



Award Ceremony of the European Solar Prize 2015 in Prague

On November 23rd, EUROSOLAR e.V. presents the European Solar Prize 2015 at Waldstein Palace in Prague. Like the 200 laureates of the past 20 years, the honorees are chosen on grounds of their commitment to renewable energies and a sustainable lifestyle. By receiving the European Solar Prize, their projects raise public awareness for the necessity and chances of the energy transition.

The award ceremony will take place on 23 November at 9:30 am at the historic Waldstein Palace, the current home of the Czech Senate. **Miloš Vystrčil** and **Jitka Seitlová**, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Public Administration, Regional Development and the Environment will hold introductory speeches. After a welcome speech by **Peter Droege**, President of EUROSOLAR e.V., a series of lectures addressing the European Energy Future will be held. The country-specific experiences and claims will be presented by **Milan Smrž**, head of EUROSOLAR Czech Republic, **Josep Puig**, head of EUROSOLAR Spain, **Wolfgang Hein**, head of EUROSOLAR Austria, **Harry Lehmann**, WCRE executive director, **Eliana Cangelli**, EUROSOLAR Italy and **Peter Droege**.

The lectures will be followed by the award presentation of the Czech and European Solar Prizes. At 15:30 pm the ceremony will conclude with a **press conference**.

The event is **free of charge** but please make sure to **register early**. Please find further information on the ceremony and registration [here](#).

This Year's European Solar Prize goes to the following laureates:

Towns, municipalities, council districts, public utilities

Energy self-sufficient community Kněžice, Czech Republic

Commitment and role model function of renewable development in the Czech Republic.

www.knezice.com

SUNSTORE 3, Dronninglund Fjernvarme, Denmark

First demonstration of a full scale renewable heating concept with solar and seasonal storage in Denmark. www.dronninglundfjernvarme.dk

Solar architecture and urban planning

Aktiv-Stadthaus, ABG Frankfurt Holding, Germany

Centrally located building with 74 units which is currently the first and largest inner-city residential building to meet the energy-efficiency-plus housing standard. www.abg-fh.com

238% Plus-Energy-Building, Cavigelli Engineers, Switzerland

Innovative technological energy concept with a self-sufficiency of 283%. www.cavigelli.ch

Ghella Office, Alberto Raimondi, RicciSpain Architeti Associati, Italy

Energetic transformation of a heritage-protected building with keeping the original design. www.riccispaini.it

Industrial and commercial companies or farmers

SOLARier - Gesellschaft für erneuerbare Energie, Austria

Longstanding commitment for the use of ecofriendly energy systems on private buildings in Austria. www.solarier.net

Local or regional associations/organizations

Pro Guben - Verein für Energie und Umwelt, Germany

Special effort for the use of renewable energy across borders and their fight against the Lausitz coal mine. www.proguben.de

Owners and operators of renewable energy installations

131% Plus-Energy-Buildung refurbishment, Hardegger Immobilien, Switzerland

Plus-energy-building refurbishment which inserts structually into the historic townscape and its exemplary energy production fulfilling the requirements for an energy revolution.

Transport and Mobility

ElectriCity, City of Gothenburg, Sweden

Exemplary supply of public transport with renewable energy as part of a cooperation between city and science. www.gotborgelectricity.se

Solar Excavator, Affentranger Bau, Switzerland

World's first 16-tons-solar excavator with electric motor and an energy supply from a PV-system on the operational building. www.affentrangerbauag.ch

Education and vocational training

Geothermal system in the Egyptian Museum of Turin, Proeco e Onleco, Italy

Conservation of the historic artwork through conditioning with the use of clean and renewable energy. www.onleco.com

Special price for personal achievement

Kent Skaanning, Denmark

Great Commitment for renewable energy as a pioneer of biogas and spokesman in Denmark.

The jury also chose the **City of Paris** in the category *Media and communication* for the symbolic use of sustainable resources on the Eiffel Tower and its message for COP21 and **Elon Musk** in the category *One-World-Cooperation* for showing the so-called developed world, that they still hold on to their underdeveloped patterns like petroleum cars. These laureates have not yet confirmed their participation.

Jury: Prof. Peter Droege (Chairman), Dr. Axel Berg, Gallus Cadonau, Prof. Eliana Cangelli, Wolfgang Hein, Rosa Hemmers, Morten V. Petersen, Dr. Josep Puig, Irm Scheer-Pontenagel, Dr. Brigitte Schmidt, Prof. Werner Sobek

The appreciations of performance will be available from 23 November on www.eurosolar.de/en.

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