

## Business Excellence Award Winners announced in the Musée du Louvre

**Paris, 28 October 2008** – At 22.00h under the pyramid in the Musée du Louvre, the 2008 EFQM Excellence Award Winners were announced at the annual Gala event amidst 600 international attendees. The EFQM Excellence Award recognises organisations with an undisputable track record of progress and results for both financial and non-financial performance. The Award, which is given to Europe's best performing companies and not-for-profit organisations, is Europe's most prestigious award for organisational Excellence.

Beginning from a list of finalists representing a diversity of size, scope, sector and geographical reach, the Award and Prize winners of 2008 were named:

**Bosch Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. – Bursa Diesel Systems Plant** in Turkey has won the EFQM Excellence Award in the category of large scope, private industry. RBTR-Bu is an important part of the Bosch production network exporting more than 95% of their output and is a major competency centre for diesel injection systems within Bosch. A successful organisation, highly responsive to customer needs with a robust approach to improvement with the involvement of all employees, the Robert Bosch Bursa Diesels Systems Plant is now a two-time winner of the EFQM Excellence Award; a clear role model exemplifying the ethos of business excellence.

**Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment** has won the EFQM Excellence Award in the category of small & medium scope, public sector. CCEA, reporting to the Northern Ireland Department of Education, is an impressive example of performance turnaround in the public sector – enabled by their belief and engagement in Excellence principles and practices. They are a role model in the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century education and knowledge in Europe.

**Bursagaz**, the biggest private gas distribution company in Turkey, has won the EFQM Excellence Award in the category of small & medium scope, private industry. The Expert Panel highlighted the seamless integration of the organisation's strategy and process management, with the consequent positive effect on performance results. Bursagaz represents a successful example of public sector transition to private industry.

In addition to the above three organisations, two organisations also achieved Prize Winner status: **Eskisehir Maternity and Child Illnesses Hospital** for their work in Customer Focus and **Gaiker Centro Tecnológico** for their achievement in Management By Process and Fact.

This year's Jury of the EFQM Excellence Award comprised of, among others, the CEOs and Senior Executives of BT Global Services, EDF and Bouygues as well as high level representatives from the Public Sector.

EFQM has spent over 20 years sharing what works between its member organisations to help them implement their strategies. Through a network of over 700 active members, comprising companies of every size and sector, EFQM applies its know-how and extracts outstanding approaches by engaging with executives and front line managers.

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