Green Digital Charter awards call

The **Green Digital Charter** (GDC) **awards** are designed to recognise outstanding achievement by GDC signatory cities in their effort to ***work together*** *to deliver on the EU climate objectives using digital technologies that increase energy efficiency, facilitate emissions reductions and forestall climate change*.

The awards will be judged in the context of the Charter commitments, by an independent jury of four to five members with expertise in this area. They represent the EU institutions and experts from the knowledge society academia, non-government and industry stakeholders. The jury members will be selected in September 2013.

The Green Digital Charter awards 2013 aspire to showcase the involvement of GDC cities, with regard to the aims and commitments that the Charter and its signatories have:

1. Effort to work with other GDC signatories on ICT & energy efficiency
2. Deployment of ICT pilot projects in the city
3. Reduction of the city’s ICT direct carbon footprint

In each of the four awards categories, the jury will judge to what extent the cities are working towards the respective aim, offering tangible benefits to their citizens while sharing knowledge and best practices with other signatory cities:

* Best effort in ICT carbon footprint reduction: highlight cities that are working towards the 2nd GDC commitment based on
  + Reduction target achieved so far
  + Use (quality of data) of the GDC ICT carbon footprint tool
  + Use (frequency) of the GDC ICT carbon footprint tool
* Best GDC project: highlight cities that are working towards the 3rd GDC commitment based on
  + Performance indicators of the project
  + Innovation of the project
  + Use of the GDC reporting tools
* Best set of GDC projects: highlight cities that are working in a systematic way for a green digital/smart future based on
  + Performance indicators of the projects (combined performance)
  + Existence of an encompassing strategic plan
  + Diversity of projects’ scope
  + Use of the GDC reporting tools
* Best GDC toolkit user (to highlight cities that are working towards the 1st GDC commitment)
  + Number of tools added in the toolkit
  + Number of activities added in the toolkit
  + Use of SAQ tool
  + Use of GDC/CoM tool
  + Completeness of city’s profile
  + Contribution in the forum, exchange, etc.

The deadline for the submission of applications is ***Friday 20th September 2013***. As shortlist of three applications per category will be announced and communicated on Friday ***18th October 2013***. The announcement of the awards winner will take place during the 3rd NiCE project roadshow in Amsterdam on ***15th November 2013***. During the ceremony the winners will receive a trophy and a Green Digital Charter certificate.