

Decision of the Selection Committee on the Urban Green Days 2005 ICLEI Case Study Award

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The Selection Committee for the Urban Green Days 2005 ICLEI Case Study Award have now reached a decision. The overall standard of the applications were very high and we wish to thank the 26 applicants for their efforts and continuing work towards sustainability.

The Selection Committee was impressed by the range and diversity of the applications – comprising regions, cities, towns and smaller communities; including innovative events and impressive strategic plans; demonstrating sustained commitment to sustainable development; showing initiative and creativity in awareness-raising; and making thoughtful thematic linkages between complex issues.

The assessment of the applications was made with three key factors in mind – was an activity or project part of a long-term strategy or commitment to sustainable development; were activities innovative and transferable to other circumstances; and were there tangible results, in order to quantify the impact of the activity or project. Having carefully considered these factors, the Selection Committee has decided to **award the ICLEI Case Study to the project Futuro Sustenável from the Porto Region, Portugal.**

The Selection Committee were highly impressed with the comprehensive and innovative nature of this project, which responds to the challenges of both intra-regional partnership working between municipalities and the need for community participation and awareness-raising. Moreover, this work integrates Urban Green Days as a contributive and complementary part of a process of regional environmental planning.

Two applicants were short-listed for the award and will receive assistance in promoting their work from ICLEI. These applicants were Murcia, Spain, for an excellent urban water management programme, and Roeselare, Belgium, for innovative Urban Green Days awareness-raising activities. However, we would like to congratulate all the applicants on their work and thank you for taking the time to submit applications. We trust that you will maintain your excellent work and offer you our best wishes and support for the future.

On behalf of the Selection Committee:



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