment of our environment and ecological, efficient management are the guiding ideas of Energie AG of Upper Austria toward ensuring secure and sustainable energy production.

Upper Austria is the province whose energy consumption is growing the fastest in Austria: annually by almost 3%. To meet this demand, investments must be made in the grid and in new power stations. Upper Austria is the top hydroelectric province, and new hydroelectric plants are in planning, for power from water means climate protection. To sustainably secure our power supply, however, the targeted application of thermal power plants is also necessary.

In addition to these significant steps to secure production capacity, efficient utilization of energy on the part of customers is also important to ensuring our energy supply. Therefore Energie AG supports its customers in the efficient use of electrical energy. The energy savings achieved in this way serve as an important contribution to increasing efficiency.

For years the Energy Globe has also been promoting energy efficiency and the sensible use of innovative methods for energy production and utilization. Therefore Energie AG of Upper Austria views its decisive support of the Energy Globe as a consistent continuation of its own sustainability initiatives.



Hans Zeinhofer

CEO ENAMO and
Energie AG Vertriebs GmbH & Co KG

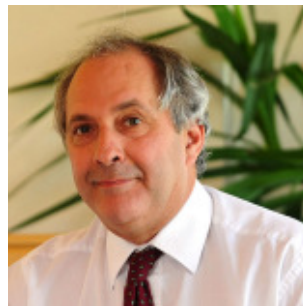
Statements >>> Wolfgang Neumann

As we began our intense involvement with energy efficiency some 25 years ago, many people could not understand the sense of it. However, our success in the organization of the Energy Saving Expo, in establishing energy consultancy institutions, and in numerous campaigns to raise consciousness demonstrate that we are moving in the right direction. In the year 2000 we first presented the ENERGY GLOBE Award to demonstrate that all over the world there are extraordinary sustainable – and realizable – projects.

Meanwhile much has changed. Energy efficiency and climate protection have become buzzwords, and all over the world people want solutions. As one sign of this development, the guest of honor at our first Energy Expo was the local mayor; at this year's ENERGY GLOBE Award in Prague, the upper echelon of European environmental policy –EU President Mirek Topolánek, President of the EU Environment Council Martin Bursík and EU Commissioner for Environment Stavros Dimas – will present the awards. If someone had projected this development some years ago, I would have.

The ENERGY GLOBE Award is today's most prominent environmental prize worldwide. Over 100 nations participate; television stations around the world report on the futureoriented projects and the options for each of us.

We are proud of this development, but also proud that we have made and will continue to make a very significant contribution to the future of our children.



Wolfgang Neumann

President ENERGY GLOBE Foundation
Managing director GEG Agency



Organizers

GEG Agency presents: ENERGY GLOBE Portal

The comprehensive platform for energy efficiency

Humanity is confronted with one of its most decisive questions: How can we stop climate change?

Every one of us must make a contribution. In Europe this means primarily the renovation and upgrading of our own homes in terms of energy. Improving the building shell is a prerequisite for reduced energy consumption, which is accompanied by greater independence from future price hikes and less dependence on future CO₂ payments. Beyond raising the value of our own real estate and affording greater living comfort, such measures also are the best way that we can provide for the future. The ENERGY GLOBE Portal – the comprehensive platform for energy efficiency – demonstrates how this is possible for everyone. The site offers a broad range of services including the online energy check, energy performance certificates, a virtual builder's supply store, a directory of service providers, product databases, and much more. Likewise topics such as energy-conscious living, mobility, and energy management in companies are represented here.

Presently the full version of the ENERGY GLOBE Portal is available only in German and Czech. A lean version is available in English. Full versions of the Portal in additional EU languages are under construction.

Details are available online at
www.energyglobe.com

