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## Clean energy for EU islands

### Editorial

Dear EU islands community,

Welcome to 2023!

We all are aware that islands are particularly vulnerable to climate change, while at the same time, they enjoy a naturally high potential for renewable energy sources to harness. Many islands have abundant renewable energy potential, which can be tapped to lead to decarbonisation. This access to reliable, clean and competitive sources of energy remains a main concern to EU island communities and at the same time presents unique opportunities to become leaders in the clean energy transition.

While it is often technically and financially possible to develop renewable energy projects on islands, EU, national, regional and local legal and regulatory frameworks are not always fit-for purpose. We have produced a set of studies on the regulatory barriers and recommendations for clean energy transition on EU islands for seven Member States: [Croatia](#), [Estonia](#), [Greece](#), [Spain](#), [Ireland](#), [Italy](#) and [Sweden](#). The studies builds on the Regulatory inventory of legal and regulatory national frameworks that support clean energy development for 15 Member States, available online on our [website](#).

These studies contain overviews of existing and emerging legal, regulatory and policy frameworks that foster the development of local decarbonised energy systems on EU islands. Moreover, they identify priority regulatory and policy barriers to the clean energy transition on the islands and formulate concrete recommendations to overcome them. The process of study preparations included regular communication and collaboration with relevant stakeholders from national, regional and local level of the relevant Member State, shaping recommendations in line with their strategic planning and ambitions.

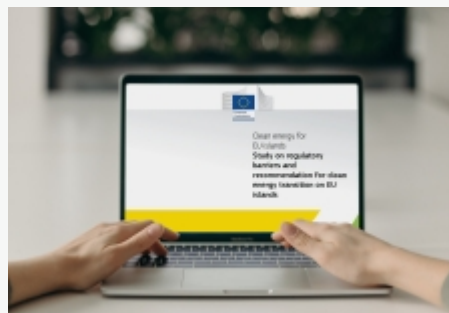
While published separately, the studies are combined into one [comprehensive EC study](#) which provides a consolidated analysis of barriers and recommendation common for all analysed Member States and provides recommendations for EU wide measures as well. Some of the proposed recommendations align with [REPower EU](#), which is underlined in the study. Further work on the uptake of the recommendations is not only at EU level, but also with national, regional and local stakeholders. The study was presented to the public on 23 January 2023, where the main barriers and recommendations will be discussed. The results of the study can help the EC and Member States to focus on the priority actions to further enable and accelerate the energy transition of EU islands.

## Clean energy for EU islands initiative

### **#CE4EUislands - Study on regulatory barriers and recommendation for clean energy transition on EU islands**

After two years of research, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat published a comprehensive study on regulatory barriers and recommendations for the clean energy transition on EU islands concerning seven EU member states.

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### **#CE4EUislands - Engagement guide**

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has published an Engagement guide for EU islands to provide island transition teams with tips, guidance, and inspiration on how to involve, liaise, and include stakeholders in all stages of the clean energy transition process.

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## Energy Academy Mayotte Edition

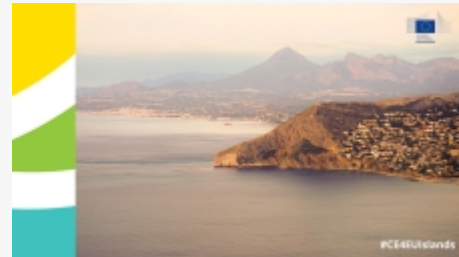
The first Energy Academy of 2023 will take place in Mayotte on 1 and 2 February 2023. The secretariat team aims to help islanders to select, evaluate, execute, and communicate about energy transition projects through a series of Energy Academy sessions.



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## Recording available - The role of DSOs in the energy transition of the islands

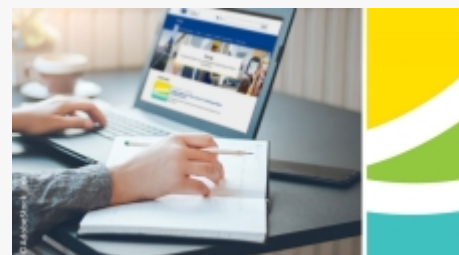
Electricity grids need to be upgraded and more flexible to integrate increased share of RES while keeping quality and security of supply. There is no discussion that DSOs play a crucial role in enabling energy transition. In the webinar, various islands and their projects have been shown like a battery storage system in Port Santo, Chalki as a special Greek pilot island with a PV station, EVs, and charging stations.



