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OUR NEWS



The 15th General Assembly of the Cyprus Energy Agency

On Friday, November 22 2024, we held at our premises our 15th General Assembly. The event was attended by the members of our Board of Directors, our Advisory members, and distinguished guests.

The Board's President, Mr. Andreas Kitromilides, the Board's Vice President, Mr. Panagiotis Damianou, and the Director of our Agency, Mr. Savvas Vlachos, coordinated the event jointly. Mr. Kitromilides welcomed the event with a speech; and Mr. Vlachos presented the Agency's Annual Activities Report & Annual Accounts for the year 2022-2023, and its Business Plan & Long-term Goals for the period 2023-2024. Mr. Damianou took over for the coordination of the open-discussion that followed. The Assembly ended with lunch between the participants.

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HUB-IN International Conference in Portugal

On November 26-27 2024, members of our team, together with our partners from Nicosia Municipality, attended the International Conference of the HUB-IN [Hubs of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for the Transformation of Historic Urban Areas] project, held in Lisbon (Portugal). The Conference *Innovation Meets Cultural Heritage in Cities* forms the final event of the HUB-IN project, in which our Agency and Nicosia Municipality participate as EU partners, representing the city of Nicosia.

In a world where the cities are at the forefront of addressing climate change and promoting sustainability, this event focused on the intersection of innovation, cultural heritage, and urban development in EU's historic urban areas. Anchored in the New European Bauhaus' initiative principles, the Conference brought together leaders, scholars, urban planners, and professionals to explore how Innovation Hubs can drive economic revitalisation, tackle climate challenges, preserve cultural heritage, and enhance social inclusion.

To learn more about the HUB-IN project, please click [here](#).

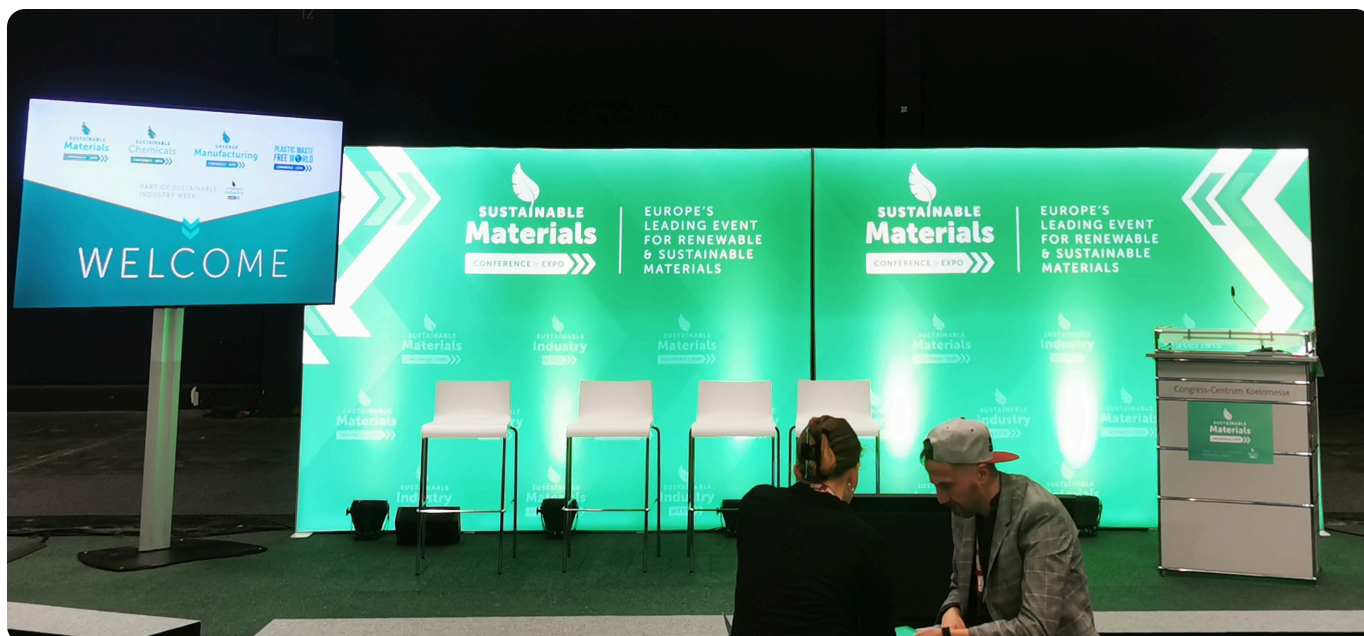


The Train the Trainers Workshop of the EnergyEfficiency4SME project

From November 13 to 14, the EnergyEfficiency4SME's consortium gathered in the beautiful Cote d'Azur, Nice, France, for its *Train the Trainers* workshop. The scope was to equip all partners with the knowledge and skills needed to train Business Support Organizations (BSOs) and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) on energy efficiency management systems.

