

Press release

Dexia BIL names trophy-winners in the Sustainable Development Awards 2nd edition

16 November 2009 - In the second edition of the Sustainable Development Awards Dexia BIL gave trophies to the Emile Mayrisch Hospital Centre (non profit category) and the PROgéna Company (profit category).

The two winners were congratulated by the Luxembourg Minister of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure Claude Wiseler and the Chairman of the Dexia BIL Management Board Frank Wagener for their exemplary achievements in sustainable development.

Launched in France in 2002 and co-sponsored by Dexia Credit Local, the Sustainable Development awards are intended to distinguish communities and private and state-controlled companies that make sustainable development a priority.

More than just prizes, the competition contributes not only to making the major actors of our society more aware of the crucial stakes involved but also to prompting them to play a more active role in the various areas.

Dexia BIL launched the Sustainable Development Awards in Luxembourg with the backing of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Syndicate of Luxembourg Cities and Towns (Syvicol), and the CRTE (Technology Resources Centre for the Environment)/CRP Henri Tudor.



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The trophy winners

Emile Mayrisch Hospital Centre (non-profit category): A portion of the drugs ingested by man end up in waste water and in due course in our country's sewage treatment plants.

In this context, Emile Mayrisch Hospital Centre set up a project named PILLS, with the objective of eliminating the residue of drugs at the source before that waste can contaminate hospital sewage.

The jury voted in favour of this project because of the technique's innovative nature and its multiplier effect, which makes decentralised sewage treatment possible. The pilot installation began operating last month.

PROgéna (profit category): The Solarwind Building is billed as an exemplary office building that integrates human comfort seamlessly with innovative environmental technologies.

Right from the design stage, all building functions were studied with all personnel working in the building so as to accurately identify their needs. Health and well-being in the workplace was a prominent consideration exemplified by implementation of a "sustainable" fitness room, roof terrace with a jogging path, golf practice area, and so on. The building is moreover exemplary in terms of the underlying energy concept (a passive zero-carbon building with threefold environmental certification).

The jury selected this project for the harmonious alliance it achieved between of human comfort and innovative environmental technologies.

In 2008, the jury awarded trophies to the Heiderscheid township (non-profit category) for the "Buttik vum Séi" project and the AirFlowControl Company (profit category) for their energy-saving system for elevator operation.



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