



Abstract

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Executive Summary of your Abstract:

The idea of a European Green Capital was originally conceived at a meeting in Tallinn, Estonia in 2006. In presenting our proposal we wished to emphasize the vital importance of our living environment in protecting and promoting of public health. First award winners are 2010 Stockholm and 2011 Hamburg.

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Stemming from the desire of Tallinn, capital of the Republic of Estonia, Member of the European Union, to give a lasting contribution into improving the city environment, a message – to create a title of the Green Capital of Europe - was born. The meeting was held in 15 May 2006 where 15 European cities and the Association of Estonian cities signed a joint memorandum proposing the establishment of the European Green Capital award scheme.

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The support to this initiative by Mayors of 41 capitals of Europe, President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso; Vice-President of the European Commission Siim Kallas, EU Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas, as well as EU Commissioner for Regional Policy Danuta Hübner has been most inspiring and visionary.

First award winners were announced at an award ceremony in Brussels on 23 February 2009, the first European Green Capitals are 2010 Stockholm and 2011 Hamburg.

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