

## AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENT



ELO, its sister organisation Friends of the Countryside, and its partners have created a series of European Awards in order to promote sustainable development in rural areas. They aim at rewarding innovative, environmentally friendly and entrepreneurial achievements in the European countryside.

### Anders WALL Award

Since 2002, the Anders WALL Foundation (Sweden), Friends of the Countryside, DG Environment and the Royal Agriculture Academy of Stockholm give an award each year to encourage and promote efforts made by creative entrepreneurs who have contributed to the creation of a “positive rural environment”: landscape preservation, biodiversity enhancement, cultural heritage conservation and contribution to the rural economy. The 2004 Anders WALL Award was given to SALINS Group for protecting the natural environment, including almost 30,000 hectares of salt marshes along the Mediterranean coastline.

**More information available at:**

**<http://www.friendsofthecountryside.net/award.htm>**



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### Belleuropa Award



The Belleuropa project was created in Italy in the late 1990's in cooperation with ELO, thanks to the initiative of Ing. Giuseppe NATTA, a leading environmental figure. It is based on the principle that in Europe many rural territories are highly degraded, and a quality environment is thus a scarce good upon which much value is being placed today. The Belleuropa Award is given to a rural properties, which have utilized agri-environmental measures to achieve significant

results from an environmental point of view. These properties have thus become important examples of “third- generation agriculture”. In 2005, the Belleuropa Award was given to Bentivoglio and San Pietro in Casale for an environmental project jointly developed by the local administration, a cooperative organisation and a private entrepreneur.

### ELO Wetlands and Water Award

Previously known as Euroducks International, the ELO Water and Habitat Fund created an award dedicated to the development of initiatives by private land managers, companies or institutions for the protection, conservation and sustainable management of water resources and water shaped habitats. The 2004 Award was given by MEP Michl EBNER to Grupo Empresarial ARICAM (Spain) for the elaboration of a water-saving industrial process and the sustainable management of a quarry in a sensitive environmental area. **For further details:** <http://www.elo.org/index.php?page=pages/awards.php>



M.EBNER (MEP), L.SERRANO (ARICAM)



### Environment and Soil Management Award

Created by ELO, under the patronage of Commissioner DIMAS, with the cooperation of DG Environment, the Universities of Vienna and Ljubljana, the EU Joint Research Centre of Ispra and Syngenta International, the Environment and Soil Management Award recognizes outstanding management achievements contributing to the improvement of environmental quality and to the protection of soil and land. The first award was given in 2006.

**More information on:**

<http://www.elo.org/index.php?page=pages/soil.php>

