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Second place for Sweden and Enköping's parks authority in European Garden Award

As the only contestant from Sweden competing in European Garden Award 2011, Enköping's parks authority was one of three finalists in the category "Innovative Contemporary Concept or Design of a Park or Garden".

"We are delighted that Enköping has gained recognition under tough international competition. This is testimony to the fact that we are among the best in Europe when it comes to developing our public green spaces, both for local residents and visitors," said chief gardener Tomas Lindvall.

International jury chooses finalists

The European Garden Award competition is not open to registration. Instead, an international jury selects the finalists. Enköping's parks authority was awarded the distinction of a shared second place in its category. Tomas Lindvall and his colleagues were on location to accept the award at Schloss Dyck in Germany on September 2nd.

"Winning isn't important for us. The fact that we have achieved international recognition is a victory in itself. We not only represented Enköping at the awards ceremony in Germany, but all of Sweden as a parks and gardens destination. This would not have been possible without long-term strategies and committed, curious and talented co-workers."

Other finalists in the category "Innovative Contemporary Concept or Design of a Park or Garden" were Jupiter Artland in England and Father Collins Park in Ireland. The winner was Jupiter Artland, while Enköping's parks authority shared second place with Father Collins Park.

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