



City of Užice European Energy Award Serbia



Užice and the rich history of Western Serbia's energy pioneer

The city of Užice is the administrative center of the largest area in Serbia - the Zlatibor region, which has a long history dating back to the Roman and Ottoman Empires.

Today, Užice represents the economic center of the Zlatibor region with a healthy, competitive, export-oriented economy, and due to its geographical position, it is the largest traffic junction in the southwestern part of Serbia. Also, Užice is becoming a pioneer city sustainable and progressive energy and climate policies.

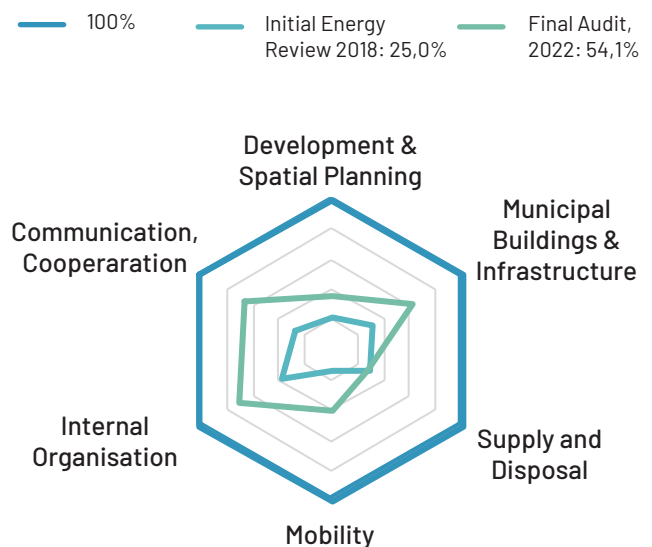
Užice's participation in MEEMP and in the EEA

As part of the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Management Project (MEEMP), implemented in the period from 2018 to 2023, the city of Užice officially joined the international association of the European Energy Award (EEA). The EEA is a quality management and certification system which awards municipalities for planning and implementing sustainable energy and climate policies in an interdisciplinary perspective. Following this target, Užice committed to continuously improve its sustainable energy management system (EMS) and achieve ambitious climate and energy goals.

The city's EEA energy policy profile 2022

For its impressive progress and results regarding its energy and climate performance, the City of Užice achieved a score of more than 50% (i.e. 54,1%) during the EEA assessment process and hence was awarded the label European Energy Award in Serbia (EEAS).

The diagram shows City Užice's profile assessed by the EEA association according to six EEA areas.



City: **Užice**
 Region: **Zlatibor**
 Population: **70.000 inhabitants**
 Area: **667 km²**
 Website: **uzice.rs**

Entry to the EEA: **2019**
 EEAS certification: **2022**



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Key Achievements per EEA area

Area 1: Development and Spatial Planning

- The legally mandated Energy Efficiency (EE) program was expanded according to the EEA scope.
- The Spatial Heat Supply Program (SHSP) 2022-2030 defined measures for minimizing negative impact of heating systems on climate and environment.

Area 2: Municipal Buildings and Facilities

- Three public schools were reconstructed to reduce energy consumption and increase user comfort.
- Data on energy and water consumption in public buildings are regularly collected (EMIS).

Area 3: Supply and disposal

- The regional sanitary landfill "Duboko" is operational.



Area 4: Mobility

- The city participates in the European Week of Sustainable Urban Mobility annually.
- Public transport is controlled and monitored systematically through GPS tracking.

Area 5: Internal Organization

- There are permanent working bodies, the Energy Team and the Green Council which deals with all topics of environmental protection.
- The city co-developed and adopted the guidelines for eco-friendly behavior of city administration employees.

Area 6: Communication and Cooperation

- An energy-related communication strategy was adopted covering both internal and external communication.
- The city cooperated with the Regional Development Agency Zlatibor on awareness raising and communication towards citizens.
- Air quality control is carried out regularly, and the results are displayed on the city's website.
- Since 2015 the city provides subsidies for the implementation of EE measures in private households.

Next steps:

- Area 1 - focusing on the city's Local Development Plan 2023-2030, Užice will implement a multitude of energy and climate protection measures in the near future.
- Area 3 - improve waste collection and wastewater treatment
- Area 4 - consider options for sustainable mobility



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