

Banka Koper is Among the Finalists of the 2012 Sustainable Energy Europe Awards Competition

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Banka Koper has **been nominated for the main award** of the 2012 **Sustainable Energy Europe Awards**. It successfully joined the finalists in the category 'Consuming' with its sustainable development project for green branch offices with a 360-degree view. This is a newly implemented environmentally-oriented initiative in which the bank is laying foundations and setting an example for other financial institutions and businesses around the world. **The winners** of the competition will be announced in June 2012.

The bank is adapting at practically every step by reducing its energy consumption, focusing on renewable energy and by adopting paperless operation. For this reason, the project was named '**Sustainable Development with a 360-Degree View**'.

As part of the project, we designed three green branch offices in Ljubljana that offer banking transactions (withdrawals, deposits, term deposits and loans) without using any paper at all. Implementing digital signatures in the place of traditional handwritten signatures in the three green branches has contributed to a 40% reduction in paper consumption. Energy-saving light bulbs, more powerful computers and other low-emission equipment, as well as a fleet of hybrid vehicles, are just some of the measures Banka Koper has taken to successfully foster a positive and environmentally-friendly attitude.

In 2011, our bank also carried out the construction of two **solar power plants**, one on the roof of the main building and the other in the vicinity of Ljubljana, reflecting our long-term vision of sustainable development. In their first year of operation alone, the solar power plants generated 54,500 kWh of clean energy, which is estimated to have contributed to reducing CO₂ emissions by 37.5 tonnes.