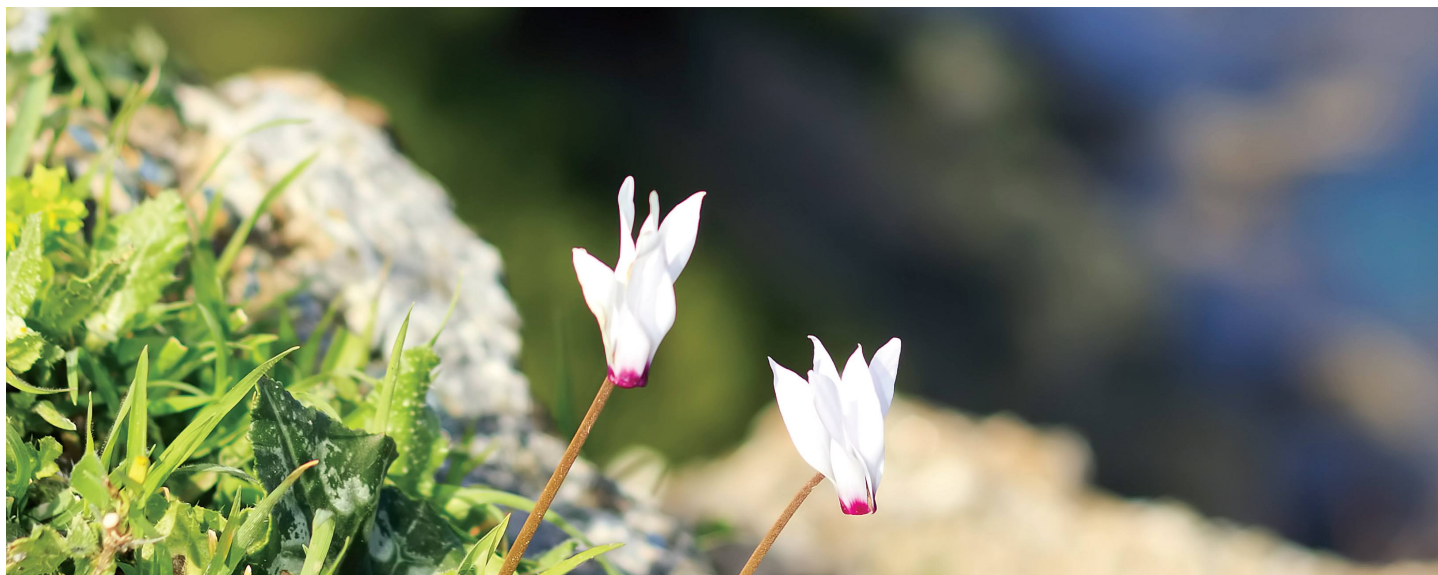




Dear subscriber, read our Newsletter of June and learn about our latest actions, the upcoming events and training programmes we organise, funding opportunities, and news from Cyprus and all around the world in the fields of Energy and the Environment.

OUR NEWS



The Cyprus Energy Agency's 17th Annual General Assembly

On 16 June, we held the 17th Annual General Assembly of our Agency at our premises. The event was jointly led by the President of the Agency's Management Board, Mr. Andreas Kitromilides, the Vice President, Mr.

Panayiotis Damianou, and the Agency's Director, Mr. Savvas Vlachos.

The Assembly commenced with a welcome note by the President, and followed by a presentation from Mr. Vlachos on the Agency's Activity Report and Financial Statements for 2025-2026, as well as its business plans and long-term strategic objectives. Particular emphasis was placed on the Agency's key milestones and achievements over the past year. These accomplishments were presented by the Head of the Climate Change & Environment Department, Mr. Charis Kordatos, and Mr. Stelios Kyprou, Coordinator of the Technical Systems & Renewable Energy Sources (RES) Team, representing the Agency's Energy Efficiency & RES Department.

An open discussion moderated by Mr Damianou followed, during which participants could share their views and opinions regarding the presentations. The Assembly concluded with a networking lunch among the participants.

For the event's photo archive, please click [here](#).



The 5th Consortium Meeting of the ADAPTO project

From 9 to 11 June, the ADAPTO project consortium -including our Agency- met in Lublin (Poland) for their 5th Partners' Meeting. Hosted by the Marshal Office of the Lubelskie Voivodeship, the meeting focused on one of the project's central goals -to better prepare EU regions for the impacts of climate change.

Over the 3 days, the project partners exchanged knowledge and experiences, discussed policy improvements, and visited examples of climate adaptation in practice. A strong focus was placed on the role of Nature-based Solutions -particularly, rain-gardens. Such a solution helps manage heavy rainfall, reduce pressure on drainage systems, and make urban areas greener and more resilient. Another focus area was community engagement.

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

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

To learn more about Climate Adaptation, click [here](#).



Meeting with Athienou Municipality on its participation in the OCTOPUS project

On 3rd June, our Agency visited Athienou Municipality to discuss its participation in the EU-funded OCTOPUS project. Further to the Mayor, Mr Kyriakos Kareklas, the meeting was attended by the Municipality's European Programmes' Officer, Ms Maria Touloupi.

