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OUR NEWS



Grant Scheme for Strengthening the Resilience and Adaptation of Communities to Climate Change |

Another four Public Funding Agreements have been signed

Another four Communities have signed a Public Funding Agreement under the <u>Grant Scheme for Strengthening</u> the <u>Resilience and Adaptation of Communities to Climate Change</u>. These are Katidata, Nikitari, Xilotimbou, and

Palechori (Morfou).

To sign the Agreements, the Community Coucilors and their consultants visited our premises. After signing the Agreements, the Communities may commence implementing their projects.

The Grant Scheme is part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and is funded by the EU Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (Next Generation EU), with a total budget of €2.900.000. The implementing body is the Cyprus Energy Agency, and the supporting body is the Cyprus Union of Communities.

To learn more, please click here.



The Consortium Meeting of the Real Urban Green Project in Ptuj (Slovenia)

From November 10 to 13, 2025, the consortia of the European project <u>Real Urban Green</u> -including the Cyprus Energy Agency- met in Ptuj, Slovenia, for the 2nd partners' meeting.

The meeting took place at the Dominican Monastery and focused on advancing the project's holistic model for co-designing and co-managing urban green spaces across the Mediterranean. During the meeting, participants explored approaches to climate change adaptation, citizen participation, green infrastructure planning, and participatory governance. All of these, under the aim of building greener, healthier, and more resilient cities.

To learn more, please click here.



The Step-WISE project launches its Virtual Knowledge Office

<u>Step-WISE</u>, a tailored and dynamic Capacity Building Programme, co-financed by the European Union, with the aim of empowering the European Local and Regional Authorities to become autonomous early adopters of digitized and integrated Clean Energy Transition Plans, has launched its Virtual Knowledge Office, also known as VKO.

Active in four pilot areas (Bulgaria, Spain, Cyprus, Mediterranean islands), the project leverages a software toolkit aimed at the analysis of the local territory, to evaluate different energy scenarios, prioritize interventions in time, and monitor progress towards targets.

In the VKO provide you with technical tools, educational material, as well as a matchmaking platform, that all together make the process of Clean Energy Transition Planning easier, quicker, and more accurate!

To learn more, please click here.

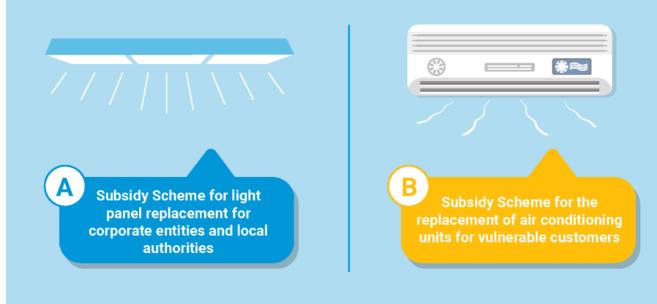
UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Funding scheme **EAC+**

for replacing old luminaires with LED & air conditioners with high energy efficiency



Call for Applications within the framework of the "EAC+" Grant Scheme

The Cyprus Energy Agency announces the opening of the EAC Procurement Grant Scheme, "EAC+", for the replacement of existing lighting and/or air-conditioning units with new, high-energy-efficient ones.

Applications will be accepted until 30 September 2028, or until the available funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. The Implementing Body of the Grant Scheme is the EAC Procurement and the Supporting Body is the Cyprus Energy Agency.

For funding opportunities addressed to households, enterprises, and Local Authorities, visit our website: www.cea.org.cy/en/funding-opportunities/

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Renewable Energy Sources

Researchers at the University of Cambridge (UK) have developed a system of artificial photosynthesis, to achieve infinite clean energy. The system relies on input already available in nature and is clean for the planet.

To generate energy, the system mimics plants by using sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. The goal is for it to require minimal oversight, be adaptable enough to keep up with the changing technology and energy needs, and to integrate easily into the existing power grid and global energy infrastructure.

As our planet has reached a crisis point when it comes to climate change driven by fossil fuels and non-renewable energy resources, this innovation offers a glimpse into a better tomorrow. One where people take inspiration from nature and work in harmony with it, not against it, to protect the future of our planet.

Read more here.



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

In the heart of Croatia, Zagreb is showing how the path to climate neutrality can begin in the most unexpected places. By embedding climate goals into every layer of governance, transforming their financial approach, and transforming neglected courtyards into vibrant green hubs, the Croatian capital is turning everyday spaces into engines of systemic change.

Zagreb's Climate City Contract, developed through the NetZeroCities programme, led by Climate KIC, sets out a vision that links mitigation and adaptation, embedding climate goals directly into how the city is planned, financed, and managed. That means addressing the root causes of emissions through the city's core systems, from the way urban areas are designed and built to how budgets and regulations support climate goals.

Read more here.



Energy Efficiency

Google has recently announced the launch of its new Energy Assessment tool, a new solution aimed at helping plant and sustainability managers at manufacturing companies to identify energy efficiency improvement opportunities.

According to Google, the new tool aims to address key challenges in unlocking cost savings and emissions reductions through energy efficiency, including the high cost of energy assessment consultants, difficulty in securing capital for efficiency projects, and a lack of in-house energy management expertise.

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