



Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of March 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.

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## OUR NEWS



### **The kick-off meeting of the DesirMed project in Venice (Italy)**

From February 20 to 21 2024 the Cyprus Energy Agency was in Venice (Italy) for the kick-off meeting of the EU project DesirMED. As its expanded name indicates, the DesirMED project aims to demonstrate and mainstream nature-based solutions for climate resilient transformation in the Mediterranean. It is funded by the EU program Horizon Europe with a budget worth € 16.937.969,63, and is coordinated by CMCC [Centro Euro- Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici].

*To learn more about the DesirMED kick-off meeting, please click [here](#).*



## PEDIA project | The 8th Consortium Meeting

The 8th consortium meeting of the PEDIA project took place in Nicosia (Cyprus), from March 14 to 15, at the premises of the Cyprus Energy Agency (CEA), with the participation of its European officer, Mr. Martin Eibl, the CEA team, representatives of the Unit of Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development and the Technical Services of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and representatives of the Ministry of Finance.

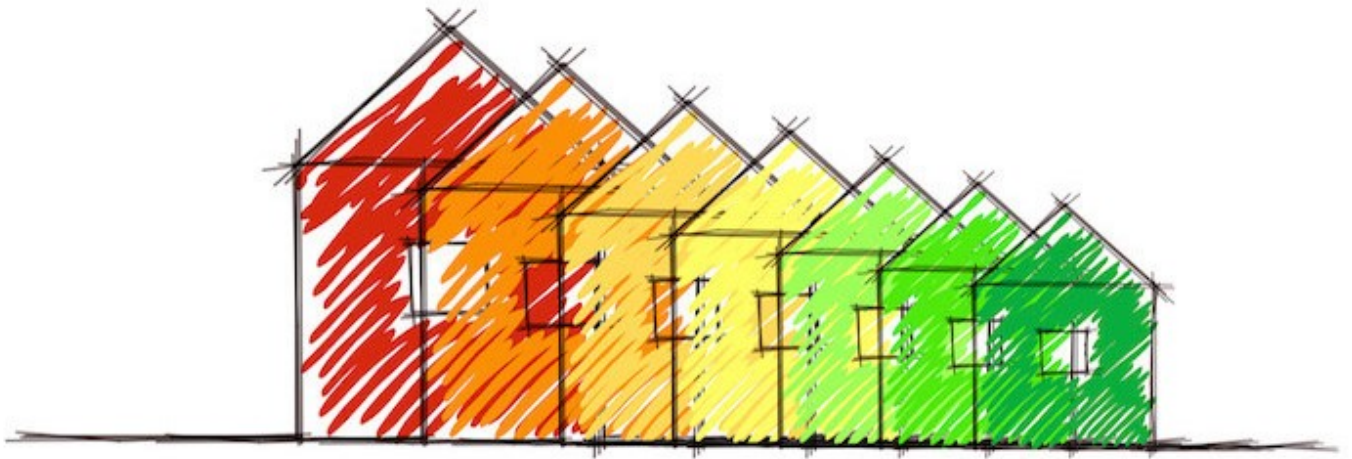
The aim of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the project over the last four months, as well as the next steps for the energy upgrade of the participating schools. Emphasis was given to the successful completion of the first five Nearly Zero Energy School Buildings, and the importance of the programme THALIA (2021-2027)-Cohesion Policy Funds for financing the implementation of the energy upgrades in the 25 participating schools

During the meeting, Mr. Eibl had the opportunity to discuss with the Public Authorities of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and the Ministry of Finance. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the first five schools that participated in the project and discuss with their principals their experience during the construction works and their satisfaction over the results of the energy upgrades (i.e.; thermal comfort etc.)

