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Three finalist cities have been announced for the European Heat Pump Association's (EHPA) Heat Pump City of the Year Award.

According to the EHPA, a jury of experts evaluated 20 applications looking for the best combination of impact on energy demand reduction and CO2 emission, replication potential, integration with other green technologies including sector connection, and innovation.

The three finalist cities for 2017 were Berlin, for its Decarb Garden City project (pictured); Trondheim for its Moholt 50/50 student housing project; and Vienna for a city-wide heat pump promotion scheme.

The winner will be announced on 11 May.

This year's city will join previous winners Etten-Leur (The Netherlands), Amstetten (Austria), Viborg (Denmark), Olot (Spain), Mäntsälä (Finland) and Hylke (Denmark) in a ‘hall of fame’.

The winning projects will be presented to the European Commission as a blueprint for the decarbonisation of Europe's heating and cooling.