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Clean energy for EU islands

Editorial

Dear EU islands community,

Welcome to the Clean energy for EU islands newsletter! The guest editorial below is the first one in a series of editorials written by our Regional Partners.

The Friday morning ferry to the Danish island of Samsø was full. That is not unusual ahead of a weekend. But on the last weekend of August, many travelled to Samsø to join the island residents in *Folkedybet*, a two-day experiment initiated by the Samsø Energy Academy, which invited the local community to a green party and a conversation about the future of the island.

That mindset of inclusion was also the starting point of the process back in the late 1990s, which led to the first transformation of its energy system and made Samsø a brand name worldwide. Being recently awarded the 'Climate Leader' award by the UN at COP26 was a reminder of a past that Samsø is proud of and that pops up every now and then in the rearview mirror. But what is of interest now is how Samsø evolves in its green transition, expanding the conversation from 'energy' to the much more abstract 'climate' while at the same time handling what's at people's hearts: the sea, the landscape and the life on the island.

Folkedybet means curiosity and an opportunity to look deep into what people are thinking and concerned about. In an island community, we must practice talking to each other about; both what works, what should grow and what should be pruned or removed to create local solutions together, and fertilise the future, so that the community grows. By redesigning the old experiment, the Samsø Energy Academy once more invited people to a party to define a new conversation, listen to their own thoughts and others, and hopefully manifest suggestions on how WE locally, together, can look the future in the

eye.

Alexis Chatzimpiros - Project Manager, Samsø Energy Academy

Clean energy for EU islands initiative

Apply now: Island Gamechanger Award

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is proud to announce the #CE4EUislands Gamechanger Award which aims at recognising island projects that have evolved as success stories and will serve as inspiration for other islands.



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CE4EUislands methodological handbook "From vision to action: how to tackle transition on EU islands?" now published!

The Clean energy for EU islands methodological handbook for islands is now available for islands in need for guidance in their clean energy transition. This Handbook is an action-oriented guide to help islands navigate the transition toward clean energy.



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Reports from Technical Assistance (Round 1) have been published

After many months working closely with European island stakeholders, the final reports from the first round of Technical Assistance (carried out during 2021 and beginning of 2022) are now available on the respective islands pages and as part of the Islands secretariat publications.



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CE4EU Islands Postcards now available for Download

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has already published three Calls for Postcards. Now, the winning postcards of these calls are available for download.



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Energy Academy Estonia Edition

On September 29, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat visits Estonia for the organisation of the Estonian Energy Academy in Hiiumaa.



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WEBINAR: How can marine technologies contribute to EU islands decarbonisation?

In this webinar, we will explore the fundamentals of marine technologies and provide an overview of available technologies and their readiness level.



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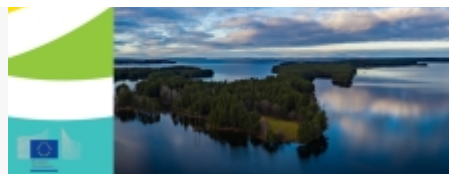
WEBINAR: The challenges and the future of non-interconnected islands: lessons learnt for other islands and the mainland

In this webinar, island representatives from non-interconnected islands and regions will



explain their experience, their plans, and the solutions that they're considering to advance towards clean energy.

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Energy Academy Italy Edition

On 4 and 5 October, the Clean energy for EU islands Energy Academy Italy Edition takes place on 4 and 5 October 2022 in Pantelleria. The Energy Academy is focusing on Italian islands.

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The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

International Clean Energy Hackathon: enter now!

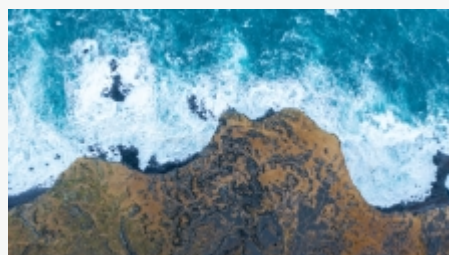
The Urbantech project, an EU funded initiative, invites start-ups and SMEs to submit their ideas for digital solutions for clean energy challenges from leading companies. Deadline for submissions is 14 September.

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New reports put examples and tips for energy communities in the spotlight

The publication "Consumer Stock Ownership Plans (CSOPs) - Financing Energy Communities" is the final report of the EU project SCORE and highlights local examples of energy communities and helpful tips developed within the project.



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Virtual Power Plant (VPP), a new form of energy management

Virtual Power Plants or VPPs are a new energy management concept that interweaves several energy sources managed by a single control system. Find out how they work in this video.

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Let us introduce RE-EMPOWERED

The project RE-EMPOWERED started in July 2021 with the goal to develop a set of solutions for efficient, decarbonised and RES-intensive multi-energy local energy systems. The tools and solutions will be demonstrated in four demo sites with weak or non-existing grid, two in Europe, and two in India.

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New Commission initiative to support energy communities

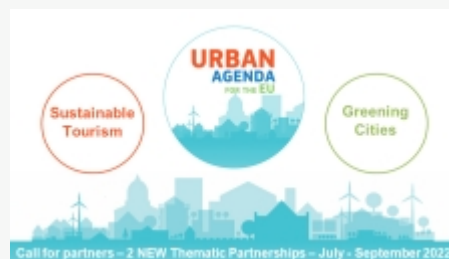
Thanks to the Clean Energy Package, energy communities on EU islands and the mainland are now officially acknowledged as an important actor in Europe's energy transition. In this context, the European Commission launched the Energy Communities Repository earlier this year.

