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## Clean energy for EU islands

### Editorial

Welcome to the Summer!

With petrol prices rising due to the new geopolitical reality of war in Europe, we need to drastically accelerate the clean energy transition and increase Europe's energy independence.

REPowerEU is the European Commission's plan to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030, considering Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

[85% of Europeans](#) believe that the EU should reduce its dependency on Russian gas and oil as soon as possible to support Ukraine. By acting as a Union, Europe can achieve this faster.

The REPowerEU plan sets out a series of measures to rapidly reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels and fast forward the green transition while increasing the resilience of the EU-wide energy system.

Next to diversifying energy supplies and energy saving, accelerating clean energy is one of the key actions. Renewables are the cheapest and cleanest energy available and can be produced directly on the islands, reducing the need for energy imports. This is where the EU islands secretariat comes in, supporting islands in their energy transition. The secretariat is working to reduce dependence on imported oil, even more, urgent than before.

#### **What can you do?**

Sign the Clean energy for EU islands [pledge](#), establish a [Clean Energy Transition Agenda](#) and propose projects for the EU islands [Marketplace](#).

Be part of an independence movement and join the Covenant of Mayors [Cities Energy Saving Sprint](#) to support REPowerEU.

And when thinking about your summer holidays, you may want to use the bicycle as much as possible.

Your EU islands team

## Clean energy for EU islands initiative

### Clean energy for EU islands forum 2022 - Key Facts and Figures

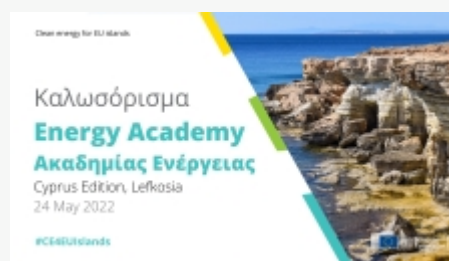
The EU island forum 2022, was organised at the Rhodes Bay Hotel on Rhodes, Greece, and featured high-level keynotes by Greek Minister Kostas Skrekas and Commissioner Kadri Simson as well as MEP Tonino Picula - Chair of the SEArca intergroup, European Parliament, Chrysi Vitsilaki - Rector University of the Aegean and Antonis Kabourakis – Mayor of Rhodes, three plenaries (Act, Shape, Explore), four parallel sessions, and a site visit to the GR-eco-island Chalki.



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### Energy Academy Cyprus Edition

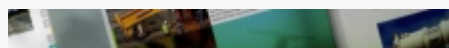
We gathered in Nicosia, Cyprus, to connect all interested stakeholders from civil society with relevant actors from the public sector, academia, and the business sector.



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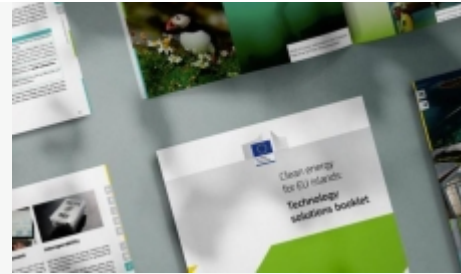
### Key Publications of the European Union

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat



is proud to announce that in 2022, the European Commission chose to incorporate the Technology solutions booklet into their Spring 2022 edition of "Key publications of the European Union".

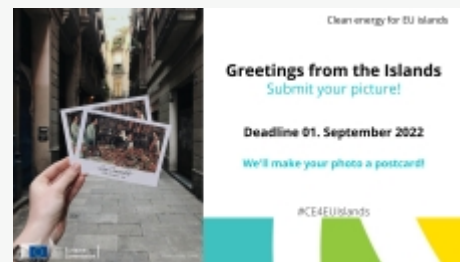
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## Postcard Call

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has published its third Call for Postcards! Participants can submit pictures until 01 September. Send us your holiday photos from an island!

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## Cities join the Cities Energy Savings Sprint!

