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## Clean energy for EU islands

### Editorial

Dear EU islands community,

Summer is here and island life is getting busy. This means that the Clean energy for EU islands forum has already taken place and we are preparing more exciting opportunities to engage with us. This year's forum was held in Pantelleria, Italy, under the theme "**The Power of Islands: Building Resilience Through Renewables.**" If you missed it, check out the [forum in a nutshell](#) or watch the recordings of the [first](#) and [second](#) day on our website. We are happy to see that there has been great interest in the Clean energy for EU islands forum. Participants greatly enjoyed the sessions and insights from other islands, experts and discussions.

In the meantime, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has been invited by the Smart Cities Marketplace to join its Podcast "[Urban Reverb](#)". We are discussing the similarities of the energy transition in cities and EU islands as well as how to engage citizens.

Yours sincerely,

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat team

## Clean energy for EU islands initiative

### Smart Cities Marketplace Podcast ft. CE4EU Islands - Living in an Island Age

The Smart Cities Marketplace has invited the EU islands secretariat to take part in its podcast series Urban Reverb and to discuss the similarities between the decarbonisation efforts of small and mid-sized cities and those of islands.



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### The EU islands forum 2024 in a Nutshell

On 14-15 May 2024, the Clean energy for EU islands forum took place in Pantelleria with the motto "Power of Islands - Building Resilience through Renewables".



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### Welcome to the First Day of the EU islands forum in Pantelleria

The Clean energy for EU islands forum 2024 took place on 14 and 15 May. This article is a summary of sessions that took place on day one and gives insights into the key takeaways.



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## Welcome to the Second Day of the EU islands forum in Pantelleria

Explore the sessions and main takeaways of day two of this year's Clean energy for EU islands forum on Pantelleria. Also find recordings and presentations of speakers.

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## CE4EU Islands Workshop Summary: Impacts of Onshore and Offshore Wind Energy

The workshop delved into various crucial topics based on feedback from islands receiving technical assistance on wind energy. These included the environmental and social impacts of onshore wind energy, mitigation strategies, and the integration of wind energy within historical landscapes.

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## CE4EU Islands Workshop Summary: Smart Electricity Systems for Island Decarbonisation

The workshop focused on enhancing the flexibility of electricity grids through storage solutions and demand-side management (DSM). Based on inputs from participating islands, it covered topics such as the role of storage in grid stability, energy communities, and best practice examples.

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## **CE4EU Islands Workshop Summary: Sustainable Land Transport for Island Decarbonisation**

The workshop concentrated on sustainable land transport solutions, addressing electromobility infrastructure, sustainable mobility actions, and alternative fuels such as hydrogen and biofuels. Input from participating islands guided the selection of topics, ensuring relevance to local challenges and priorities.



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## **CE4EU Islands Workshop on Effective Communication and Stakeholder Engagement in Energy and Sustainability**

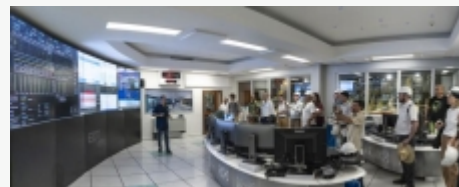
A workshop on 19 March 2024, jointly organised by the Stockholm Environment Institute and the Samsø Energy Academy delved into crucial strategies for effective communication and stakeholder engagement concerning energy and sustainability.



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## **CE4EU Islands Workshop in Tahiti Tackles Energy Transition Challenges in French Overseas Territories**

In a three-day event held from 19 to 21 March 2024, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat convened stakeholders in Puna'auia, Tahiti, French Polynesia. The workshop aimed to address the pressing technical and legislative hurdles hindering the energy transition in French Overseas Territories.



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## CE4EUislands Call for Videos - Ibiza

The video introduces the Gin ERA project, funded by the European Commission through the LIFE 2021 CET Local Call. It highlights the collaboration between various institutions and private companies to support local authorities in developing practical roadmaps and plans for energy transition at the grassroots level.

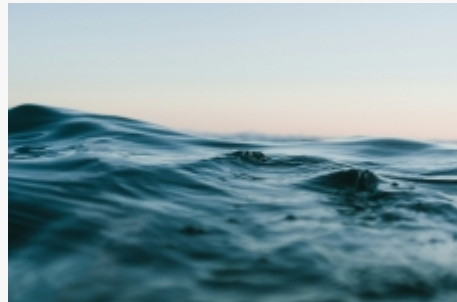
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## 30 for 30 - Cape Clear

The video features Cape Clear Island, Ireland's southernmost island. Kevin McCann, manager of Cape Clear's island development agency, introduces the GTECH digital hub, emphasising the island's commitment to digital innovation. The video also showcases the island's unique bird observatory, the only one in the Republic of Ireland.

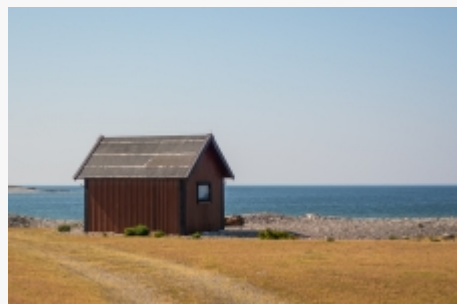
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## 30 for 30 - Gotland

Gotland, the largest island in the Baltic Sea has set ambitious goals to become entirely carbon neutral by 2040. To achieve these goals, the island plans to address all aspects of the energy transition.

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## News from the islands

### A Testing Ground for Innovative Technologies - Kythnos Smart Island Project Completed

After four years of intensive work, the Kythnos Smart Island project has reached its completion! Kythnos, capitalising on the history of the first island as a testing ground for innovative smart energy technologies, has been a new living lab for the planning and implementation of a holistic strategy for upgrading infrastructure, public space and strengthening the local economy.

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### Energy Community and Factory Collaboration Sparks Hope in Sustainable Industry

In an inspiring development, Energía Bonita, the energy community of La Palma island, has partnered with the Collettivo di Fabbrica, a workers' cooperative in Italy, to promote sustainable industry.

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### The Loss of an Outstanding Community Leader

The Bere Island and the entire EU islands community are mourning the loss of a beloved and integral member, John Walsh. John was a dedicated islander and a passionate advocate for island communities across Europe.

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# The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

## TwinSolar Summer School #2 in La Reunion!

Following the success of its first edition, the TwinSolar consortium is pleased to announce the second TwinSolar Summer School, scheduled to take place in La Réunion from 18 to 22 November 2024.



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## Events

### Virtual Island Summit

The Summit will imitate a traditional in-person event with opportunities to interact with speakers and other attendees with the goal of creating an online community. It will be a free event to attend in order to ensure maximum accessibility to expertise from a variety of fields.

 date | 09/09/2024 - 13/09/2024

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### EU RegionsWeek 2024: "Empowering communities"

The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy.

 date | 07/10/2024 - 10/10/2024

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## Enlit Europe

Enlit is a high-level energy forum connecting industries, inspiring actions and helping Europe evolve into one decarbonised and digitalised energy system for the energy transition. The forum addresses every aspect of the energy agenda, from decarbonisation of industry and transportation, to power generation and energy storage!



date

22/10/2024 - 24/10/2024

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## Island Voices @ COP29

Island Innovation will host the “Island Voices @COP29” virtual space to share key insights and developments related to island communities. The platform is designed for those attending COP29 and those following from afar, and will connect both Small Island Developing States and Sub-National Island Jurisdictions.



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11/11/2024 - 24/11/2024

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### Clean energy for EU islands

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