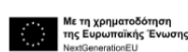


Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of September and learn about our latest actions, the upcoming events and training programmes we organise, funding opportunities, and news from Cyprus and all around the world in the fields of Energy and the Environment.

OUR NEWS



Σχέδιο Χορηγίων για την Ενίσχυση της Ανθεκτικότητας και την Προσαρμογή των Κοινοτήτων στην Κλιματική Αλλαγή



Κύπρος — το αύριο
ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΙΑΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΘΕΚΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑΣ

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

Change: The first Public Funding Agreements have been signed

The Public Funding Agreements of the first 3 succesful applications of the Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience & Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change, were signed at our premises in Nicosia, on September 17, 2024.

The Agreements were signed in the presence of Mr. Kitromilides, President of Cyprus Union of Communities, and Mr. Vlachos, our Director. Among the successful applications, are the Communities of Klirou and Akapnous, and the Municipal District of Lymbia (formerly the Community Council of Lymbia).

The Scheme is part of Cyprus Recovery & Resilience Plan (RRP) and is financed by the Recovery & Resilience Facility (RRF) of the European Union (Next Generation EU), with a budget of €2,9 million. Applications are submitted online through the website <https://communities-adapt cea.org.cy/> until November 15, 23:45, or until the available budget is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



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της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης



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"Establishment of Zero Energy Schools" Project: The Contracts for the Energy Upgrade of the next 5 participating schools have been signed

The Contracts for the Energy Upgrade of the next five schools that participate in the project "Establishment of Zero Energy Schools", have been signed at our premises in Nicosia, on September 9, 2024. These are:

- Sias Primary School, in Nicosia district
- Stavrou Primary School, in Nicosia district
- Acropolis Primary School, in Nicosia district
- Agioi Anargiroi Kindergarten, in Larnaca district
- Kathari Primary School - Dimitris Lipertis, in Larnaca district

The two Contracts were signed in the presence of the Head of our Management Board, Mr. Kitromilides, and of our Director, Mr. Vlachos. Their implementation began on Sept 23, and their total cost amounts to around €2.6 million.

The Cohesion Policy programme "THALEIA 2021-2027" cofinances the construction part. The technical support is financed by the EU programme PDA [Project Development Assistance] of the Horizon 2020, and the PEDIA project [Promoting

Energy efficiency & Developing Innovative Approaches in schools].

Click [here](#) to learn more.



European Sustainable Urban Mobility Week - Limassol 2024

From September 16 to September 22, the streets in Limassol were filled with mini events for the celebration of the European Sustainable Urban Mobility Week 2024. The events were organised by the Limassol Municipality in collaboration with our Agency -under the hat of the National Coordinator of the [European Climate Pact](#)-, and with the support of organisations, such as Friends of the Earth Cyprus, RESET, and Running - Fluent Initiative.

Hundreds of citizens of all ages participated in the actions that aimed at promoting sustainable urban mobility and raise awareness about environmentally-friendly means of transport, such as cycle tracks, accessible to all walks, and collective art projects. The highlight of the celebrations was on Saturday, September 21, with the closing of Anexartisias Avenue, which allowed for the creation of a pedestrians' and cyclists' friendly zone, and encouraged passers-by enjoy a car-free day.

P.S.: The Guidebook depicted on the photo was prepared in Greek by our team, and is available [here](#) at no cost!

Click [here](#) to learn more.

SRI2MARKET



SRI2MARKET Project: Free Training Course on Building Certificatation

Being a national representative of the Life+ European project [SRI2MARKET](#) [Paving the way for the adoption of the SRI (Smart Readiness Indicator) into national regulation and market], we inform you about the free training course on the SRI and its calculation for building certification.

