



**EESA energy efficiency championship:**

**Top-3 Greek winners receive their awards**

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The cycle of events for the European Energy Saving Award (EESA), which started in April 2011, mobilizing 8,393 households from 11 European countries, was completed with the achievement-reporting and awarding ceremony, which was held at the European Parliament's Office in Greece.

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On the European level, the average energy-saving achieved by households during the contest stood at 5% in electricity and 4.7% in heating, at almost 433kwh and 3,662kwh respectively. In terms of carbon footprint reduction, each household helped, on average, to prevent the emission of 421kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

As part of the event, the Greek families with the top-three energy-saving achievements were presented with their awards. The first winner, Stavros Lekkos, from Kato Diminio, Korinthia, reduced home energy consumption by 27% by implementing an integrated home-improvement strategy, while his house is heated by renewable energy sources. As part of the award, the National Champion will also receive a €1,000 prize and a free energy inspection of his home.

"The Greek citizens' high participation was a very pleasant surprise for us. The need to save energy, one of the pillars of sustainable development, now embraces a large part of society, which realizes that the reduction of the households' carbon footprint not only contributes to the fight against climate change, but can also generate major economic gains", said Dimitris Karavellas, General Director of WWF Hellas.

Ms. Lyda Modiano, spokesperson for Eurobank, the National EESA Sponsor, stated that: "Eurobank is very happy with its contribution to the EESA, which has been so warmly received throughout Greece. Our banking Group has been consistently supporting similar environmental protection initiatives, based on three axes: a) optimizing our ecological footprint; b) developing innovative 'green' products; c) developing corporate social responsibility programs aimed at raising the citizens' awareness on environmental protection issues."

The EESA was the main awareness-raising pillar of the WWF ECO2nomy campaign of WWF Greece, which continues to provide all necessary advice and tools for saving energy and money both at home and at work.



**Notes to the editors:**

Organizers of the contest in Greece WWF Hellas and the Helesco energy services company. Under the auspices of Intelligent Energy Europe. National EESA Sponsor: Eurobank Group

The top-three EESA winners are:

- 1st winner: Stavros Lakkos
- 2nd winner: Athanassions Zelesiadis
- 3rd winner: Nicholaos Zoganas

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