



Güssing, a self-sufficient energetically European Region

In 1990 the local authority of Güssing, one of the poorest regions in Austria, decided to reduce 100% of fossil fuel use. Regarding heat and electricity demand the city is energetically independent and self-sufficient and the thereby created value remains in the region. It supplies inhabitants by means of biomass and solar energy, generating more than 1000 jobs on the whole territory and thus increasing local development. Güssing became a *European Centre of Renewable Energy (EEE)* an important research centre in the field wood gasification and developing 2nd generation fuels. They receive an important number of visitors every year and won several international awards.

The EEE adopted a strategy of decentralised, local energy production with all available renewable resources on the territory. The methodologies adopted in Güssing and the system implemented can be replicated in other regions of the world, valorising the specific energetic territorial resources that exist everywhere.

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