

Green Student Residence Award

The Guide

Make your residence more sustainable



This award is organized in honour of students who are interested
in improving the environmental foot print of
and social cohesion within their student residence.

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The University of Luxembourg's Cell for Sustainable Development, in collaboration with SEVE Logement invites all students living in student accommodation to participate in the first **Green Student Residence Award**.

The award scheme presents a call to all the students who care for the environment and their fellow students, to look into daily practices that have a positive impact on their surroundings and may help to engage the university community. It is also an opportunity to exploit your creativity and becoming aware of diverse approaches to improve quality of life in sustainable manner.

The Student Green Housing Contest invites students to work in teams to develop measures for improving the environmental foot print and the quality of student residences. By inviting team projects, the contest intends to foster cooperative behaviour between residents and to improved environmental performance of the building and its operation.

1. How to participate?

❖ Find your team

Create a team of 3 to 6 students living in the same residence, who share ideas on how sustainability of life in the student residence might be improved. It is of advantage for the team (but not a requirement) if the team members will stay in Luxembourg during the entire academic year.

❖ Choose your coordinator

Each team must have one coordinator who will be the representative of the team. S/he is responsible to complete the registration form for officially entering the contest. The coordinator is also in charge of compiling a mid-term and a final report of about 4-6 pages.

❖ Registration

Each coordinator is asked to send an e-mail (subject: GREEN RESIDENCES) with a completed registration form to SEVE Logement (marc.rousseau@uni.lu) and the Cell for Sustainable Development (ariane.koenig@uni.lu) by 15 October 2011.

The following information has to be provided for the team:

- Name of the residence
- Team name

- Names of group members and student number, email addresses,
- A brief statement on objectives

Please note that there can be more than one team in a same residence, the teams within one residence will be put in contact with each other and invited to differentiate their projects to maximize impacts and facilitate their measurement. Students can't become member of more than one team.

2. What does it take to develop a project?

The award encourages University students to develop and implement qualitative and creative activities to reduce environmental impacts and improve social cohesion in student residences.

Students should define objectives for their project and the scope (topics and in terms of the area within the residence the project is designed to impact – e.g. the entire residence, one or several specified floors or common areas...). You might like to look out for the ECO-practice posters in your residence to seek inspiration. Projects can also include campaigns/events aiming to change resident behaviour and/or simple suggestions for infra-structure improvement carried out by students (this needs to be consulted with SEVE Logement – a limited budget will be available). The project should also include a plan on how to quantitatively and/or qualitatively (e.g. interviews of residents at 2-4 time points over the ac. year) assess the impact of proposed actions. Actions can for example target specific areas in need of improvement such as consumption of heating/gas, electricity, water, and the production of waste. Objectives should remain realistic, whilst ambitious. All project participants will be shown how to track gas, electricity, and water use in the residence or the chosen area of impact.

3. Reporting and evaluation

Projects will be evaluated on the basis of two reports (see 3.1) by the Green Housing Award Committee (see 3.2.) according to specified evaluation criteria (see 3.3).

3.1 Reports

The interim report should be submitted on 22 February 2012, and the final report is due on 15 May 2012. The interim report can be considered a first draft of the final report (no duplication of good work required). Submission of an interim-report will provide the opportunity to refine your approach in discussion with the committee and perhaps jointly develop ideas of how your project may be further improved before the end of the

contest. This will be also an opportunity to get to know and exchange with all other teams and for developing a joint learning community.

The interim and final report should be 4-6 pages in length and can be structured as follows:

- ❖ Title
- ❖ Background: Describe the situation in your residence at the start of the project.
- ❖ Project description: Description of your project objectives, methodology, the implementation plan, quantitative and/or qualitative measurement and monitoring approach, and outcomes/results in terms of impact/change over the year.
- ❖ Team: Describe your team, and how you share or divide tasks and responsibilities.
- ❖ Challenges: What were expected or unexpected difficulties in implementing the measures you wanted to adopt? Could you resolve them? If not, why not?
- ❖ Significance: Why did you choose this project? How do you prove the impact of your project, what is your strategy of measurement?
- ❖ Annex with all data

Template for Annex with data:

Measurement Date	Gas (kWh/student)	Electricity (kWh/student)	Water (m3/student)	Waste??	Others
15-Oct*					
15-Nov					
15-Dec					
15-Jan					
15-Feb					
15-Mar					
15-Apr					
05-May*					

*The first and the last measurement for will be carried out together with staff of SEVE Logement.

Film material and photos or any other creative approaches to documentation and delivery are encouraged.

All submitted final reports will be published on the web page of the Cell for Sustainable Development and serve amongst other things to inform future project teams of possible approaches to allow for building experience over time.

3.2 Green Residence Award Committee

- ❖ One student
- ❖ The head of the sustainable development: Ariane Koenig
- ❖ The head of the SEVE: Anne Christophe
- ❖ One member of the SEVE Logement: Marc Rousseau
- ❖ One member of the administration of Esch sur Alzette

3.3 Evaluation criteria for projects

- ❖ Scope of the project
- ❖ Goals and objectives
- ❖ Approach to quantitative and qualitative assessment and indicators
- ❖ Impact and success
- ❖ Creativity

3.4 Scheduling overview

Registration	10.09.2011 to 15.10.2011
Starting measurements	15.10.2011
Interim report due-date	22.02.2012
Final report due-date	15.05.2012
Award Ceremony	25.06.2012

4. The Awards Ceremony

The Awards ceremony will take place on 25 June 2012 in the City Hall of Esch-sur-Alzette. Awards will be presented by the Mayor of the City of Esch, Lydia Mutsch, and the President of the University Rolf Tarrach.

During this ceremony every participant will receive a diploma for his sustainable project and a gift to honour participation in the award scheme.

Three teams will be awarded special prizes: the first and second prize will be judged according to project quality and impact, and the third prize will be awarded for outstanding creativity and potential of the project's approach.

- The first prize will be a joint team weekend in Paris (TGV tickets and accommodation) as well as special prize for the coordinator.
- The second prize will be interrail train tickets (BeNeLux) for the team and a special prize for the coordinator.
- The most creative team will also receive interrail train tickets and a special prize for the coordinator.

All prizes will be in form of gifts and vouchers. The team members should prove at least 4 months of participation in the project to be eligible for a prize.