The course is addressed to all qualified engineers registered to the Scientific & Technical Chamber of Cyprus or the Technical Chamber of Greece. The aim of the course is to deepen the participants' knowledge on the basic concepts of the common SRI assessment system in the EU and basic principles of its calculation methodology, through the assessment tool developed by the project.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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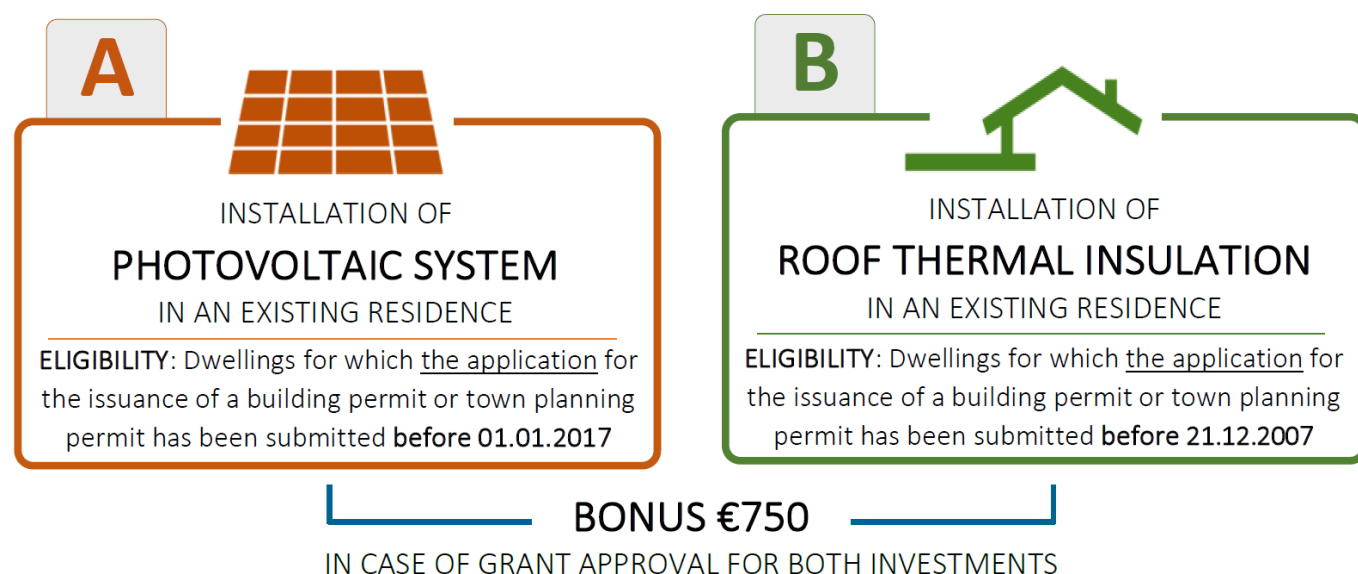
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Until November 15, 23:45, or until the available budget is exhausted, whichever comes first, the Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change will keep accepting applications.

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 website.

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](#).



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 has been terminated, due to exhaustion of the number of applications foreseen by the Grant Scheme. The Category A3 is expected to be re-announced.

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/chrinatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

In 2022, Renewable Energy Sources overtook both heat and oil and petroleum products in final consumption by the services sector in the EU for the first time. Renewables and biofuels represented 8% of the final energy consumption, ahead of heat at 7.6% and oil and petroleum products at 6.3%. Meanwhile, electricity and natural gas continued to make up more than three-quarters of the final energy consumption of the services sector.

The largest sub-sector in services in the EU that year was wholesale and retail trade, followed by professional, scientific, technical activities and other services; accommodation and food service activities; and human health and social work activities.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

To encourage a shift towards walking and cycling in Africa UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) has engaged over a thousand of stakeholders across the continent, to craft the Pan-African Action Plan for Active Mobility. This is a first-of-its-kind framework, bringing together all 54 African countries to increase prioritization and investment for Active Mobility on the continent, launching at the end of 2024, at the World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt.

This Pan-African Plan brings together governments, businesses, financial institutions and other stakeholders to agree on the critical actions needed over the next decade, in order to put people and the planet at the centre of transport decision-making and investment.

It is worth mentioning that out of the 54 countries, only 19 have a policy for walking and cycling by 2020. This underscores the need to raise awareness and increase investments in infrastructure and advocacy efforts.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

Circularity -the optimization of resources & the minimization of waste during production and consumption- can help by creating a closed-loop system in the building sector, especially in energy efficiency retrofits.

To fully decarbonize the sector, renovation rates must increase to roughly 3% to retrofit 20% of existing assets by 2030, which means that from 2023 to 2050, tens of billions of tonnes of materials like plastic, mineral wool, glass, aluminium, flat steel, and concrete, will be required for energy-efficiency retrofits,

The anticipated savings of energy-efficiency retrofitting can only be realized if the industry creates a circular value chain. With the move to a circular ecosystem, materials and parts manufacturers will be able to capture some of the value of the growing energy-efficiency retrofit market, by 1.Increasing their products transparency, 2.Creating value-add retrofit services for existing customers, 3.Integrating horizontally across the retrofit value chain, and 4.Setting up take-back mechanisms.

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