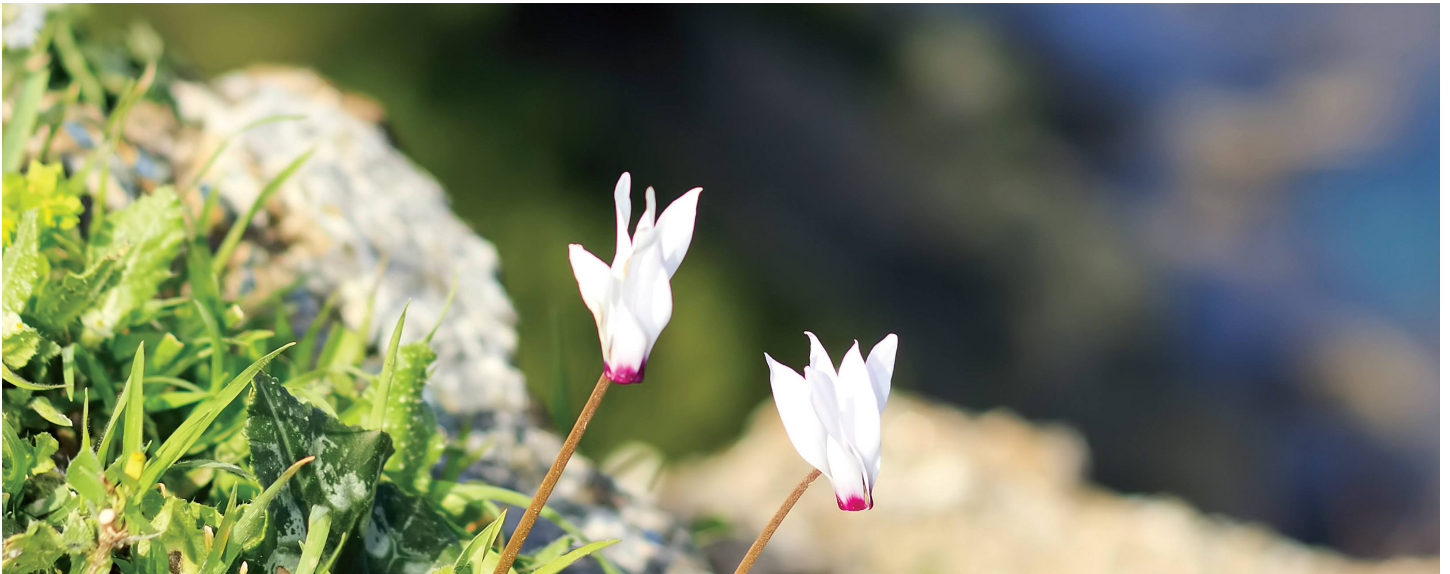




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OUR NEWS



TRANSIT | Study on the Societal Impact of Energy Transition

The European project TRANSIT (TRANSITION to sustainable future through training and education), our Agency participates in as a partner, invites you to participate in the study they conduct on the societal impact of energy transition: tinyurl.com/3a5h2zxa The completion of the survey will not take more than 25 minutes of your time.

THE PROJECT

The TRANSIT project is funded by the European Union, under the Horizon Europe programme. TRANSIT's aim is to provide sustainable training and reskilling programs for current and future generations. To do so TRANSIT seeks to promote societal changes that will facilitate the deployment and transformation of the energy sector in the next decades, through the design and delivery of an overall educational, retraining, and social engagement program.

For any questions or concerns regarding the survey, do not hesitate to contact horizon-transit@fir.mt

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



Training Course: Energy Auditors (Type 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 is already open, and will remain as such 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 is to encourage the Community Councils (CC), Groups of CC, 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 EU (Next Generation EU) with a budget of €2,900,000. It is coordinated by the Cyprus Energy Agency, with contributions from the Cyprus Union of Communities.

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



Call Open
Apply by 15 March

**Local governments can
receive €60,000 to pursue
clean energy investments**



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European City Facility | Technical Assistance to Local Authorities

A total of 75 Municipalities/Local Authorities, their groupings and local public entities aggregating Municipalities /Local Authorities from across Europe will benefit from the new Call of the European City Facility (EUCF). The Call offers €60K in lump-sum payments and hands-on support, for local actors to develop investment concepts on clean energy and energy efficiency, in support of their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans.

The Call is funded by the EU's LIFE Programme, and is open until March 15, 2024. Applicants across Europe, including Ukraine and Iceland, are eligible to apply. Within this framework, the EUCF organised an informative webinar in English on January 22, and the Cyprus Energy Agency -national coordinator and expert of the EUCF in Cyprus- organised one in Greek on January 30.

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

To re(watch) Cyprus' Informative Webinar, please click [here](#).

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

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

According to an announcement by Bulgaria's Ministry of Energy, Bulgaria, Greece, and Romania have signed a *Declaration of Intent* to collaborate on joint cross-border projects, to achieve a transition to a decarbonised and climate-neutral economy for the three countries -with the final aspect of this declaration being the development of a cross-border infrastructure for electric vehicle charging.

The three countries' declaration involves the creation of a regional hydrogen cluster, that will spearhead cross-border projects that promote clean energy and integrate it into a low-emissions renewable hydrogen production system for the energy, industrial & transport sectors. It also involves the development of a dedicated hydrogen infrastructure, the exploration and developemnt of the sustainable use of offshore wind potential in the Black and Aegean seas.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

A Spanish mobility company born in Madrid in 2012, has recently been trusted by BBVA Spark, a bank for high-growth companies, to receive 15 million euros to accelerate the implementation of its strategic plan, focused on boosting sustainable and accessible urban mobility across Spain and Latin America.

The company's mission is to make cities better places to live, changing the way people move and interact with them, while proving that being sustainable can also be profitable; and this is in line with BBVA Spark's vision. Within this framework, the company continues to progress on the objectives set out in its Sustainable Business Strategy 2022-2025, investing, among others, in the progressive decarbonization and electrification of its fleet, to reach zero-emission trips on its platform by 2025 in Spain and 2030 in Latin America.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

When buying home appliances, it is recommended to check the energy label. This label indicates the amount of energy the appliance consumes, compared to similar appliances. Appliances entering the market are tested for how much energy they consume during typical use, which gives them a rating on a scale from A to G, with A being the most efficient product of its class, and G being the least efficient.

However, it is also important to consider the size of the appliance that best suits your needs. Generally, energy ratings are categorised by product size, which means that two appliances with the same energy rating might use different amounts of electricity if they differ in size. Consumers shall therefore look for the appliance with the best energy rating for the size they require, and learn how to operate it efficiently and at the minimum cost.

Read more [here](#).