

Press release

## Climate Star 2007 – European award for sustainable mobility and climate protection

In Baden near Vienna 13 European cities and municipalities were awarded with a Climate Star 2007 for their commitment in the area of sustainable mobility and climate protection today. More than 50 cities and municipalities from eleven countries have applied for the award at the Climate Alliance and have documented their actions, campaigns and measures for sustainable mobility and local climate protection. The jury assessed the activities of further 13 municipalities as so exemplary that they were nominated for a Climate Star.

Traffic is the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions and meanwhile causes approximately 30 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Europe. Therefore the "Climate Alliance of European Cities with Indigenous Rainforest Peoples" has put the topic sustainable mobility into the centre of the third announcement for a Climate Star. The strong increase of traffic also endangers the progresses of the more than 1400 Climate Alliance municipalities achieved in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in other areas.

More than 50 local actions, campaigns and measures from eleven European countries have been submitted for a Climate Star 2007. The projects and the evaluation of the entire locally climate protection measures from 26 cities and municipalities are so convincing and exemplary that they were nominated for a Climate Star. 13 cities and municipalities finally have been honoured with the award "Climate Star 2007" in Baden near Vienna for their commitment in the area of sustainable mobility and climate protections on invitation of the regional authority of Lower Austria today.

In the category more than 100,000 inhabitants the cities of **Alcalá de Henares** (ES), **Essen** (DE), **Ghent** (BE) and **Sheffield** (UK) were awarded. In the category between 10,000 and 100,000 inhabitants the cities of **Baden** (AT) und **Baden** (CH), **Esslingen am Neckar** (DE), **Karlstad** (SE) und **Stockerau** (AT) received a Climate Star. Of the municipalities with less than 10,000 inhabitants **Wieselburg an der Erlauf** (AT) and **Zwischenwasser** (AT) were awarded. Further more the local associations **plan-b Mobil**, six municipalities in Vorarlberg, and the **Alpine Pearls**, 21 municipalities in the Alps from five countries, received a Climate Star.

The following cities and municipalities were nominated for a Climate Star: Bad Vöslau (AT), Belgrade (YU), Feldkirch (AT), Hollabrunn (AT), London (UK), Luxembourg (LU), Munich (DE), Nantes (FR), Norderstedt (DE), Pinkatal (AT), Spillern (AT), Ulrichskirchen-Schleinbach (AT) and Virgen (AT).



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On the nominees for the award and the winners of a Climate Star an expert jury decided with representatives of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, the Austrian Mobility Research FGM-AMOR, the European network Polis and the European Federation for Transport and Environment. The jury assessed the submitted projects according to the predetermined criteria innovation, cost-benefit-ratio, long-term contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and transferability.

Further information about the projects of the awarded cities and municipalities please find at  
**[www.climate-star.net](http://www.climate-star.net)**

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The "Climate Alliance of European Cities with Indigenous Rainforest Peoples" is with 1400 members Europe's largest city network dedicated to climate protection. The cities and municipalities have entered into a partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples to protect the world's climate. The city network was founded in 1990 with the mission to elaborate and implement local climate protection measures especially in the fields of energy and mobility and to cooperate with indigenous peoples to protect the tropical rainforests.

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