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Clean energy for EU islands

Editorial

Dear EU islands community,

As autumn arrives, bringing change across Europe, EU islands are at a crucial stage in their clean energy journey. A recent study by the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat highlights the significant challenges facing these islands, including grid instability, security of supply issues, and slow adoption of smart grids. Despite these obstacles, the study offers hope, presenting 19 actionable recommendations based on successful case studies from various islands.

This season also marks the launch of the Follower Islands initiative, offering support to islands starting or accelerating their energy transition. By joining, they will benefit from expert advice, peer coaching, and the chance to learn from the pioneering "30 for 2030" islands.

As the cooler months approach, we embrace this opportunity to secure a greener, more sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat team

Clean energy for EU islands initiative

Join the Follower Islands Programme: A New Call from the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is excited to announce a new opportunity for islands: the Follower Islands programme. This call invites islands to apply and take part in the ambitious "30 for 2030" initiative to fast forward their decarbonisation plans.



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Clean energy for EU islands: Addressing Barriers to Renewable Energy Integration

A recent study conducted by the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has shed light on challenges facing the electricity systems of EU islands in their transition to renewable energy. The study provides recommendations and best practice examples for achieving the security of supply needed for sustainable economic development.



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Views from the Islands: What's Important Is the People

Nuria Albet Torres, Co-Founder and Board Member of La Palma's energy community Energía Bonita, spoke to the secretariat about her work for the community and what it is like and the barriers they are facing. Get a glimpse into the reality energy communities are facing.

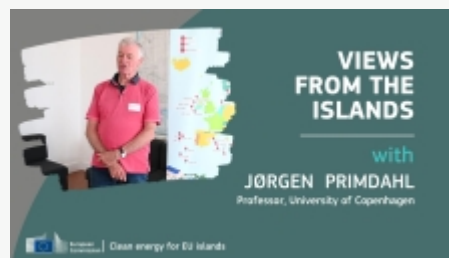


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Views from the Islands: Plan Collaboratively

In this interview, Professor Primdahl from the University of Copenhagen is speaking about countryside planning and spatial planning, with a focus on collaborative approaches for rural landscapes.

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30 for 30 - Aran Islands

Discover the inspiring journey of the Aran Islands as they strive to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. This video highlights the innovative solutions and community-driven efforts that are transforming the Aran Islands into a model of sustainability.

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News from the islands

Energy Efficiency and Resilient Home Building in Sint Maarten: A Model for Sustainable Development

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is delighted to highlight the innovative practices in energy-efficient buildings in Sint Maarten, as shared by local experts. These practices exemplify resilience in natural disasters and set a benchmark for sustainable construction.

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The Clean energy for EU islands initiative and beyond

Exploring Innovation: RE-EMPOWERED Project Visits Greek and Indian Demo-Sites

A new project video has been released by RE-EMPOWERED, including footage from the consortium visit at the two Indian demosites, Ghoramara and Keonjhar, last February.

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Sun4All - Fleshing out energy community legislation in EU Member states for a fair energy transition

This policy brief highlights the role of national governments in fostering the development of energy communities in their territories overall, and in particular on how to support energy communities in fulfilling their potential for social cohesion.

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Events

EU Regions Week 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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EU Regions Week 2024: The Island Regions and the Upcoming EU Legislative Cycle

The panel discussion organised by the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat will include high-level political representatives of Balearic Islands, Corsica, Crete, Gotland, Gozo, Ionian Islands, Åland and Sardinia, which belong to the regional partnership.



date

09/10/2024

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Clean energy for EU islands secretariat participation: Enlit Europe

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is organising a session called Our Evolving Grid System: Energy Islands & Microgrids discussing the use of microgrids on EU islands.



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23/10/2024

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Clean energy for EU islands workshop: Reducing emissions related to water supply and distribution

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is organising a series of 20 workshops over three years, to promote capacity building on relevant topics. The workshops are held in person on selected islands, and involve representatives from the island transition teams of a varying number of interested islands.



date

24/10/2024 - 25/10/2024

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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.



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11/11/2024 - 24/11/2024

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