



Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of July 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 hiring!

We are hiring an Environment Officer for our Climate Change & Environment Department. Interested applicants to send their CV and letter of interest to recruitment@cea.org.cy by September 2, 2024, 23:59 EET, the latest.

To learn more about the vacancy, please click here.

#### **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





#### **EV1000 Charging Stations Sponsorship Scheme | Further Extension of Phase 2**

On July 19, 2024, the Department of Electromechanical Services of the Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Works <u>announced</u> that the deadline for applications for the second phase of the Grant Scheme EV1000, is further extended to <u>September 30, 2024, 23:59 p.m.</u>

The Scheme is part of Cyprus' Recovery & Resilience Plan, under the policy fast transition to a green economy -sustainable transport. 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.

To learn more and submit your application, please click <u>here</u>.



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

# **Change | Extension of Deadline for Applications**

The Cyprus Energy Agency, the implementing body of the <u>Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change</u>, informs the Community Councils that the submission of applications has been <u>extended until 15/11/2024</u>, 23:45, or until the available budget is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Within this period, pergolas will not be included in the eligible costs of Category B3. Also, applications that will be submitted, are obliged to complete their investments and submit the "Final Application for Grant Payment" no later than March 31, 2026. Given this, the Councils are encouraged to submit applications for projects they can complete within the specified timeframe. They are also encouraged to submit their applications in time, as priority will be given. Applications are submitted electronically, via the Scheme's <u>website</u>.

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.



**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

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**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

<u>Deadline for applications is December 20, 2025, or until the available budget is exhausted</u> -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: <a href="www.cea.org.cy/en/chrimatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/">www.cea.org.cy/en/chrimatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/</a>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



## **Renewable Energy Sources**

The industrial sector plays a crucial role in achieving the goals set by the Paris Agreement. However the sector is facing increasing challenges in transitioning to clean power, given issues such us the variable supply and curtailment of RES.

Pairing distributed renewable energy with storage has emerged as a viable solution, which can balance power supply and demand, while enhancing power utilization efficiency. This is currently at a crossroads, facing both challenges and promising opportunities. On one hand, the market potential is vast, with an increasing number of industrial users recognizing the importance of energy storage and showing a great willingness to install such systems. On the other, industrial companies are confronted with high costs for the procurement / deployment of energy storage systems, such as land acquisition, grid connection and financing.

The outlook for industrial energy storage is promising and rapidly evolving. However, reaching its full potential requires a unified effort from all stakeholders.

#### Read more here.



**Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility** 

As the world grapples with a climate emergency, urban congestion, and declining public health, cities such as Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Portland, Barcelona, Paris, have emerged as beacons of sustainable urban living, by championing active travel. These cities have transformed their streetscapes, by fostering a culture of walking, cycling, and public transport.

What makes it hard for other cities to shift towards active travel, is not necessarily the infrastructure but the car dependency. There is also a cultural resistance to reducing car use. Many people perceive cycling as unsafe or inconvenient, partly due to inadequate infrastructure, and a notion that roads were built for cars. Overcoming this mindset, requires substantial public education, and investment in safe and connected cycle lane networks.

Read more here.



#### **Energy Efficiency**

The European Commission updated and replaced the regulations in force since 2011 for industrial fans, aiming to reduce energy consumption and facilitate their repair. The new measures cover a wide variety of fan types and sizes used in all kinds of domains -from industrial processes, to heating, cooling and ventilation equipment in tertiary or larger residential buildings.

The overall goal is to reduce energy costs for EU businesses, and give manufacturers of efficient, durable, and reparable products a competitive advantage. With the new rules the overall electricity consumption of industrial fans in EU is expected to be roughly 31 TWh a year lower by 2030.

Read more here.

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