This mid-project meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss best practices, address challenges, and plan for the upcoming months, leading to the project's conclusion in October 2025. An experienced trainer led the sessions, and participants also visited a hotel to observe the implementation of energy efficiency measures firsthand. The meeting was very fruitful, as partners were able to provide feedback for optimizing project management and coordination.

To learn more about the EnergyEfficiency4SME, please click [here](#).



The Cyprus Energy Agency at the Sustainable Materials Conference & EXPO

As part of the continuous training and development of our staff, last November, we attended the Sustainable Materials Conference & EXPO in Cologne, Germany. The Conference took place on November 13th & 14th, as part of the Sustainable Industry Week. The main topics of the Conference were the biobased materials, as well as the design and use of biodegradable and compostable materials, which can promote the circular economy model.

To learn more about the Sustainable Materials Conference & EXPO, please click [here](#).



The Consortium Meeting of the ADAPTO project in Ireland

On October 26, the ADAPTO project partners -CEA being the project coordinator included- gathered in Thurles, Ireland, for an in-depth exchange on climate adaptation strategies. Representatives from the participating regions shared their experiences and discussed their own approaches to tackling pressing climate challenges.

The meeting kicked off with interactive sessions where partners presented their regional climate adaptation policies and explored various horizontal topics, and it ended with a visit to Cabragh Wetlands where partners learned about local efforts to protect peatlands and wetlands. Such exchanges provided valuable insights into best practices, and highlighted opportunities for cross-regional collaboration. Moreover, they allowed for transferring new knowledge to the other regions.

To learn more about the project's meeting, please click [here](#).

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



The Consortium Meeting of the TRANSIT project in Croatia

On October 15 2024, our Agency attended the consortium meeting of the TRANSIT project that was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, during the [IEEE ISGT Europe Conference](#). Among others, partners discussed the project's milestones, highlighted its recent accomplishments, reviewed its goals, and set future targets.

Two of the project's most recent accomplishments, are the completion of 9 internships members of the project consortium had in the participating countries, and the addition of 9 [interactive courses](#) on the project's website, designed to enhance the skills and understanding of industry-relevant topics.

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

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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 - Has been re-announced!**
- **Category B1: Roof Thermal Insulation - General Category**
- **Category B2: Roof Thermal Insulation - Vulnerable Households**

Deadline for applications is 20.12.2025, or until the available budget is exhausted -whichever comes first. 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/chrmatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

The total net GHG emissions in the EU droppedAs the global demand for renewable energy continues to soar, innovative technologies are reshaping how we harness natural resources for sustainable power production. One such groundbreaking innovation is *“floating solar technology”* - aka *“floating photovoltaics”*-, which has emerged as a promising alternative to traditional solar installations.

This innovative approach overcomes the space limitations of land-based solar farms and opens up vast untapped areas for renewable energy production. According to recent studies, floating solar installations have the potential to generate as much as 400 GW of energy (without nearshore areas) globally, significantly contributing to the clean energy transition, with nearshore areas this capacity will be tripled at least. by 8% last year, marking significant progress towards climate

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

Global spending on mobility services is expected to triple in the next decade, driven largely by significant expansion in electrical vehicle charging and digital services, especially advanced driver-assistance systems. Electric vehicles charging services are expected to grow globally by 32% a year, and walking, biking, shared mobility, and public transit in Europe by 17%, according to a new report entitled *What Urban Mobility Will Look Like in 2035?*

Ensuring that this mobility growth is equitable, efficient and sustainable requires a more reliable regulatory framework, partnerships between governments and industry, as well as expansion of existing infrastructure.

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Energy Efficiency

The EENergy project is offering grants for energy efficiency measures of up to €10,000 to firms in countries participating in the EU's Single Market Programme. In total, €2.29 million will be allocated amongst the funded beneficiaries. The 1st call was launched in last February. The 2nd one will last until February 2, 2025.

Within the two calls, the project aims to support at least 1,800 SMEs including through EEN [Enterprise Europe Network] sustainability support services. 900 will receive direct financial support as funded beneficiaries, while the remaining (regular beneficiaries) will receive advisory services.

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