The Cities Energy Saving Sprint is a joint initiative of the European Commission, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe and the European Committee of the Regions to encourage cities to take measures that will immediately reduce their energy consumption. The "Sprint" will last for 4 months.

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## National Stakeholder Meeting Spanish Islands

The Clean energy for EU island secretariat hosted its first of seven National Stakeholder Meetings on 21 June 2022 as part of our efforts to identify legal and regulatory barriers to clean energy transition on EU islands, and, more importantly, formulate and discuss solutions on how to overcome these barriers.



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## News from the islands

### Spring trainings on the island of Brač

The project "Islands - leaders of the clean energy transition" includes six Brač municipalities: Bol, Selca and Pučišća, Postira, Nerežišća and the City of Supetar.



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### Full potential of green hydrogen technologies presented during Green Hysland workshop in Cres

On the 26th of April 2022, Green Hysland hosted its first workshop on the island of Cres to exchange with Croatian and European stakeholders on green hydrogen technologies and its potential to accelerate the energy transition.



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### GR-eco Islands

The GR-eco Islands national initiative of the Greek Government aims to transform Greek islands into models of green economy, energy autonomy, digital innovation and ecological mobility. It includes actions such as the increased use of Renewable Energy sources.



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# The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

## EU Workshop - Offshore energy potential in the Atlantic Ocean

France Energies Marines, Tecnalía, University College Cork and EDP NEW are organising a stakeholder consultation workshop on a study investigating the offshore energy potential in the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Island Pavilion at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference

The Island Innovation team will be on the ground at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, providing live coverage and synopsis to connect islands around the world to what is happening in Lisbon.

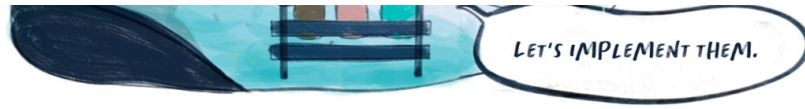
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## Explore, Shape & Act: The Story

Anna has a brother. He is a plumber. He grows his business in a sustainable way, and he looked into Heat Pumps which you can install (like airco) in a single house/apartment. Then he did a bigger project with the local hotel and now the business is booming. He is a nice and straight-forward guy.





## Events

### 6th Cretan Energy Conference & Exhibition

The IEEG Expo and Conference will be inaugurated by the Greek Government. This conference includes speakers and exhibitors from Greece, Israel, Egypt, the European Commission, as well as the United States, among others.



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### EU Workshop - Offshore energy potential in the Atlantic Ocean

The consortium has been contracted by the European Commission, Directorate General for Energy, to conduct a study to analyse the technical potential of offshore energy generation in the continental European parts of the Atlantic Ocean and the Republic of Ireland.



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### Virtual Island Summit 2022

The Virtual Island Summit is a free online event designed to connect global islands and share their common experiences. Join islanders from around the world and share ideas, best practices, and solutions.

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## European Sustainable Energy Week 2022

This year, EUSEW will return on 26-30 September in a new hybrid format, with both participants and speakers able to participate onsite and online.

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## EUSEW: Lessons on climate neutrality and energy independence from the EU islands

Join our EUSEW session, which we will be hosting together with the Smart Cities Marketplace on the 27th of September; 09:30-11:00. Learn more about transition experience of small-scale islands towards clean energy and energy independence and benefit from the experience of the EU islands for your projects within cities and communities of the EU.

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## EU Week of Regions 2022

Save the date and be part of this year's edition of the #EURegionsWeek. The four-day event will showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance. The #CE4EUislands secretariat will host a session on "Green transition in practice: Award ceremony for frontrunning clean energy projects on islands". The date and time will be announced soon on our website.

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### Clean energy for EU islands

If you want further information about the latest activities and events from the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat, please let us know your inquiries by email: [info@euislands.eu](mailto:info@euislands.eu).

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