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES





**Training Course: Energy Efficiency of Buildings - iSBEMcy Software Methodology and Learning**



**Examination for Candidate Specialized Experts who will be Issuing Energy Performance**

**Certificates for Residential Buildings**



**Examination for Candidate Specialized Experts who will be Issuing Energy Performance**

**Certificates for Non-Residential Buildings**





FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Ηλεκτροκίνηση με τα 1000

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### Εγκατάσταση σταθμών επαναφόρτισης

- **Χρηματοδότηση:** μέχρι 45% της ολικής δαπάνης
- **Διαθέσιμο ποσό: €2.500.000** από το Εθνικό Σχέδιο Ανάκαμψης και Ανθεκτικότητας
- **Άξονας πολιτικής:** Πράσινη οικονομία – βιώσιμες μεταφορές
- **Δικαιούχοι:** φυσικά και νομικά πρόσωπα, αρχές τοπικής αυτοδιοίκησης, ΜΚΟ, που ασκούν οικονομική δραστηριότητα και είναι ιδιοκτήτες ή ενοικιαστές χώρου στάθμευσης για δημόσια χρήση
- **Παραλαβή αιτήσεων:** έως 31 Μαΐου 2024



ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΜΕΤΑΦΟΡΩΝ, ΕΠΙΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΡΓΩΝ

### EV1000 Charging Stations Sponsorship Scheme | Phase 2

On March 14, the Council of Ministers approved Phase 2 of the EV1000 Charging Stations Grant Scheme. The Scheme is part of Cyprus' Recovery and Resilience Plan, under the policy fast transition to a green economy - sustainable transport-, and responsible for its implementation is the Department of Electromechanical Services of the Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Works, with the support of the Cyprus Energy Agency.

The current budget of the Scheme amounts to €2,5 million and the subsidy is up to 45% of the installation cost. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2024.

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



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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](#).***



## Σχέδιο χορηγιών για ενθάρρυνση της μείωσης εκπομπής αερίων του θερμοκηπίου στις επιχειρήσεις

**Διαθέσιμο ποσό: €5.000.000** από το Εθνικό Σχέδιο Ανάκαμψης και Ανθεκτικότητας

**Δικαιούχοι:** Πολύ μικρές, μικρές, μεσαίες και μεγάλες επιχειρήσεις

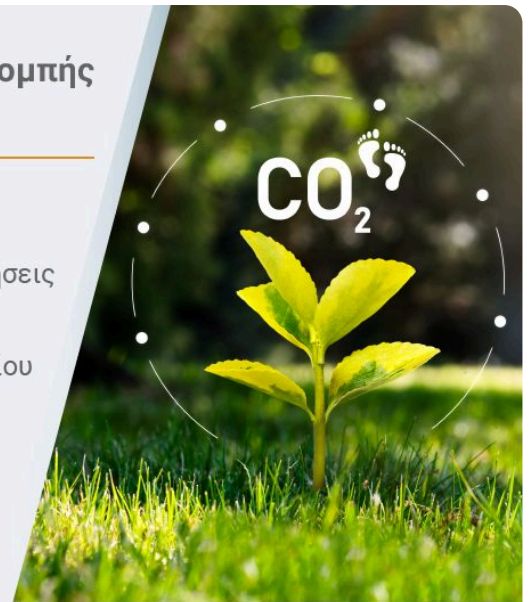
Το Σχέδιο καλύπτει:

- **Μέτρηση και πιστοποίηση** εκπομπών αερίων του θερμοκηπίου
- **Παρακολούθηση** εκπομπών
- **Σχέδια δράσης** για μείωση εκπομπών

*Βοηθάμε τις επιχειρήσεις να μετρήσουν το ανθρακικό τους αποτύπωμα και να σχεδιάσουν τη μείωσή του.*



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### Grant Scheme for Encouraging Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Businesses

On February 21, the Council of Ministers approved the Grant Scheme for encouraging reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in businesses. The Scheme is part of Cyprus' Recovery and Resilience Plan and is implemented in the framework of the measure C2.114.

