



# European Energy Network

The voluntary network of European Energy Agencies - at the heart of the clean energy transition

## Name and Country of E<sup>n</sup>R Member

AEA- Austria



## Name of Project/Programme

e5-programme for energy efficient municipalities

<https://www.e5-gemeinden.at/>

<https://www.european-energy-award.org/>

## Description of Project

The e5-programme, the Austrian version of the European Energy Award (eea), was launched in 1998. It provides municipalities with practical, long-term support in the fields of energy efficiency and climate protection and has become one of the national programmes of the eea.

The programme consists of advice offered to municipalities, a certification of their progress that is verified in an independent audit and a rewarding of the most successful municipalities.

The success of a municipality is measured in “e”, with the number of “e” representing the scope of measures implemented in the municipality. The most dedicated municipalities achieve “eeeee”, which is how the Austrian programme name “e5” originated. On the European level, “eee” corresponds to the European Energy Award and “eeeee” to the European Energy Award Gold.

## Aim/Expected Impact of Project

The aim of the programme is to implement a structured climate protection approach in municipalities by building structures, defining responsibilities and identifying and planning concrete measures.

By the end of 2019 240 municipalities were participating in the programme including the cities Salzburg and Innsbruck. Overall the 240 municipalities are currently certified with 687 “e”.

## Involvement of the Agency and Link to the EU Green Deal

The Austrian programme “e5 Österreich” is managed by the Austrian Energy Agency as part of the initiative “klimaaktiv” of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action in cooperation with seven Austrian provinces.

By implementing sustainable structures in energy and climate policy in municipalities, the e5 programme contributes to a larger number and higher quality of climate protection projects.