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Call for Partners: Urban Agenda for the EU Partnerships on Greening Cities and Sustainable Tourism

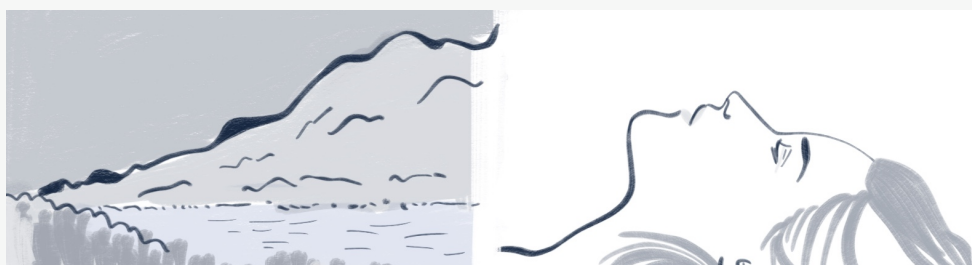
Call for Cities, Member States, Partner States, Regions, city consortiums, national city umbrella organisations, and other stakeholders to form two new Thematic Partnerships under the Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU): Sustainable Tourism and Greening Cities.

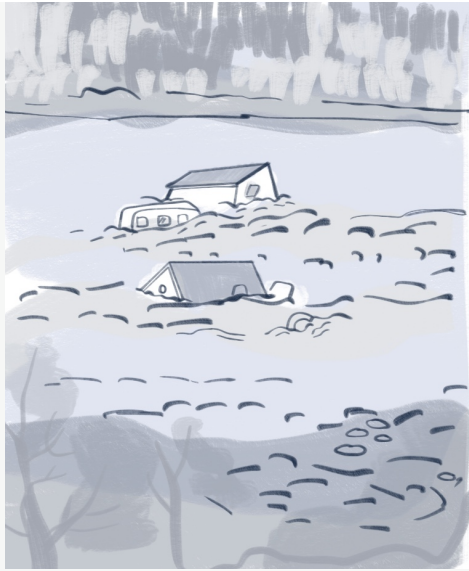


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Explore, Shape & Act: The Story

In the last 20 years, storms on the island have become increasingly dangerous for its inhabitants. Anna and Sophie returned home quickly after seeing black clouds on the horizon. On the next day, the girls are shocked about the damages the heavy rain caused. In the evening, they meet at Anna's grandmother's place to talk. This overwhelming feeling of hopelessness overcame Anna, despite witnessing the island's efforts to mitigate CO2 emissions. She says: "Why are we even still trying? We can't do anything about climate change anyways!", feeling eco anxiety is a perfectly normal reaction to being told that we're in a climate crisis. Sophie responds: "I think we shouldn't give up on hope so easily, we need to all work together." Just now, Anna's grandmother enters the room: "Don't worry Anna. Didn't you notice? People are starting to become aware of their actions. More and more people join us in the fight against the climate crisis. Our neighbour island, you can see it from the port, just started to build a big PV plant and they often come here to talk to us because they want to know how we made the switch. They felt inspired by us!" Sophie's face lights up: "That's awesome! So, the island even has an impact beyond just saving emissions." Anna feels a spark of hope in her heart: "Maybe, we can help to spread the word and inspire more people. Then, they could sign a pledge! To show that they really mean it and they want to change something." Sophie is excited: "That's such a cool idea. We should work on this.". Through this idea, Anna's eco-anxiety started to vanish because she felt like she could have an impact on how things go. Talking about her feelings made her feel much better after all.





Events

Sustainable Places 2022: European Islands Clean Energy Transition

The island projects IANOS H2020 project , H2020 INSULAE Project , REACT Project EU, ROBINSON - H2020 , ISLANDER Project, GIFT H2020, H2020 MAESHA organise a workshop together with NESOI.



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06/09/2022 - 09/09/2022

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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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26/09/2022 - 02/10/2022

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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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26/09/2022 - 30/09/2022

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

Join our EUSEW session together with the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat to learn about transition experience of small-scale islands towards clean energy and energy independence with the (smart) cities and communities of the EU.



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27/09/2022

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Green Hysland x H2Ports Webinar: Decarbonising the Maritime Sector

Join in on the 5th of October for a webinar and find out about programmes and best practices to decarbonise ports, ferries and other maritime applications in your region.



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EU Week of Regions: Green transition in practice: Award ceremony for frontrunning clean energy projects on islands

EU islands are arising as clean energy frontrunners thanks to their limited scale and experience facing issues that are now critical for the EU as a whole, like fossil fuel dependence or the need to increase green energy production.



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European Islands pioneering the Green Transition and the sustainable use of natural resources

In the current context, REPowerEU has reminded the urgent need to accelerate the energy transition. This session will examine how island stakeholders are already invested in this mission, developing innovative solutions related to climate mitigation and adaptation as well as the use of natural resources.



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