The Scheme provides for a grant for the preparation of documents and studies, that will include the monitoring and inventory of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the participating businesses, the verification of these emissions, as well as the development of an action plan with specific investments/actions for certified reduction of greenhouse gas emissions until 2030.

The Scheme's budget amounts to €5 million. Deadline for applications is April 19, 2024.

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

**A**



#### INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM IN AN EXISTING RESIDENCE

**ELIGIBILITY:** Dwellings for which the application for the issuance of a building permit or town planning permit has been submitted **before 01.01.2017**

**B**



#### INSTALLATION OF ROOF THERMAL INSULATION IN AN EXISTING RESIDENCE

**ELIGIBILITY:** Dwellings for which the application for the issuance of a building permit or town planning permit has been submitted **before 21.12.2007**

**BONUS €750**

IN CASE OF GRANT APPROVAL FOR BOTH INVESTMENTS

## Grant Scheme for the Encouragement of the use of RES and Energy Savings in Dwellings 2024-

2025

On January 25, the Council of Ministers approved the Grant Scheme for the encouragement of the use of RES and Energy Savings in dwellings 2024-2025. The Scheme is co-financed by the RES and Energy Conservation Fund and Cyprus' Recovery and Resilience Plan, and provides for a grant for the installation of a photovoltaic system and/or roof thermal insulation in existing homes. Below are the Categories the Scheme covers:

- **Category A1: Photovoltaics - General Category**
- **Category A2: Photovoltaics - Vulnerable Households**
- **Category A3: Photovoltaics for all**
- **Category B1: Roof Thermal Insulation - General Category**
- **Category B2: Roof Thermal Insulation - Vulnerable Households**

Deadline for applications is December 20, 2025, or until the available budget is exhausted -whichever comes first. Category A3 will remain in force until the submission of 6,000 applications.

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

*For more Funding Opportunities addressed to households, enterprises, and Local Authorities, please visit our website: [www.cea.org.cy/en/chrimatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/](http://www.cea.org.cy/en/chrimatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/)*

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources



Wind power pushed coal off top spot as to become the primary source of electricity in Germany last year. According to the Federal Statistical Office, just under 1/3 of electricity produced in Germany (31%) in 2023 came from wind power, reaching a new high of 139.3 billion kilowatt hours.

2023 was also the 1st year in which more power was generated from renewable sources, such as wind, water, and the sun, than from conventional fuels like coal, gas, and nuclear. Renewables generated a new record of 251.8 billion kilowatt hours, equal to 56% of all electricity generated in Germany. In 2022, renewables accounted for 46.3% of German electricity.

*Read more [here](#).*



### **Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility**

Urban development in many cities around the world prioritizes making space for cars over pedestrians, cyclists, or public transportation. In Brazil, this design led to an average of more than 30K annual road crash fatalities nationwide by the turn of the century, as well as high levels of congestion and pollution. But things are changing. In the last 20 years, fatalities have started to decrease, and city centres have become more vibrant, cleaner, and resilient. At the core of these changes, is the implementation of the Complete Streets concept through the country's Federal Mobility Law 2012.

By providing infrastructure, such as bike lanes, broader sidewalks, benches and green spaces, Complete Streets encourages active modes of transportation and reduces dependency on private vehicles; which in turn, mitigates traffic, improves road safety, and allows for an accessible and enjoyable environment for citizens of all ages and abilities.

*Read more [here](#).*








## Energy Efficiency

The drive towards sustainability has become an inescapable responsibility in the modern architectural landscape. A tool that has emerged as instrumental in spearheading this sustainability revolution is the Building Information Modelling (BIM).

BIM is a digital representation of the physical and functional characteristics of a building. It serves as a shared knowledge resource for information about a building, forming a reliable basis for decisions during its life cycle -from inception onward. Its application in architecture enabled architects to design energy-efficient buildings, reduce material waste, manage a building's entire lifecycle sustainably, and foster collaboration among stakeholders.

*Read more [here](#).*

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