

Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of April 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



### **The first Energy Community of Cyprus is underway**

Cyprus' government plans to regenerate the Tillyria area (Nicosia) by developing the first Energy Community on the island. Our Agency and the Ministry of Energy, Commerce & Industry are coordinating this action.

The first milestone in this effort was reached on April 14, when, following an on-site visit held by our Agency to inform local households and businesses on the matter, collect opinions, and record needs and specificities, we presented the first-ever Energy Community model in Cyprus.

The presentation took place at the Community Council of Kato Pyrgos, in the presence of the Chairmen of the Community Councils of the Complex, the President of Cyprus' Union of Communities, representatives of the Energy Service and the Cyprus' Energy Regulatory Authority, households and businesses in the area.

The event closed with an open discussion aimed at resolving questions and receiving suggestions. The great interest the participants showed demonstrates the willingness and need for an Energy Community on the island and, most importantly, the understanding of the benefits of such a large and demanding initiative.

***Stay tuned to learn more.***



### **The first Tiny Forest of Cyprus is a reality in Lakatameia Municipality**

The first “Tiny Forest” of Cyprus came to life in Lakatameia Municipality, transforming 400m<sup>2</sup> of public space into a green lung, with approximately 1350 species of Mediterranean plants. The initiative to create the “Tiny Forest” was implemented jointly by our Agency, Lakatameia Municipality, and FEDARENE, within the framework of the European Climate Pact, while students of the Agios Georgios Lyceum in Lakatamia actively participated in the action as well.

Based on the method of the Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, the “Tiny Forest” follows a pioneering approach to planting endemic species at high density and diversity, which mimics the natural growth of forests. The aim of its creation was to boost local biodiversity, as well as to provide substantial environmental and social benefits to the community.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



### **The National Event of the European Climate Pact in Cyprus**

On Sunday, April 13, we held the national event of the European Climate Pact in Cyprus on the green roof of our premises. Entitled "*Upcycling on the roof*", the event invited the Pact Ambassadors and the wider community to a collective action for the climate and our planet.

Together with the participants, we transformed factory pallets into fancy outdoor furniture for our green roof, planted, and collected second-hand clothes and used home decor and utensils for a bazaar happening at a nearby location. We thank everyone who contributed to this event, supporting and celebrating with us the Pact goals!

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES**



# PAPHOS SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

Celebrate local culture, hands on  
fun, and a greener Paphos!



**SATURDAY  
MAY 3RD  
12 PM - 4PM**



**HANDMADE  
LOCAL MARKETS**




**LIVE MUSIC**




**KIDS' ZONE AND  
WORKSHOPS**

**Location at  
the Green  
Oval, AUB  
Mediterraneo**

**JOIN US ON THE GRASS BRING PICNIC BLANKETS, SNACKS,  
THE FAMILY AND JOIN THE FUN!**

 **FREE ENTRY and FAMILY FRIENDLY**

 **Games, Hands On Workshops, and  
Short Talks**

Jam Making · Zero Waste · Plant Based Cooking  
Pottery · and more!

 **Marketplace**

Thrift Shop · Local Vendors · Artisanal Stalls  
Sustainable Food · Eco Products · Charities



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# Σχέδιο Χορηγιών για την Ενίσχυση της Ανθεκτικότητας και την Προσαρμογή των Κοινοτήτων στην Κλιματική Αλλαγή - 2η Προκήρυξη



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## Grant Scheme for the Climate Adaptation of Community Councils - 2nd Procurement

The Cyprus Energy Agency invites the Community Councils, the Community Council Partnerships as well as the Community Service Clusters of Cyprus to submit their application within the framework of the 2nd phase 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](#).*

*For more Funding Opportunities addressed to households, enterprises, and Local Authorities, please visit our website: [www.cea.org.cy/en/chrmatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/](http://www.cea.org.cy/en/chrmatodotika-mesa-ke-chorigies/)*

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



## Renewable Energy Sources

Figures show that in 2024 the world used clean power sources to meet more than 40% of its electricity demand -the first time since the 1940s. A report by the energy thinktank Ember said the milestone was powered by a boom in solar power capacity, which has doubled in the last three years.

The report accounted for 93% of the global electricity market across 88 countries, and according to it, solar is the fastest-growing energy source for the last 20 years but remains dwarfed by hydro power.

*Read more [here](#).*



## Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

*#RomaGiocaSostenibile* (English: *#RomePlaysSustainably*) is a public awareness campaign designed to tackle traffic congestion and air pollution around major sporting events in the Italian capital.

Launched in 2015, the initiative was back in full force for Italy's recent home rugby matches, encouraging fans to leave their cars behind and choose greener ways to reach the stadium. At the heart of the campaign is the Upper project, an EU-funded initiative aimed at boosting sustainable urban mobility. With strong local and EU-level backing, the message is clear: *Green mobility isn't just better for the environment, but also for the cities and their citizens.*

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



## Energy Efficiency

The European Investment Bank and the Bank of the Chilean State signed a \$110 million loan to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy investments for small and medium businesses and industries among others, including the value chain companies for critical raw materials in the country.

This operation is in line with the EU Global Gateway Investment Agenda in Chile and fosters partnerships to develop sustainable local value chains in the critical raw materials segment. It also supports the country's transition to a decarbonised, environmentally friendly, and inclusive economy.

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

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