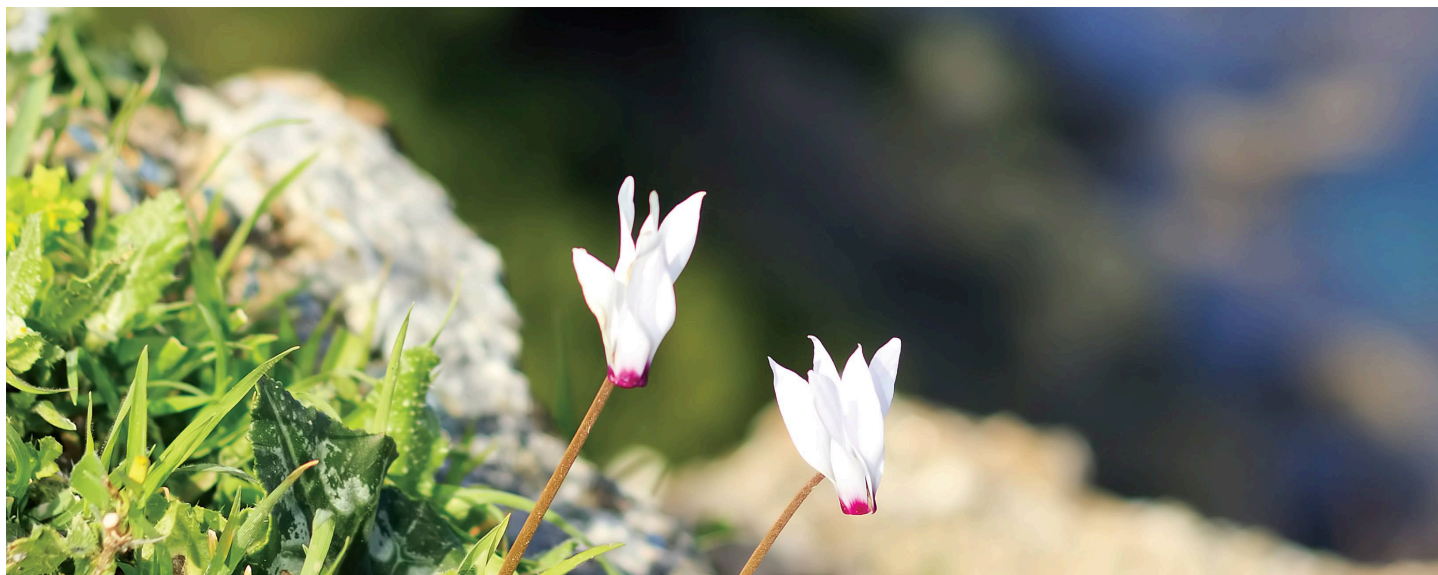




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## **Mentorship Programme for the Allieviation of Energy Poverty among Individuals with Physical Impairments**

The Cyprus Energy Agency, as a partner of the EU-funded project **ASSERT** [Large-scale multiactor training and mentorship programme to ASSist people with physical impairments in energy povERTy], informs about ASSERT's *Mentorship Programme*

for the Alliviation of Energy Poverty among Individuals with Physical impairments.

The Programme offers 18 months of specialized support, guidance and expertise to local governments, intermediaries and organisations. Deadline for applications is **March 16, 2025**.

Click [here](#) to learn more and submit your application.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES

The poster for the Nicosia Climate Walk features a central black rectangle with white text. To the left is a photograph of a colorful striped umbrella on a sidewalk. To the right is a photograph of a street scene with a sign that says 'ΣΙΤΑΑ ΑΑααα!!' and 'ΔΗΜΟΣΙΟΣ ΧΩΡΟΣ IN PROGRESS'. The poster includes the following text: 'NICOSIA WALK' in large white letters, 'CLIMATE WALK OPEN PARTICIPATION' in smaller white letters, 'Start/End: Home for Cooperation', and '09 MARCH 2025 | 10:30'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'home for cooperation', 'association for historical dialogue and research', 'Cyprus Energy Agency', and 'EUROPEAN CLIMATE PACT'.

### NICOSIA CLIMATE WALK



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How to create baseline and compare scenarios

March 27 2025  
10:00 AM CET  
2 hrs, online

**Step-WISE Toolkit: Technical Skills Enhancement**

April 30 2025  
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Grant Scheme for the Climate Adaptation of Community Councils - 2nd Procurement

Post the approval of the Directorate General Growth on February 24, 2025, the Cyprus Energy Agency has announced the 2nd call for applications within the framework of the "Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Community Councils to Climate Change".

The Scheme is part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, and is financed by the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism of the EU (Next Generation EU) with a total budget of 2.900.000 euros. The total budget for the second phase of the Scheme amounts to 500.000 euros. Deadline for applications is **June 6, 2025**, or until the exhaustion of the available budget, whichever comes first.

*To learn more and submit your application, please click [here](#).*

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### Grant Scheme for Energy Storage Systems in Combination with RES

Post the approval of the Council of Ministers in past November, the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry has announced the "Grant Scheme for Energy Storage Systems in Combination with RES". The Scheme aims to reduce the cost of electricity for citizens, while strengthening Cyprus' green energy transition.

Individuals and legal entities operating in the electricity generation from RES sector are eligible to the Scheme. Interested applicants may submit their application by **March 28, 2025**, the latest.

*To learn more and submit your application, please click [here](#).*

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### **Renewable Energy Sources**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has committed to supporting Iran's efforts toward a sustainable energy future. Iran has significant potential for renewable energy, with 60000 MW of solar capacity and 30000 MW of wind potential. National targets aim to install 30000 MW of renewable energy by 2030 and reduce power consumption by 10000 MW. However, challenges such as energy intensity remain.

To support long-term sustainability across the country, the UNDP has implemented several initiatives that have already reduced energy consumption and created over 1000 direct and indirect jobs, highlighting the economic benefits of clean energy.

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



## Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

At the core of climate-friendly urban design is the need for practical, data-driven indicators that guide effective local action. The Heidelberg Institute for Geoinformation Technology HeiGIT addresses this need by developing indicators to support sustainable mobility and other urban climate action initiatives.

Recognizing that there is no universal approach to fostering urban mobility and reducing climate impact, the HeiGIT tailors geospatial indicators to reflect the distinct walkability needs of each city. The tailored indicators enable urban planners, NGOs, and other stakeholders to address specific walkability challenges in their cities, factoring in unique cultural, environmental, and socio-economic conditions.

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





## Energy Efficiency

A new perspective paper by researchers at Clean Air Task Force highlights that Africa's energy transition is at a crossroads, with immense potential for sustainable growth, hampered by an overlooked crisis: Zombie Energy Systems (ZES).

These outdated, inefficient, and environmentally harmful energy infrastructures persist, despite being obsolete, draining resources, perpetuating energy poverty, and stalling development. Rooted in colonial legacies, economic challenges, and policy deficiencies, ZES form a formidable barrier to the continent's cleaner energy ambitions, calling for a re-evaluation of the energy policies and investment strategies.

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