



ENVIRONMENT & INNOVATION:

Theme 2007/2009

**Climate Change:
Let's Save Energy!**

Associação Bandeira Azul da Europa / FEE Portugal

Our organization is a non-for profit NGO that began its work in 1990. Our organization's main activity is awareness raising and Environmental Education.

The Associação Bandeira Azul da Europa (ABAE)/FEE Portugal was created to answer to the urgent need of having a national representative for the implementation of the Blue Flag Campaign in Portugal. Since then, ABAE has been a full member of the Foundation for Environmental Education.

ABAE was recently recognised as a public interest institution.

Currently, ABAE is running several Environmental Education projects in Portugal, besides the Blue Flag Campaign: the Eco-School, Young Reporters for the Environment and Green Key programmes; all of these are FEE Programmes.

Since 2005, ABAE started piloting the ECOXXI programme, a national initiative to recognise good environmental practices among the municipalities.

The main activity goals of the organization are:

- Promoting and implementing all the actions and programmes developed by FEE;
- Participating in international, national and regional projects developed in Portugal on the scope of the Education for the Environment;
- Organising meetings, conferences and other training events on the Environmental Education field;
- Promoting study, research and disseminating collected data and experiments through written publications and any other media;
- Cooperating with other similar institutions, either at national or international level, promoting material, experience and human know-how interchanges.

In September 2007, the Environment and Innovation Project was started in Portugal.

A total of 14 schools submitted their ideas and 6 of them were awarded.

The National Jury comprising APA (Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente), Ministério da Educação, Toyota Portugal, ADENE (Agência para a Energia) and LNEC (Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil) awarded grants to 6 schools out of 14.

Awarded Schools:

- ✓ EB 2, 3 de Algoz (Silves - Faro) - ***Learning How to Love the Planet - Green Gallery***
- ✓ EB 2, 3 de Celeirós (Braga) - ***Climate Change: We Will Save Energy***
- ✓ EB 2, 3 de Grijó (Vila Nova de Gaia - Porto) - ***Energy Efficiency to the Future***
- ✓ EB 2, 3 de Lousada (Lousada - Porto) - ***The Sunshare Project***
- ✓ EB 2, 3 de Manuel Pinto de Vasconcelos (Paços de Ferreira - Porto) - ***Development of the Safe Road Footprint***
- ✓ Escola Secundária João de Deus (Faro) - ***School Energy Plan***

The National Jury has decided to award EB 2, 3 de Lousada school as the National Winner in Portugal, achieving 2nd place in the International Competition.

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