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OUR NEWS



The kick-off meeting of the OCTOPUS project in Lyon

The Cyprus Energy Agency took part in the kick-off meeting of the Life project OCTOPUS in Lyon (France) on January 15-16. OCTOPUS is about empowering the Local and Regional Authorities and the Energy Agencies of the participating countries, to accelerate clean energy transition. Through the creation of EONs (Enabling Organisational Networks), the project aims to connect local and regional levels of governance, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that innovative, scalable solutions are tailored to regional needs.

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



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



ΕΝΩΣΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΩΝ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ



Κύπρος — το αύριο
ΣΧΕΔΙΟ ΑΝΑΚΑΜΨΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΘΕΚΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑΣ

Four more Community Councils in the fight towards Climate Adaptation

Four more Community Councils have secured funds from the *Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change*. These are the Community Councils of **Kokkinotrimithia, Kannavia, Pyrga, and Psevdas**.

Each of these Communities submitted an application under Investment Category B of the Scheme, *Investments for Strengthening Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change*, while the application of Pyrga was more under within Category C', *Investments for Sustainable Mobility Infrastructure*.

The Grant Scheme is part of Cyprus' Recovery & Resilience Plan and it is funded by the Recovery & Resilience Mechanism of the EU (Next Generation EU), with a budget of €2.900.000. Responsible for the implementation of the Scheme is the Cyprus Energy Agency, with the support of the Union of Cyprus Communities.

To learn more about the Scheme and the projects of each of these Communities, 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 Encouraging the use of RES and Energy Savings in Dwellings 2024-2025

The Grant Scheme for encouraging the use of RES and Energy Savings in dwellings 2024-2025 is still open for applications. The Scheme is co-financed by the RES and Energy Conservation Fund and the Cyprus' Recovery and Resilience Plan, and provides for a grant for the installation of a PV system and/or roof thermal insulation in existing dwellings. 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 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

When renewable energy is discussed, technologies such as wind, solar, and hydropower often dominate those discussions. However, for some critical sectors, such as the agricultural, different solutions will be required. One of those solutions will be biofuels -liquid fuels produced from biological sources, such as crops.

Recent changes to Renewable Energy Directive regulations, such as the inclusion of intermediate crops, signal a growing recognition that agriculture can play a critical role in achieving EU's renewable energy goals. This, by integrating RES into existing agricultural cycles, the sector can contribute to emissions reduction and rural economic development.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

Lisbon has long been keen to better promote walking in urban mobility. However, gaps persisted when trying to analyse residents' and tourists' pedestrian experiences, so the city decided to use a data-based approach to better map walkability in the city.

To gather more data on pedestrian experiences, Lisbon is collaborating with the Walk21 Foundation; an NGO promoting walking as a mobility solution. The Foundation's app *Walkability.App* will allow pedestrians to share their experiences and thereby inform the city of potential required interventions. The promotion of the app will initially be driven by the city staff, asking pedestrians in the street to use the app.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

Recently, the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy has published the Guide of its upcoming energy efficiency programme, called “Energy Saving 2025”. The energy efficiency programme’s budget is set at €434 million, funded by the EU’s RePowerEU initiative and the Resilience and Recovery Facility (RRF).

The programme envisages covering 10,000 households with energy upgrades, aimed at reducing energy consumption by a minimum of 30%, and lifting the energy classes by at least 3 grades. Via the programme, the beneficiaries will be able to cover 50% to 100% of the costs of new insulation, switch to heating and cooling systems that run on RES, and install smart home applications and battery energy storage.

Read more [here](#).

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