Athienou Municipality is an ideal candidate for participation in the project, as it will be supported in developing and implementing a Local Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan, in line with the requirements of the EU Covenant of Mayors. The development and implementation of such a strategy has been a topic of interest for the Municipality in the past, making OCTOPUS a valuable opportunity to advance these efforts.

During the meeting, our Agency presented OCTOPUS' objectives, the requirements associated with Athienou's participation in it, and the benefits this can bring to the local community. We also introduced Cyprus' Enabling Organisational Networks (EONs), designed to connect local stakeholders with regional governance, to support Cyprus' energy transition, climate adaptation, and sustainable development.

OCTOPUS is co-funded by the EU LIFE Programme and aims to empower Local Authorities in the development of Local Energy & Climate Strategies. To learn more, please click [here](#). For the meeting's Press Release, please click [here](#). The Press Release is available in Greek only.



Business lunch with the Ambassador of Japan to Cyprus

On 28 May, our Agency had the honour and pleasure of being hosted for a business lunch at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan to Cyprus, Mr. Satoshi Iwasaki. The Second Secretary of the Embassy, Ms. Sayaka Inui, was also there.

During the lunch, we referred to environmental and energy-related topics from Cyprus and Japan, as well as to the Japanese Miyawaki method, which formed the basis for the development of Cyprus' first *Tiny Forest* in the Municipality of

Lakatamia.

It is worth mentioning that the *Tiny Forest* served as the starting point for the collaboration between our Agency and the Embassy of Japan. Two more *Tiny Forests* are to be developed in the Municipality of Lakatamia during 2026, using Miyawaki's method and with funds from the EU project Real Urban Green.

We are grateful for the invitation and we look forward to the exchange of more knowledge and experiences that contribute to strengthening climate resilience.



Urban Agenda | The Public Procurement Partnership's Meeting

On 18-19 May, the City of Haarlem (the Netherlands) hosted the in-person meeting of the Partnership on Innovative & Responsible Public Procurements of the Urban Agenda, and our Agency was there.

During the meeting, the new Proposal for a Regulation of the EU Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework of measures for the acceleration of industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors was presented, and the Socially Responsible Public Procurements were discussed.

Within the same framework, a Masterclass on Artificial Intelligence in Public Procurements and a site visit to the Prototype Scale Up Future-proof artificial Sport Pitch were held.

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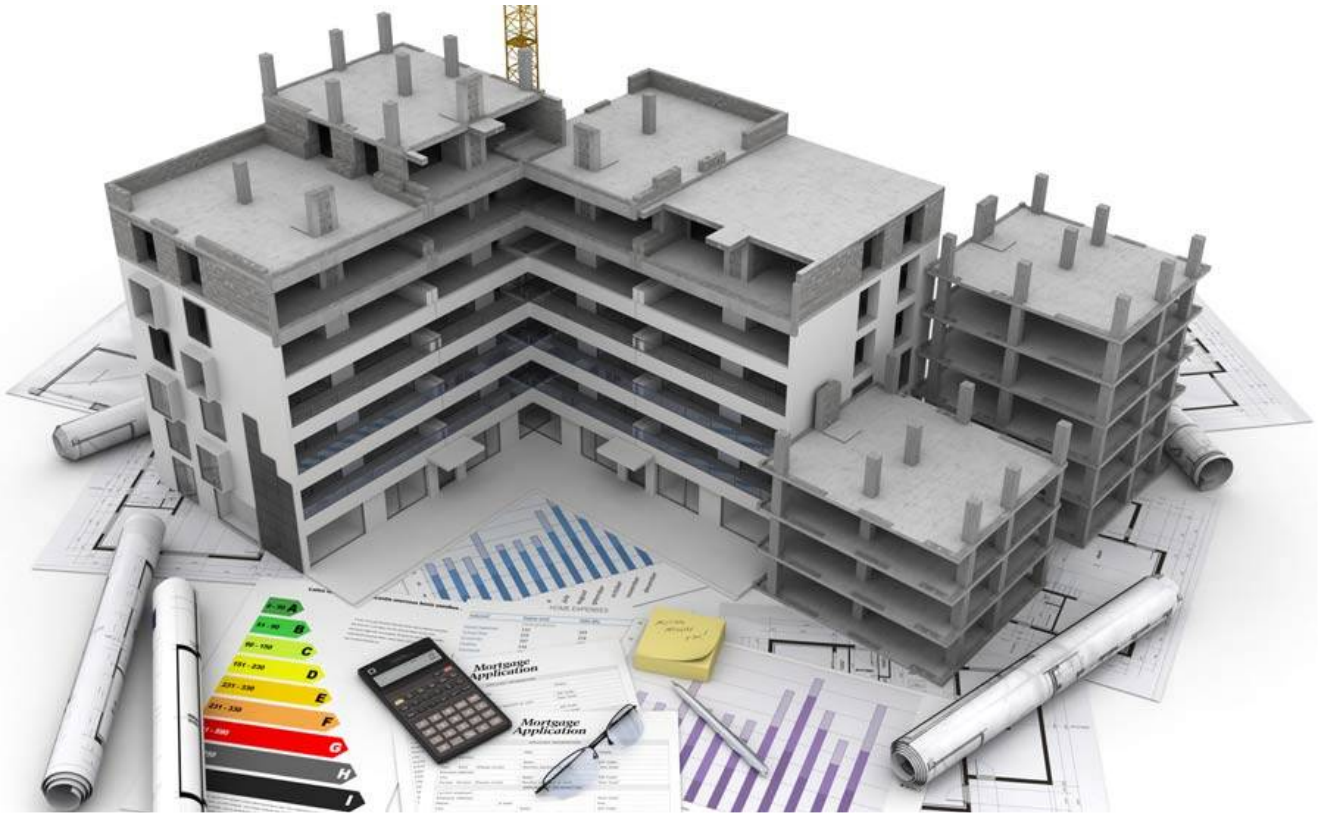
ASSERT project launches its Training Academy

