



**Request for Award**

The municipality of  
**Neuchâtel**

represented by

Mr Olivier ARNI

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>).*

Between 2007 and 2013 the town of Neuchâtel has worked on the HOLISTIC project which belongs to the CONCERTO program, which is co-financed by the European Commission. The aim of the HOLISTIC project was to reduce the consumption of non-renewable energy by 23%, by saving 20 MWh per year in an area of 4700 inhabitants (14% of the whole town) through pro-active and efficient energy solutions (investments bigger than EUR 181 million). Since 1993 Neuchâtel has also reduced by 24% its buildings CO2 emissions and signed the Covenant of Mayors in 2009. With a political vision firmly committed towards the 2000 W Society by 2050, an energy planning based on a territorial basis with assessments every 5 years until 2035 and the implementation of its new SEAP, the town of Neuchâtel is definitely living up to its ambitions.

Furthermore, the town of Neuchâtel has received the Swiss Solar Prize in 2013 for its efforts in promoting photovoltaic solar energy by making available a grant to fund all projects within the community territory (financial support of CHF 1500.- per kWp). The owners of buildings have the possibility to consult the solar cadastre online. The City has also installed solar panels on its own buildings.

Finally in its 2014-2017 financial planification adopted by the legislative Council, the town of Neuchâtel is giving more than EUR 40 million to energy measures to improve and renovate its community patrimony.

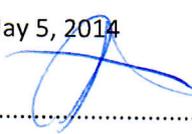
#### 5. Signatures

Municipality:

Name, Surname **ARNI Olivier**

Place, Date Neuchâtel, May 5, 2014

Signature: .....



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Name, Surname **PHILIPPIN Daniel**

Place, Date Neuchâtel, May 5, 2014

Signature: .....

