

Clean energy for EU islands



JOIN THE CLEAN ENERGY FOR EU ISLANDS INITIATIVE

The Clean energy for EU islands initiative is built on the vision that a **partnership** between public and private stakeholders is essential to assure the best environment for change and to benefit all members of the island communities.

The Clean energy for EU island pledge is designed to formalise the **commitments** between the different stakeholders involved in the **transition to clean energy systems** on EU islands, consolidating the journey for all involved.

By signing this pledge, you **commit** to following an approach that actively engages all relevant stakeholders on your island, including citizens, local businesses, schools and universities. This approach will ensure the support from your entire community, thus accelerating the transition process and making it more **effective and long-lasting**.

Signing the pledge will furthermore make your island **visible** to an audience of national and European organisations and other islands.

Sign the pledge and become an official member of the initiative!



CLEAN ENERGY FOR EU ISLANDS—SIGN THE PLEDGE LIKE MANY OTHER ISLANDS BEFORE YOU.

Check out the story of the [Isle of Eigg](#).

Find out more about why the [island of Culatra](#) signed a pledge.



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What are the benefits of signing the Clean energy for EU islands pledge?

By signing the pledge, your island becomes part of an official initiative of the European Commission that supports the clean energy transition on European islands. This will make your island **visible** to an international audience of decision makers, supporting organisations, and likeminded islands. Your island will be **featured** on the initiative's interactive map of EU islands spearheading the clean energy transition, and your story will be shared with people in Europe and beyond. You will furthermore have **access to a network of fellow islanders** all across the EU who have embarked on the same journey.



What responsibilities come with signing the pledge?

By signing the pledge, you agree to actively support your island's clean energy transition process by helping to develop a shared, island-wide Clean Energy Transition Agenda. This involves an analysis of the current energy situation, the development of a vision as well as pathways for turning this vision into a reality.

You furthermore agree to involve a wide group of local stakeholders from your island in this transition, and to offer advice to other islands in the Clean energy for EU islands community according to your resources and capabilities.



How does this pledge relate to existing initiatives?

The Clean energy for EU islands pledge aims to **complement existing initiatives**. In practice, this means that if your island has signed the Covenant of Mayors and/or the Pact of Islands, you can sign the Clean energy for EU islands pledge to strengthen the local community engagement aspect of your transition process. Similarly, signing the pledge can help you strengthen your community's active support of the transition, and could encourage your local authority to commit to concrete targets by joining the Covenant of Mayors or Pact of Islands.



Who can sign the pledge?

Any of the **four key stakeholder groups** (local authorities, citizens' organisations, local business associations, schools/universities) can sign the pledge. The objective is to have all four stakeholder groups engaged during the transition process. To start the process, a minimum of two organisations are required to sign the pledge. A public authority (municipality or similar) must sign as part of the initial signatories. You can start with only two signing organisations, but you can always add new organisations.



When to sign the pledge?

The signs of climate science all point in the same direction: we have **no time to lose**, and every person is needed to make the clean energy transition happen in time. So - if you have a minimum of two stakeholder groups engaged - why wait another day? After signing the pledge, register on our website to receive full access to the EU-wide community and have your island appear on our interactive map.



What happens if my island fails to fulfill its pledge?

If your island does not deliver its Clean Energy Transition Agenda within a year of signing the pledge, your Island may be **suspended from the initiative** - subject to prior notice in writing by the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat.



Why develop a Clean Energy Transition Agenda?

You can find more information about the value of developing a Clean energy transition agenda - and how **being a member** of the Clean energy for EU islands community can support you in achieving this objective - [here](#).