

## **New “Clean Energy St. Moritz/Engadine” – Project (II):**

### **Europe’s highest dairy turns waste into power**

Located at a higher altitude than any other dairy in Europe, the “Lataria Engiadinaisa” (LESA) in Bever (Engadine) has begun transforming its liquid waste into energy. The yearly 4,000 tons of waste the dairy produces will no longer be transported in special trucks across the Alps in order to be disposed of, but, by taking advantage of a new technology, will be transferred to the SAX Samedan/Bever waste water treatment plant where it will be converted into about 280,000 kWh of electricity a year.

The project is supported by the large Swiss retailer, Coop. Coop has already enjoyed success selling LESA’s Bio Engiadina cheese at its shops across Switzerland, as it has marketing eco-energy certificates originating, in part, from renewable sources (water, solar, wind and biogas) in the Engadine.

This alliance between industry, tourism, power companies and agriculture was formed in 2004 and is a key element of the comprehensive energy project “Clean Energy St. Moritz/Engadine”, which promotes energy efficiency. St. Moritz is the highest place in Switzerland given the government-supported label, Energiestadt (Energy City), which commits it to reducing its energy needs and promoting renewable energy sources. Since it hosted the Alpine World Ski Championships in 2003, St. Moritz has set new environmental and energy standards.

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