

Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of August 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



HUB-IN project's Consortium Meeting in Brasov (Romania)

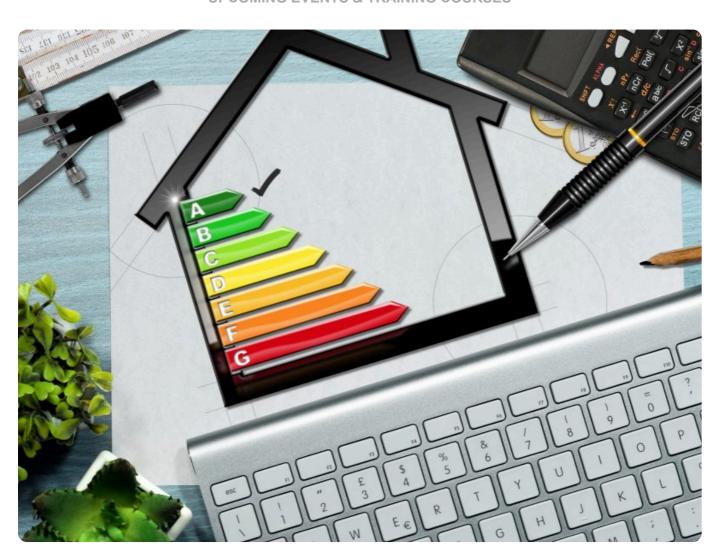
On September 4-5, the Cyprus Energy Agency was in Brasov (Romania) for the Consortium Meeting of the HUB-IN [Hubs of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for the Transformation of Historic Urban Areas] project. The Romanian partners opened the meeting, together with the coordinator of the project coming from Portugal.

During the meeting, the partners exchanged challenges and lessons learned from the implementation of their Action Plans. This discussion will contribute to the preparation of a Guide for more EU cities to regenerate their Historic Urban Areas. Another part of the discussion was the relevance of each City's Action Plan with EU Policies, such as the Policy for the Preservation and the Promotion of the Local Cultural Heritage.

The meeting closed with the General Assembly of the project, and a tour in Brasov, during which, the partners had the opportunity to learn and see in person the actions the city realised within the framework of HUB-IN.

To learn more about the project, please click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



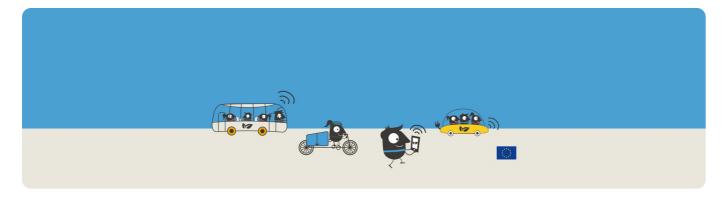
Seminar: Energy Efficiency of Buildings - iSBEMcy Software Methodology and Learning



Nicosia HUB-IN Accelerator [Extension of deadline until September 12]



Access for All Festival 2024 [Our Agency will be participating on 15/09]



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ηλεκτροκίνηση με τα 1000

Β' ΦΑΣΗ

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

Deadline for applications for the 2nd phase of the Grant Scheme "EV1000" is September 30, 2024, 23:59 p.m.

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 here.



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

Applications for the <u>Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change</u> will be accepted until <u>15/11/2024</u>, <u>23:45</u>, or until the available budget is exhausted, whichever comes <u>first</u>.

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. Category A3: Photovoltaics for all has been terminated due to exhaustion of the number of applications foreseen by the Grant Scheme. This Category is expected to be re-announced within the current month.

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/

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

Wind and solar energy made up a record share of EU's electricity generation in the 1st half of 2024, overtaking fossil fuels for the first time, a report by the energy think tank Ember has unveiled. The two renewable energy sources accounted for 30% of the bloc's electricity, while planet-warming fossil fuels accounted for 27%.

It is worth mentioning that all low-carbon sources combined, including hydroelectric and nuclear power, surged this year and combined made up 73% of all electricity generation in EU. Contrarily, all planet-warming sources dropped.

Read more here.



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

Dubai is planning to completely transform 64 km of its main thoroughfare. The "Green Spine" is the latest of the urban transformation projects in the city, and will replace Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road, also known as E311, turning it into an ecological corridor.

The project is part of Dubai's Master Plan for 2040 and the ambition is to increase the accessibility of the city's urban landscape, while improving air quality and helping cool the city. In addition to the planting of more than a million trees, the project includes the creation of a streetcar system, powered by a large solar panel park, that will also serve 130,000 homes in Dubai.

Read more here.



Energy Efficiency

219 energy-vulnerable households in Moldova, of which 74 are foster care homes, benefited from measures to improve their energy efficiency within the "Green Home" pilot initiative, carried out with the financial support of the EU and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), "Addressing the impacts of the energy crisis in the Republic of Moldova".

"Green Home" promotes energy saving practices and technologies that reduce costs of bills and greenhouse gas emissions. Energy audits were carried out in the households, and based on the recommendations, energy efficiency measures with the greatest impact were decided. As a result, 11 solar collectors, 22 biomass boilers, and 22 photovoltaic panels were installed, and the thermal insulation of 35 houses was carried out.

Read more here.

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