



Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of November and learn about our latest actions, the upcoming events and training programmes we organise, funding opportunities, and news from Cyprus and all around the world in the fields of Energy and the Environment.

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.



PDA Contractors Meeting 2023 και the 7th Consortium Meeting of the PEDIA project

On October 26, the Cyprus Energy Agency [CEA] was in Brussels (Belgium), for the Contractors Meeting for projects funded by the Horizon 2020 and Life CET, on the thematic of "Clean Energy Transition in Cities and Regions" and "Project Development Assistance". In this framework, CEA proudly represented the Horizon 2020 project PEDIA [Promoting Energy Efficiency & Developing Innovative Approaches in Schools]. They presented the best practices of the project, as well as the barriers they encountered during the public procurement phase and that of the implementation of energy upgrades at the first five participating schools. The participants at the meeting had the opportunity to discuss their prospects for the next years of funding from the EU and exchange best practices in the implementation and communication of their projects.

Later, on November 28, the consortium of the project gathered at the CEA's premises for their plenary meeting. The aim was to inform the Technical Services of the Ministry of Education, as well as the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, of the project progress and the planning towards the energy renovation of the participating schools. In addition, the CEA presented the funding mechanism that has been discussed among the Technical Services of the Ministry and the programme THALIA (2021-2027) – Cohesion Policy Funds, for financing the construction works at the 25 participating schools. Then, the participants at the meeting visited the schools that are currently under energy upgrade works.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the PEDIA project.



UPGREAT Project: A series of events and free training seminars in Cyprus and Greece

The UPGREAT project is reaching its final stage and in order to communicate and disseminate the results of its action in Cyprus and Greece, is organizing a series of events and seminars. Within this framework, the Cyprus Energy Agency flew to Athens (Greece) from November 2 to 3, to participate in one of the free seminars offered by our Greek partners, and in the first National Event they organized.

The seminar was entitled "The Principles of Building Physics". It was addressed to students of the Department of Physics of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, and the aim of it was to inform the participants about thermal protection, thermal insulation, ventilation, air tightness, and thermal bridges.

Greece's first National Event within the framework of the project focused on "The Importance of Deep Energy Renovations in School Buildings across Cyprus and Greece | Upgrading the Skills of the Building Professionals for Deep Energy Renovations". During the event, the participants could learn about the progress of the project, and the best practices from energy upgrades in school buildings in the two countries.

Cyprus' first free training seminar and first National Event followed later that month in the presence of our Greek partners - the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Hellenic Passive House Institute.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the UPGREAT project.



The 2nd Consortium Meeting of the SRI2MARKET project

From November 23 to 24, the consortium of the Life+ funded European project SRI2MARKET [Paving the way for the adoption of the Smart Readiness Indicators [SRI] into national regulation and market] gathered in the city of Vienna for their 2nd plenary meeting. During the meeting, the partners discussed the progress of their Work Packages, dedicating fair amount of time on the Building Certification Tool and the SRI Training Material the Spanish partners prepared, and that are to be translated into the consortium languages (Greek included). Then, the partners discussed the actions that the project will implement within the next semester.

For those who do not know, the SRI2MARKET aims to improve the knowledge and capabilities of six member states (Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Portugal, and Spain) to introduce the Smart Readiness Indicators into their national legislation and market. The consortium of the project consists of 12 partners-including the Cyprus Energy Agency-, and is coordinated by the Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy Sichtung [IEECP] located in the Netherlands.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the SRI2MARKET project.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



Examinations for aspirant Specialized Experts who will be issuing Energy Performance Certificates
for Residential Buildings and for non-Residential Buildings



Training Course: Energy Auditors Class C



Training Course: Energy Auditors Class A

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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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

Portugal produced more than enough renewable power to serve all its customers for six straight days, from 31 October to 6 November. This record refers to the 149 consecutive hours in which the energy from renewables exceeded the industrial and household consumption needs across the country.

The country's previous record for that metric was 131 hours (a little over five days) achieved in 2019. It doesn't mean fossil fuel plants weren't operating -just that the overall renewable generation more than met customer needs. But Portugal also just set a national record for meeting the entire electricity system's needs without resorting to conventional thermal power generation. That gas-free stretch started Halloween night and ran for 131 consecutive hours, about five days, nearly tripling Portugal's previous record of 56 hours straight in 2021. For 95 of those consecutive hours, Portugal exported clean electricity to Spain as well, because it consistently had more than it needed, again without burning gas.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

A year ago, Olot (Spain) City Council's 'Promoting Mobility Plan' was approved. One of its aims is to create a network of safe bike parks. This is one of the four projects selected for the Sustainable Cities Climate Impact Challenge, organised by EIT Climate-KIC and EIT Digital, and supported by FedEx.

Like many European cities, the lack of secure bike parking is seen as an issue for Olot's residents hoping to increase their trips by bike, raised in surveys put out by the Council. For a hilly city that wants to encourage more inhabitants to use and park electric bikes, this is an especially large barrier.

The project aims to create a network of open-air parking areas, requiring authorised access, in facilities where there is parking demand (i.e.; schools, hospitals, sports centres). All bike parks will have the same type of user identification, and after registration, users will be able to park their bikes safely inside.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

On November 22, 2023, the European Commission published new EU ecodesign rules to reduce the energy consumption of household tumble dryers and make it easier for them to be repaired. The new rules replace the current ecodesign and will be accompanied by a new energy label that will apply to household tumble dryers placed on the market from 1 July 2025.

Taking into account the latest technological developments, only tumble dryers based on heat pump technology, will be allowed on the market. A class will only apply to the best-in-the-class products, creating an incentive for manufacturers to develop high-performing, energy-efficient appliances. Manufacturers will have a transitional period of around 18 months to implement the new measures.

Read more [here](#).