



## SolarSuperState Prize 2014

Wietow (Germany), 8.7.2014

On 7.7.2014 in the Solarzentrum Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Wietow, the SolarSuperState Association awarded five SolarSuperState Prizes 2014 in the categories WIND and SOLAR. The top three states of the world regarding the cumulative installed wind power or photovoltaics are the candidates for a SolarSuperState Prize.

Laurids Rudebeck, mayor of the Danish municipality of Toender, fetched the 1. SolarSuperState Prize in the category WIND for Denmark (some 840 Watt wind power per capita in Denmark). He stated that the municipality is in favor of multiplying the installed wind power capacity if the ownership is by people and organizations based in his municipality. He requests from the Danish government to change the regulations in a way that future Danish on-shore wind energy investments can be made by the local people.

Jöran Hägglund, governor of the county of Jämtland, fetched the 3. SolarSuperState Prize in the category WIND for Sweden (some 460 Watt wind power per capita in Sweden). He stressed the interest in multiplying the cumulative installed wind power in his county. He encourages the investors to spend some of their profit for the benefit of the local people.

Heinrich Gärtner, Chief Executive Officer of GP Joule GmbH, fetched the 1. SolarSuperState Prize in the category SOLAR for Germany (some 450 Watt photovoltaics per capita). He believes that under optimal political framework Germany could reach 80 to 90 % renewable electricity within 5 years.

Jürg Senn, head of the Energiefachstelle of Liechtenstein, picked up the 2. SolarSuperState Prize in the category SOLAR for Liechtenstein (some 410 Watt photovoltaics per capita). He explained the success story of Liechtenstein, the future legislation plans in Liechtenstein and ongoing photovoltaic technology development projects in Liechtenstein.

Erich Josef Wallnöfer, mayor of the city Glurns in Italy, fetched the 3. SolarSuperState Prize in the category SOLAR for Italy (some 290 Watt photovoltaics per capita). He reported about retroactive measures of the state of Italy jeopardizing the profitability of historic photovoltaic investments of investors in Italy.

The SolarSuperState Association monitors all states of the world regarding their progress in the use of wind energy and photovoltaics. The Swiss non-profit organization regards wind energy and photovoltaics as key parts of 100 % renewable energy economies. Climate protection, strengthening the national economies, jobs and other social benefits are important motives for a rapid transition to 100 % renewable energies in the electricity, heat and transport sectors.

The Association publishes the annual SolarSuperState Ranking of all states and awards the SolarSuperState Prizes to states.

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