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## Recording available - Regulatory barriers and opportunities for clean energy transition on the EU islands – Results of 2 year studies

On Monday, 23 January 2023, our webinar "Regulatory barriers and opportunities for clean energy transition on the EU islands – Results of 2 year studies" took place.



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## Summary: Island Pact for sustainable European islands - the view of the European Parliament

In this webinar, MEP Younous Omarjee who worked as rapporteur on the report on EU islands and cohesion policy was the main speaker. He gave insights on the cohesion policy as well as his work on EU islands.



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## News from the islands

### Samsø Energy Academy inspires Inishbofin

Being the guest from the Energy Academy on the Danish Island of Samsø, I tell the story of how that small island community decided to invest in on-shore and off-shore wind turbines, local biomass-fuelled district heating and electric cars, making the island carbon negative already in 2007 and reaping benefits.



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### Menorca's proactive role

Menorca is the northernmost Balearic island located in the Spanish Mediterranean Sea. It serves as a best practice example for many environmental reasons, being the proactive role of the regional and local governments to support clean energy transition a cornerstone in them.



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## Green Hysland Workshop in Gran Canaria: Exchange on green hydrogen and island systems

On 28 November 2022, FEDARENE and the Canary Islands Institute of Technology (ITC) invited several partners of the Green Hysland project to exchange on the sustainable integration of green hydrogen in island electrical systems.

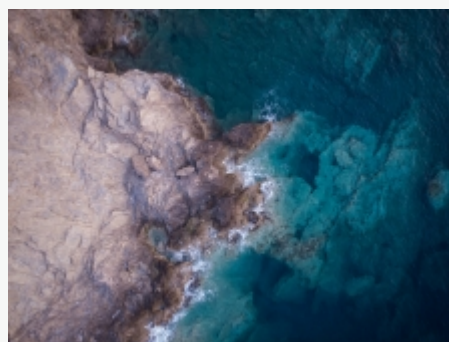


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## The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

### Call for academic partners to join the Island Innovation Academic Council

Island Innovation to announces the launch of their latest venture, the Academic Council. As such, there is currently a call for academic partners to become members.



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### IANOS Project has developed a Community Engagement Toolbox

Under its community and citizen engagement work stream, IANOS has issued an Engagement Toolbox that provides an extensive portfolio of information and best practice approaches for meaningful participation of local community stakeholders and citizens.



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## Events

### 7th International Hybrid Power Systems Workshop

The 7th International Hybrid Power Systems Workshop offers a prime opportunity to discuss the future of hybrid power systems. Participants will look at applications in a variety of locations and operating environments with a focus on system design, operating experience, business models, economics, and implementation issues.



date

23/05/2023 - 24/05/2023

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### European Sustainable Energy Week

EUSEW returns in a hybrid format, in Brussels and online. It comprises a high-level Policy Conference, the EUSEW Awards, and the fourth European Youth Energy Day as well as opportunities to forge connections with the EUSEW community at the Energy Fair.



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20/06/2023 - 22/06/2023

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### 7th Offshore Energy & Storage Symposium

The 7th Offshore Energy & Storage Symposium shall be held in Mediterranean island of Malta. This event brings together researchers, industry players and policy makers dedicated to driving the development and growth of offshore renewables and energy storage.



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12/07/2023 - 14/07/2023

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## Virtual Island Summit 2023

The Virtual Island Summit 2023 will host eight Content Tracks. Each Track is a learning path with sessions that will help you develop more in-depth knowledge about a specific topic and industry.



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25/09/2023 - 01/10/2023

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## Enlit Europe

Enlit is a constantly growing, inclusive and end-to-end forum that addresses every aspect of the energy agenda. A community that for 365-days a year collaborates and innovates to solve the most pressing issues in energy.



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28/11/2023 - 30/11/2023

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### Clean energy for EU islands

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