



The Province of Siena and Siena Carbon Free 2015 project were among the finalists of the Liveable Communities Awards, winning the International Gold Award of the International competition promoted by the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) for best practices. The prestigious award – won in absolute terms, since there were 150 projects selected by an International panel among more than 400 proposals representing 70 countries in the world – was received last days by the province councillor for environment, Gabriele Berni and by the manager of the environment politics of the Province of Siena, Paolo Casprini in the United Arab Emirates, where the 2012 award ceremony took place.

"The prestigious International award – the president, Simone Bezzini, satisfied, says – confirms that the experience of Siena Carbon Free is unique, both at National and International level, and can count on certified results which give value and scientificity to our job. Thanks to the investments promoted in favour of the sustainable development and the commitment of the community and the participants of the territory, today Siena is a laboratory of sustainability recognized at an International level and we will go on working on this issue, because we think that with these issues we can face the economic crisis, improving employment and addressing the economy of the future".

"The Province of Siena – the province councillor for environment, Gabriele Berni adds – for the first time, has led Italy to win this International competition, competing with bigger cities concerning territory, population and availability of resources. Besides the first prize in green best practices, we received two prizes, a second prize for the Project category and one for the Whole City category. The award excites and stimulates us to go on reaching Siena Carbon Free objective, whose value is having more and more interest and power also at an International level. The winning action – Berni says – counts on the involvement and the contribution of the whole territory, thanks to the quality of Siena Carbon Free project, to the governance capacity of the Province of Siena in the sustainable development, to the involvement of the institutions and the local communities for an objective of green economy, pointing to saving and empowering energy and developing renewable resources. A special thank goes to who has been working since long time to this project with important results, from the manager of the environment politics of the Province of Siena, Paolo Casprini".

The competition, opened to public and private subjects, represents one of the most important competition at an International level concerning the best practices in managing environment at a local level and is aimed at developing them and sharing them to improve citizens quality of life through more and more sustainable actions. The participating delegations confronted on themes, ideas and on the fulfilment state of their activities in order to share the experiences of the best practices and find new actions to go on improving a sustainable development of their territories. The results and the awarded subject of 2012 edition of the Liveable Communities Awards are available clicking on www.livcomawards.com

siena carbon free won the first prize at the UN competition

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