



## **Request for Award**

The municipality  
**of Lumino**

represented by

the Mayor, Mr. Curzio De Gottardi

asks the Forum European Energy Award e.V.  
to call for the European Energy Award®Gold

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#### **4. Justification for calling the label for this municipality**

Please explain in 5-10 sentences (**in English**) why the municipality should receive the European Energy Award® Gold.

*Remark: This is the text that will appear on the homepage (<http://www.european-energy-award.org>).*

Lumino, a small Commune of about 1400 inhabitants located in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland, southern of the Alps, first obtained the European Energy Award (eea) certification in 2010.

To personalize its eea logo, the Municipality has then been choosing the slogan “una luminosa scintilla”, which means “a bright spark”.

And actually this slogan well describes Lumino’s commitment in communal energy policy.

Despite its rather small dimension, Lumino managed to elaborate and implement various measures whose effects directly and indirectly stretch well beyond its own borders. For instance by deciding to adopt the principles of a “Commune towards 2000 Watt Society” – and applying to get the same certificate. This kind of Charta defines long term objectives for a sustainable communal energy consumption both from a quality and quantity point of view, but also includes a precise path with short- and mid-term indicators.

Lumino’s decision to adopt this guideline document has also been based on the concrete and relevant results already obtained in the last few years in the reduction of electrical energy needs for the communal buildings and infrastructures, especially for the internal and the public lighting. Reduction demonstrated by the collection and interpretation of consumption data through the energy account tool “EnerCoach”. The combination of consumption reduction and local production of renewable energy brought the Municipality to set an ambitious though realistic objective: to entirely cover, by 2017, the electricity needs for its own buildings and the public lighting with electricity produced by photovoltaic plants on the roof of the school and mini-hydro plant to be installed in the water supply system pipes. At the level of regional energy policy, it’s worth mentioning the collaboration with 13 other neighbouring Communes (for a total of more than 47'000 inhabitants) under the title of “Bellinzonese Regione dell’energia”, which Lumino has actively supported from the very beginning. The project has even received support from the Swiss federal Office of Energy and at the moment Lumino’s representative has the role of President of the regional Energy Board. By the way, Lumino’s members of the communal Energy Team, whose purpose is to monitor and develop Lumino’s energy policy concepts and ideas for all the six sectors of the eea Assessment Tool, are often asked by other Municipality to illustrate their own experience within the eea certification. In the field of transportation, due to its relatively small size and the territory’s morphology, Lumino’s priority is to promote slow motion mobility, especially the pedestrian one, of course starting from school level.

Lumino’s energy policy is also actively supporting and involving the population, e.g. by organizing regular information events and campaigns for energy efficiency and for the use of renewable at domestic and household level, and by supporting it through specific financial help.

Lumino is a bright (and sparkling!) example of how each Commune, no matter the size, given the necessary motivation, competence and enthusiasm, can play an important role in the efforts towards a more sustainable energy policy.