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Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of October 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



**Our Agency participated in the ManagEnergy Masterclass on Energy Communities**

In early October, members of our Agency had the opportunity to participate in the [ManagEnergy Masterclass](#) on Energy Communities. With the guidance of the trainers Christiane Egger and Francisco Puente, our colleagues were able to elevate their knowledge and expertise for the successful implementation of Energy Communities in Cyprus. We look forward to the next step in the energy transition of our island!

Click [here](#) to learn more about ManagEnergy and its Masterclasses.

# **SRI2MARKET**



## **SRI2MARKET Project: Free Training Course on Building Certificatation**

We remind you of the free training course of the Life+ project [SRI2MARKET](#) [Paving the way for the adoption of the SRI (Smart Readiness Indicator) into national regulation and market], on 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**



# HUB-IN

*International  
Conference*

**26-27  
November**

**LISBON  
GEOGRAPHICAL  
SOCIETY**



This project has received funding from  
the European Union's Horizon 2020  
research and innovation programme  
under grant agreement No 869429

## HUB-IN International Conference

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



**EUCF**  
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webinar

# **BREAKING VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL SILOS** in SECAPs development and implementation

20 November 2024, 10:30-12:00 CET

## **Webinar | Breaking Vertical and Horizontal Silos in SECAPs Development & Implementation**



**Exams for Potent Qualified Experts who issue EPCs for Residential Buildings**





## **Exams for Potent Qualified Experts who issue EPCs for Non-Residential Buildings**

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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

### Change

Last chance to submit your applications for the [Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience & Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change](#). The Scheme will be accepting **applications until 15/11/2024 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 [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](#).*



**New Call**  
**15 October**

**Receive €60,000 to seek clean energy  
& energy efficiency investments**

 **EUCF**  
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### European City Facility | Technical Assistance Fund Scheme for Local Authorities

On October 15, the groundbreaking support mechanism for sustainable project across Europe, EUCF, launched its 7th and ultimate Call towards Local Authorities (LAs), for them to secure funds for Technical Assistance.

The Call that is funded by the European Programme LIFE, allows for a grant of up to €60,000, so that a LA or a group of them receive(s) technical assistance to develop/implement sustainable investment concepts. The assistance

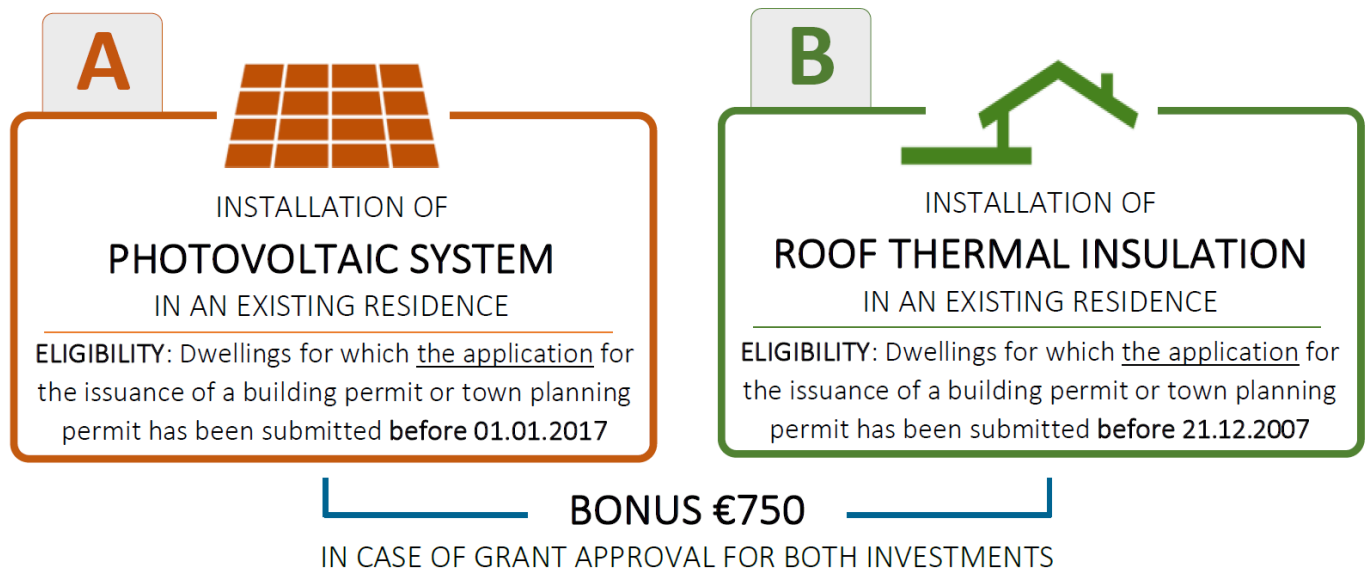


may refer to feasibility studies, market analysis, stakeholder analysis, legal, economic, and financial analysis, risk analysis, or coordination and organization activities.

71 LAs, groups of them, or Local Public Entities that gather LAs across Europe, including Ukraine, and Iceland, will be benefited by the Call. Interested applicants may submit their application **by December 18**, the latest.

Our Agency, being the National Coordinator and Expert of the EUCF in Cyprus, organises and invites the LAs of the island to an Info Session in Greek, on Nov 6, 2024, from 11:00 to 12:00. For the agenda of the event and to register, please click [here](#).

*To learn more about the Call 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/](http://www.cea.org.cy/en/chrinatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/)*

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



### Renewable Energy Sources

2023 saw the highest ever increase in renewable energy jobs, from 13.7 million in 2022 to 16.2 million in 2023, according to the newly released "Renewables & Jobs - 2024 Review", by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The 18% year-on-year leap reflects the strong growth of renewables generating capacities, together with a continued expansion of equipment manufacturing. However, a closer look at the data, shows an uneven global picture. China leads with an estimated 7.4 million renewable energy jobs. The EU followed suit with 1.8 million, Brazil with 1.56 million, and the United States and India, each with close to 1 million jobs.

The strongest impetus came from the rapidly growing solar photovoltaics sector, that supported 7.2 million jobs globally. Liquid biofuels had the second-largest number of jobs, followed by hydropower and wind.

**Read more [here](#).**





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

According to the study of the EIT Urban Mobility, "Cost and Benefit of the Urban Mobility Transition", EU cities will need €1.5 trillion of investment in sustainable mobility measures to meet the EU Green Deal's emissions objectives by 2050.

The study offers a simulation of 3 transition scenarios across 12 EU city prototypes, reflecting the diversity of urban environments within the territory. It reveals that while technology advancements alone could reduce CO2 emissions by 21% by 2030, achieving the EU Green Deal targets requires much more ambitious measures. The only emission reduction pathway for urban mobility that meets the Green Deal target, involves a 44% reduction in emissions, but it comes with significant challenges in terms of public acceptance and behaviour change.

***Read more [here](#).***



### Energy Efficiency

The solar-power presents a key solution to many of the environmental challenges faced by the fashion industry, particularly those related to energy consumption and carbon emissions. As the demand for sustainable fashion increases, so does the need for renewable energy sources.

Retail production involves several energy-intensive processes, such as spinning, dyeing, weaving and garment assembly. Most of these processes depend on electricity generated from fossil fuels, impacting the industry's carbon footprint. Once manufactured, the fashion products are transported across the globe, consuming vast amounts of energy, and emitting vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>.

By switching to solar energy, the industry manufacturers can tap into a clean abundant and renewable source of power, that reduces, or even eliminates reliance on polluting fuels.

*Read more [here](#).*