The EU-funded project ASSERT has launched its Training Academy, with the first modules now available at no cost in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Catalan!

ASSERT focuses on addressing energy poverty, with particular emphasis on people with physical disabilities. The training modules are primarily addressed to Local Authority officers, representatives of Disability Support organisations, as well as to Social Workers seeking practical knowledge on energy poverty, energy efficiency, and renewable energy solutions.

To access the Academy and explore the available modules, please click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING COURSES



Examinations for Candidate Qualified Experts to Issue Energy Performance Certificates for:

- **Residential Buildings** (July 11)
- **Non-Residential Buildings** (July 11)



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• **November 26-27 & December 3-4**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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European Energy Communities Facility | The deadline for applications is approaching!

The European Energy Communities Facility (aka ENERCOM) will be accepting proposals within the framework of its 2nd Call until the 5th of July the latest.

The Call is addressed to businesses, citizen groups, and Local Authorities who want to develop an Energy Community. Applicants get the opportunity to gain a €45,000 lump-sum grant and access to a capacity-building programme to help them develop a business plan.

*To learn more and submit your proposal, please click [here](#). Here is the **Info Session** we organized in Greek as the National Experts of the initiative in Cyprus, to help answer your questions/queries. ENERCOM is co-funded by the European LIFE Programme.*



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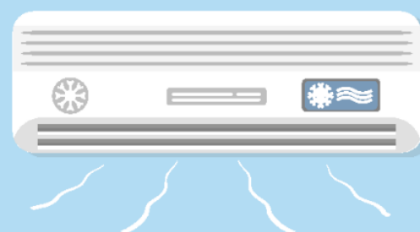
Funding scheme **EAC+**

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



A

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



B

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 panels or air-conditioning units with new, high-energy-efficient ones will be accepting applications until 30 September 2028, or until the available budget is exhausted -whichever occurs first.

Lighting replacement is aimed at businesses, organizations, and Local Authorities, while the replacement of air-conditioning units is aimed at vulnerable consumers under the Tariff 08 of the Electricity Authority of Cyprus.

The Implementing Body of the Scheme is the Electricity Authority of Cyprus, and the Supporting Body is the Cyprus Energy Agency. To learn more and submit your application, please click [here](#).

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

A new report published by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) found that combining solar and wind energy with battery storage can already compete with new coal plants on cost, and in many regions even undercut new gas power generation.

The findings challenge long-standing concerns that renewable energy cannot provide reliable, around-the-clock electricity when weather conditions fluctuate. At the same time, the report argues that the combination can help reduce exposure to geopolitical shocks and fuel price volatility. Finally, IRENA expects costs to continue falling, potentially making renewable power far more attractive in the years ahead.

Read more [here](#).



Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Mobility

Guimarães (Portugal) has been highlighted as a leading example of sustainable urban transformation in the latest EU Green Capital 2026 magazine. The publication outlines Guimarães' long-term ambition to become a *One Planet City* by 2050, combining environmental protection, economic development, and improved quality of life.

The publication emphasizes the city's investment in biodiversity, green infrastructure, sustainable mobility, and citizen engagement, while at the same time, it showcases how science-based policymaking, circular economy initiatives, and collaborative governance can help shape a more resilient and climate-conscious urban model.

Read more [here](#).



Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is becoming a priority for manufacturers in electrical/electronic, automotive, and industrial applications due to rising energy costs, tighter EU regulations, and sustainability goals.

Companies are increasingly viewing energy optimization not just as an environmental responsibility, but as a way to reduce operating costs and stay competitive. This shift is reflected both in industry developments and in global discussions, where companies gather to address current challenges and innovations in energy-efficient technologies.

Studies and industry findings show that efficiency gains can significantly reduce energy consumption and costs reinforcing the move toward system-level optimization. As a result, the focus moves increasingly on designing interconnected components and processes that reduce losses at the source and support broader sustainability and performance goals.

Read more [here](#).



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