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## OUR NEWS





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## Stakeholders meeting within the framework of the Real Urban Green and OCTOPUS projects in Cyprus

On December 22, 2025, a stakeholders meeting within the framework of the EU projects Real Urban Green and OCTOPUS was held by the Cyprus Energy Agency (CEA). In this context, representatives from the Department of Environment and the Municipalities of Lakatamia, Nicosia, and Strovolos respectively, met at the 1st ever Tiny Forest of Cyprus -which was developed last April in Lakatamia-, and visited the areas where the next Tiny Forests will be developed within the lifetime of the Real Urban Green project.

During the meeting, a presentation on the methodology for designing and developing a Tiny Forest, as well as on the multiple benefits a Nature-based Solution (NbS) like this can offer, was delivered by CEA. The EON Cyprus Organizational Network of the OCTOPUS project was also presented. Through a structured mechanism of cooperation between Municipalities, Communities and other national stakeholders, EON Cyprus ensures the energy transition, the climate adaptation, and the sustainable development of Cyprus.

Through the Real Urban Green, CEA and Lakatamia Municipality will undertake the design and implementation of two more Tiny Forests in Cyprus. The aim is to plant, to maintain, as well as to upgrade these green spaces in collaboration with the local community (schools, volunteers), thus strengthening the sense of contribution and ownership.

***To learn more about Tiny Forests and their benefits, please click [here](#).***

***To learn more about the Real Urban Green project, please click [here](#).***

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



### The Step-WISE project launches its Virtual Knowledge Office

Step-WISE, 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



**Training Course: Energy Performance of Buildings – Methodology & Learning of the Energy Certification Software of Buildings**

**Certification Software of Buildings**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**



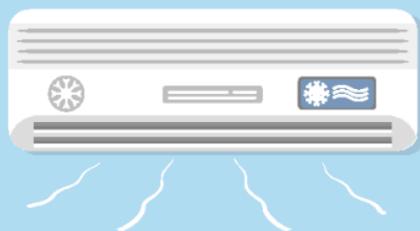
Electricity Authority of Cyprus  
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# Funding scheme **EAC+**

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



Subsidy Scheme for light  
panel replacement for  
corporate entities and local  
authorities



Subsidy Scheme for the  
replacement of air conditioning  
units for vulnerable customers

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

The "EAC+" Grant Scheme for the replacement of existing lighting and/or air-conditioning units with new, high-energy-efficient ones is still in force. Applications will be accepted up until 30.09.28, or until the available funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

The Implementing Body is the EAC Procurement and the Supporting Body is the Cyprus Energy Agency.

***To learn more, please click [here](#).***

***For funding opportunities addressed to households, enterprises, and Local Authorities, visit our website:  
[www.cea.org.cy/en/funding-opportunities/](http://www.cea.org.cy/en/funding-opportunities/)***

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



### Renewable Energy Sources

According to Portugal's Transmission System Operator, REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais, Portugal's power system reached a new milestone in 2025, with clean energy generation totaling 37 TWh --- the highest figure ever recorded. This output was sufficient to meet 68% of the national electricity demand, reinforcing Portugal's position as one of Europe's leading markets in renewable energy integration.

REN says this strong performance was largely driven by a 25% year-on-year increase in PV generation, as well as by its well-diversified energy mix that supports grid stability and security of supply.

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



## Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

Baku (Azerbaijan) stands at a critical juncture in redefining its urban mobility model. The launch of the State Program on the Improvement of Transport Infrastructure for 2025-2030 marks a strategic shift from fragmented infrastructure expansion toward a sustainable, integrated, and people-centered transport system.

Instead of prioritizing road expansion, the focus of the Program is on building a multimodal mobility system that reduces dependence on private vehicles. At its core lies a clear policy objective: to increase the share of public transport to 40% of all passenger movement, a goal, that if achieved, would significantly alter Baku's mobility model.

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



## Energy Efficiency

EU's energy-efficiency rules help consumers save money; help industry to innovate; and EU itself to reach its climate and energy targets. EU's rules on eco-design and eco-labelling, for instance, save energy and limit the environmental impact of products in the European market.

So next time you wonder why buying an energy efficient product, think about these:

- (1) They perform well
- (2) They save you money
- (3) They encourage innovation, and
- (4) They help reduce your carbon footprint

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