

The year 2022 has started with rising energy costs and threats to Europe's security, also in the field of energy. This leads to human suffering, a squeeze on household budgets and has rendered the energy policy framework of the last decades in urgent need of reform. One thing is for sure: recent events have made the clean energy transition to cheap, renewable and local energy even more relevant than before. That's why the Clean energy for EU islands initiative will accelerate its pace, with many events, workshops and activities.

We have launched our new call for Technical Assistance, inviting at least 20 islands to step forward with their clean energy needs. If you want to learn more about how this call works and what the outcomes of last year's Call were, join the corresponding webinar on March 3.

We need to move urgently from clean energy vision to clean energy action. That's the motto of the Clean energy for EU islands forum 2022, which will take place live and on-site in Rhodes, Greece, on May 17-18. We warmly invite you to Rhodes for two intense days of knowledge exchange, workshops, islands visits and fun. Join us there!

In case you missed the webinar about the Regulatory Inventory that our technical team has been working on, you can now find the recording on our brand-new website, together with the full inventory and lots of island and country information. We are keen to hear your opinion on the new Clean energy for EU islands initiative website. Please check it out and let us know.

Stay tuned for news about this year's Energy Academies and more news from the EU islands.

Stay in touch, and all the best!

## Clean energy for EU islands initiative

#### Launch of Second Call for Technical Assistance

The Clean energy for EU islands Secretariat is launching its second Call for Assistance on 23 February, calling all EU islands to apply for technical support for their projects. Twenty spots are open.



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## WEBINAR - Learn more about the Islands secretariat Technical Assistance

Join this webinar on March 3 to learn how the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat provides technical support to help island communities advance in their energy transition. The webinar will start with inspiring, concrete results from the first round of technical assistance.



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# The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat launches its new website

The Clean energy for EU islands website showcases best practices of islands for the clean energy transition. It informs on policy and regulatory issues for Europe's island communities, provides advice on how to define a transition agenda and how to implement clean energy projects.





### Clean energy for EU islands forum 2022

Join this year's #CE4EUIslands Forum – the 2-day event takes place on Rhodes, Greece. "From clean energy vision to clean energy action" is the motto of the Clean energy forum 2022.



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#### **Clean energy for EU islands: Call for Videos**

With a second call for videos, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is asking island communities to share videos of their clean energy transition and ambition! Our aim is to bring your inspiring stories to life in our upcoming EU island forum (17 & 18 May) in Rhodes.



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#### **Islands Marketplace Project Intake**

The Islands Marketplace is still taking in projects in need of support or search of investors! The size of your island or your project doesn't matter, the Marketplace Team encourages everyone to apply!



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#### **Regulatory Inventory Webinar - Recording Available**

The webinar contained a short explanation the process followed, and methodology used to bring together the Regulatory Inventory. The scope of the Regulatory



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# Second Call: Greetings from the Islands – Here are the Winners!

After receiving plenty of beautiful submissions from islands all over Europe, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has chosen the winners of the second Call for Postcards "Greetings from the Islands".





## News from the islands

#### **Starting the Energy Transition on the Zadar Islands**

The Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds has approved the project "Starting the energy transition on the Zadar islands". The project is led by the Samotvorac Association from Silba island along with the Tarabuži Iž Youth Association from Iž island and the Island Movement association.





#### Mapping of the Energetic Potential of Island Korčula

In April 2021, the US Embassy in Croatia approved funding for the Island Movement's project "Exploiting the Energy Potentials of Croatian Islands" with the purpose of research into the energy potentials of Korčula.





#### **Leading Islands of Clean Energy**

In November 2021, the Island Movement applied for a public call of the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds with a project called "Leading Islands of Clean Energy". The total value of the project was estimated at 16,276.50 EUR.





# The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

### The Balearic Islands hold a Citizens' Climate Assembly

The Balearic Islands will hold a citizens' assembly on climate this year to debate the impact of the climate crisis, promote citizen participation in the political process and find joint solutions to the consequences of climate change in the archipelago.



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## **Canary Islands Regional Government is publishing Energy Transition Strategy**

The Canary Islands regional government, together with the Canary Islands Institute of Technology has prepared and ist now publishing their 9 part strategy for the energy transition until 2030. Three parts have already been published.





#### **First Energy Cooperative of Estonia**

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat welcomes the establishment of the first energy cooperative of Estonia. The cooperative does not only include the mainland but also all of the Estonian islands.



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#### Sowing the Seeds of a Citizen Energy Revolution

In the context of the European Citizen Energy Academy, Electra Energy - with the support of the EUCENA partners – established the first national cluster of energy communities in Greece.



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# Bere Island, Cork welcomes Samsø Energy Academy and CE4EU Islands

Bere Island Energy Group with the support of Bere Island Projects Group hosted a visit of Soren Hermansen and Alexis Chatzimpiros from the Samsø Energy Academy and the Clean Energy for EU Islands secretariat over a few days in late January.



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#### **Energy Communities: New Guidance for Municipalities**

In their pursuit of increasing the renewable energy share locally, many municipalities are increasingly recognizing and valuing the positive impact that joint citizen energy projects have on the acceptance and financing of renewables.





# Explore, Shape & Act: The Story

In January, Sophie came to visit Anna again. The fresh cold air inspires Anna to show another exciting technology to Sophie.

They pass through a couple of neighbourhoods until they stop right outside of the biggest town on the island where the steaming chimneys of family homes can be seen. Anna brought a leaflet with information about the local heating and cooling network. She tells Sophie that the network is from the 60s and it uses biomass to produce heat!



Events

#### **Energy Academy Greece Edition**

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat organises the Energy Academy focusing on Greek islands.



# Island Finance Forum 2022 Investment for Sustainable Development

The Island Finance Forum brings together senior financiers, development partners and regulators to share and exchange expertise on sustainable and inclusive financial structures in island communities.



### **Energy Academy Portugal Edition**

The secretariat team aims to help islanders to select, evaluate, execute, and communicate about energy transition projects through a series of Energy Academy sessions.



# 6th International Hybrid Power Systems Workshop in Madeira

Design Options, Project Experiences, Microgrids, System Modelling and Simulation, Grid Codes and many other suggestions are among the proposed preferential topics, which you can find on the workshop website.



### **6th Cretan Energy Conference & Exhibition**

The IEEG Expo and Conference will be inaugurated by the Greek Government.

The conference includes speakers and exhibitors from Greece, Israel, Egypt, the European Commission, as well as the United States among others.

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