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OUR NEWS



We are looking for an Electrical Engineer to join our team!

Think you fit in this position? Send your CV and a form of interest at recruitment@cea.org.cy by the midnight of December 31st the latest!

Click [here](#) to learn more about this position.



TIMEPAC's International Workshop in Vienna & National Workshop in Nicosia

On November 20 the TIMEPAC International Workshop was held in Vienna, followed by the General Meeting on the 21st. The Cyprus Energy Agency was there amongst the other partners from Spain, Italy, France, Croatia, Slovenia, Germany, and Austria, as well as relevant project stakeholders. The TIMEPAC international workshop delved into building energy assessment, covering topics like Building Information Modeling, Data Integration, Smart Readiness Indicators, and Building Archetypes. Data's crucial role in sustainability and energy efficiency was emphasized along with the challenges for management, security, and confidentiality.

The second day involved a consortium-wide general meeting, reviewing local engagement activities across six countries. Partners conducted workshops in their respective territories to showcase new approaches to energy performance certification. Preliminary insights from these "Verification Scenarios" will be shared on the project website, with a focus on developing training materials for the "TIMEPAC Academy" in the project's final phase.

Upon returning to Cyprus, the Cyprus Energy Agency, together with the Cyprus University of Technology, held a corresponding "Verification Scenario" workshop, tailored for the Cypriot audience. This was deemed a success, as the audience's engagement surpassed expectations. The valuable feedback and suggestions provided by the participants will be incorporated in the analysis for tailoring the project's outreach strategy and educational material.

To learn more about the TIMEPAC International Workshop, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the TIMEPAC Workshop in Cyprus, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the TIMEPAC project, please click [here](#).



MICIE's Final Event in Brussels

The Mediterranean Island Cleantech Innovation Ecosystem (MICIE) project is ending, after 18 months of close collaboration between Cyprus and Malta. Through a process of benchmarking and best practices analysis, co-creation with relevant stakeholders, and exchange between the partners, Cyprus and Malta have developed Climate & Energy Innovation Action Plans that will support them in their path towards climate neutrality.

The Action Plans were presented to leading European organisations and stakeholders at the 'Charting the Future: Innovation for Carbon-Neutral Islands in Europe' final event, held on November 28, in Brussels. The event featured keynote speakers, such as Mrs. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, Dr. Andy Kerr, CSO of the EIT Climate-KIC, and Mrs. Kathiana Bonello Ghio, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU. During the event, participants shared their experiences and ideas on how Cyprus and Malta can advance their Research & Innovation efforts to contribute meaningfully to their energy and climate targets.

To learn more about the MICIE project final event in Brussels, please click [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



ΤΕΛΙΚΗ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΗ & ΔΩΡΕΑΝ ΣΕΜΙΝΑΡΙΟ

Τετάρτη, 20 Δεκεμβρίου 2023, 14:00 - 17:00
Εγκαταστάσεις Ενεργειακού Γραφείου Κύπρου

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**Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience & Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate
Change**

The application period for participation in the [Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change](#) **opened on October 2**, and will remain in force until June 30, 2024, or until the available budget has been used -whichever occurs first.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their application electronically, through the Scheme's [website](#). The aim of the Scheme is to encourage Community Councils, Groups of Community Councils and Community Service Clusters across Cyprus invest in climate change adaptation and sustainable mobility, to mitigate the effects of climate change, particularly high temperatures and floodings.

The Grant Scheme is part of Cyprus Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) and is financed by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) of the European Union (Next Generation EU), with a budget of €2,900,000. It is coordinated by the Cyprus Energy Agency with the Cyprus Union of Communities' contributions.

To learn more and submit your application, please click [here](#).



Free Technical Support to PWDs to Apply for a Sponsorship for Photovoltaics

The Cyprus Energy Agency, in cooperation with the associations and organisations that represent people with disabilities (PWDs) in Cyprus, provides to the beneficiaries **free** technical support to apply for a sponsorship for photovoltaics. The technical support includes:

- Submission of application for pre-approval
- Visits at the interested households in Cyprus to identify their energy needs
- Preparation of a report with advices on improving energy efficiency
- Installation of a permanent smart metering equipment to testify the energy savings
- Support during the submission and management of the applications within the framework of the Grant Scheme
- Constant communication with the beneficiaries and progress updates on the implementation of the interventions

Interested applicants can express their interest by filling the form [here](#). For further support and/or queries, please contact EnergyPovertyTA@cea.org.cy or any of the numbers (+357) 22667845, (+357) 99714564.

For more Funding Opportunities addressed to households, enterprises, and Cyprus' Local Authorities, please visit our website: www.cea.org.cy/en/chrmatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

At the end of the COP28 UN Climate Conference in Dubai, the EU negotiators succeeded, with partners from around the world, to keep alive the possibility of delivering on the commitment in the Paris Agreement to limit global average temperature increase to 1.5 Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

With a particular focus on the energy sector in the talks, Parties agreed to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels this decade, to take action to reduce emissions by 43% by 2030, and to set the world on a pathway to reaching net zero emissions by 2050, in line with the best available science.

More precisely, all Parties have committed to triple global renewable energy capacity and double the rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030, which gives a powerful momentum to the transition away from fossil fuels. There is also an agreement to tackle methane emissions and other non-CO2 emissions in this decade, and to phase out as soon as possible inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that do not address energy poverty or the just transition.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

On December 12, Istanbul's Metropolitan Municipality launched Turkey's first Sustainable Mobility Plan aimed at transforming Istanbul into a carbon-neutral city by 2050, by reducing heavy traffic, automobile dependency in the megacity, and air pollution.

Istanbul's Plan defines itself as an inclusive and innovative transport system, that focuses on people and the environment, and provides the right mix of safe, integrated, accessible and affordable mobility alternatives, compatible with the unique geography and historical values of Istanbul, for a sustainable and resilient future. The Plan also introduces measures, such as "low emission zones", improvements in ferry usage, and bus-priority lanes in the city, to reduce traffic by 10% by 2030.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

Given that the new standard for new buildings is zero-emission buildings, the European Parliament and the European Council have come to a provisional agreement on new rules to boost the energy performance of buildings across the EU.

The revised Directive will set out a range of measures that will help EU governments boost structurally the energy performance of buildings -with a specific focus on the worst-performing buildings-, as well as measures to improve the strategic planning of renovations and the tools that ensure such renovations will happen.

It is worth mentioning, that the provisional agreement will also boost the take-up of sustainable mobility, thanks to provisions on pre-cabling, recharging points for electric vehicles, and bicycle parking spaces.

Read more [here](#).

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