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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

EUSALP Energy Award 2024: Energy Transition in SME's !

Topic 2024

The EUSALP Energy Award is an initiative of the EUSALP Action Group 9. It was initiated under the umbrella of the Italian EUSALP Presidency 2022. The award recognizes best practices that are contributing to the implementation of the energy transition in the Alpine area through the roll-out of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. The EUSALP Energy Award is organized every two years with a changing motto and target groups, to reach out to the manifold stakeholders that are working to achieve a clean energy transition. While the award 2022 focused on *"citizen participation and activation"*, this year's edition concentrates on the role of small and medium-sized enterprises (up to 250 employees).

The EUSALP Energy Awards 2024 recognize replicable and innovative initiatives. Under the theme of 'energy transition in SMEs' the awards honours enterprises that have taken significant measures to lower their energy consumption, positioning them as pioneers in the transition to cleaner energy.

In particular, this edition is looking for **outperformers that use technologies and soft measures to lower their energy needs.**

The international jury welcomes proposals from SME's that have taken measures in the following fields of action:

- Energy efficiency
- renewable energy
- carbon footprint
- mobility
- circular economy
- communication

Why candidate?

- The awarded energy transition pioneers will be promoted through the EUSALP media channels (website, newsletter, social media channels)
- The energy transition pioneers will be honored during the international EUSALP ANNUAL FORUM gathering the political level and civil society of the seven countries and 48 regions composing EUSALP community (14-15 November 2024, Slovenia),
- The winners of the award will receive international press coverage,
- The winners will have the possibility to network with other enterprises that support the energy transition in Europe and in the Alps,
- The winner initiatives will be presented in a promotional video supporting replication of the good practice.

Implementation timeline

- Opening of the tender: 01 July 2024
- Closure of tender: 16 September 2024
- Pre-selection by the jury: 30 September 2024
- Confirmation of selection by the jury after review of verification documentation: 21 October 2024
- Award Ceremony: 14-15 November 2024, during the EUSALP Annual Forum in Slovenia

Selection process

An international jury of experts from the EUSALP countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovenia, Switzerland) selects the submitted projects following a pre-selection process.

Step 1 of application

Online application form is submitted until 16 September 2024.

Applications will be ranked by the international jury of experts taking according to the measures implemented by the SME's until 30 September 2024.

The following criteria will be taken into account to rank the SME's:

- The applicant SME is located in the EUSALP perimeter;
- Demonstration that the measures taken by the enterprise have a positive impact on its energy performance;
- Ability to prove the implemented measures (see step 2);
- Potential of replication of the activity;
- Innovation in terms of technologies and soft measures put in place;

Links

English online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/qZQxxXzMbp>

French online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ppZrR3Phuw>

German online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ya6gRa4FDdb>

Italian online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/3VXPNQFaJz>

Slovene online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/BEJdFKzPiP>

PDFs versions of all application forms is available online for prior consultation:

<https://alpine-region.eu/news/detail/eusalp-energy-award-2024>

Step 2 of application

Short ranked SME's will be invited to step 2 of the application. SME's will be asked to send a technical and/or photo documentation to verify the implemented measures. The international jury of experts will confirm the good practice upon receipt of the documents.

List of approval documents are listed in the appendix 1 document.

Further details

For further details refer to:

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Annex 1: List of approval documents according to application form