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### BRISTOL IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN ITS BID TO BE EUROPE'S FIRST GREEN CAPITAL

South West Conservative MEP, Giles Chichester, expressed his disappointment that Bristol was unsuccessful in its bid to be Europe's First Green Capital. The European Commission awarded the title for 2010 to Stockholm and for 2011 to Hamburg.

#### MEP Chichester said

**“Bristol should be proud of its achievement. It was a success to be named as the only UK city to be considered for this Award. I share the disappointment everyone must feel in losing out to the Swedish and German cities but Bristol has proven it is leading the way in Britain in the creation of a healthy, attractive and sustainable city environment. The people and businesses of Bristol are to be congratulated for their efforts.”**

The European Green Capital competition attracted 35 applications from cities throughout the European Union. Bristol was selected to be one of the 8 city finalists from Holland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and the United Kingdom. Bristol's bid for the Award was launched by the Bristol Partnership, comprising 60 local companies working alongside the City Council and community organisations.

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