

EESA and IUSES

The European Energy Saving Award (EESA), a competition coordinated and managed by the international IUSES project (Intelligent Use of Energy at Schools), is aimed at students and schools who wish to demonstrate energy efficiency and how change can be made. Generally, most of us carry out our daily routine: turning on a light, driving, taking a drink from a fridge, etc., without much thought for its implications. Yet, small changes in our behaviour can result in energy savings, a reduction in emissions and can contribute to sustainability.

IUSES, an educational initiative, guides secondary school students in making such changes, highlighting the basic principles of renewable energy sources, efficient energy use and the positive results of changes.

IUSES also provides students with an overview of energy efficiency in industry and a thorough understanding of energy consumption in society.

IUSES has designed a comprehensive educational pack for secondary schools to help in teaching and demonstrating efficient energy use in interesting and effective ways.

The pack includes:

- A set of handbooks for students
- A guidebook for teachers
- An interactive multimedia DVD
- An experiment toolkit

The experimental toolkit is free of charge to participating schools and can greatly aid teachers to promote and participate in multidisciplinary interaction.

The European Energy Saving Award will highlight European schools and their students who are enthusiastic and active in improving their energy performance.



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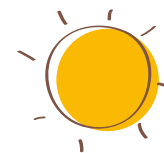
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Who can apply?

Applications to participate can be submitted from the beginning of the 2009 – 2010 school year.

The award will comprise three categories:

SCHOOLS

This category is open to all secondary schools that have contributed to progressing, promoting and/or implementing good energy performance at school (i.e. in education, research, practices, implementation policies) in which the reduced use of energy is a key component.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

This category is open to individual students attending secondary school who have achieved good energy performance in their everyday lives, e.g. at home, in mobility habits, in influencing the energy approach of friends and parents, and so on.

VIDEOS/MEDIA (individual and/or group)

This is open to all participants, individual students, groups, classes or schools, presenting video, electronic advertisements, short films, digital games, animation, software applications, video art etc. on energy saving topics.

Who is eligible to participate?

Are you...

- a secondary school/student?
- based in Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Rumania, Slovenia, Spain, Germany or the United Kingdom?

Are you...

- Planning or implementing an activity, a project, a plan or video/media that is focused on energy efficiency, changing energy behaviours, energy saving, renewable energy sources or on avoiding congestion and air pollution by new transportation habits?

If you can answer “yes” to the above questions then you are eligible to enter the European Energy Saving Award Competition!

Download the IUSES educational pack! The handbooks and multimedia material will assist teachers and students in designing an energy saving plan, providing them with hints and tips for improving energy efficiency and winning the IUSES competition!

The EESA Competition

The competition consists of two qualifying rounds:

1st round: national winners

For each category, three winners will be selected in every participating country.

2nd round: European winners

The winner of each category of all participating countries will compete for the European competition.

The participants are required to demonstrate their project on energy saving in the evaluation section of the competition. A committee of experts will rate and score accordingly all applications considering several criteria, e.g. energy savings, dissemination and participation, originality and the potential to apply the project elsewhere.

Award Ceremony

The European winners of each category will be awarded at a ceremony which will take place at the IUSES conference in Trieste (Italy), in autumn 2010.

A student/teacher delegation from the European winners will be hosted by the IUSES project (at IUSES' expense) in order to participate in the final conference and present the most energy efficient European school, plans and videos/media!

Deadline for expressions of interest in the national awards process is 15th December 2009.

Further details on the competition, application process and prizes are available on

www.iuses.eu

