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FORUM 2026
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Agenda

THE GOVERNANCE OF THE DECARBONISATION OF EU ISLANDS: ALIGNMENT OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

The **#CE4EUislands Forum 2026**, the final event of the current phase of the initiative, will build on the results of the three-year activities of the Secretariat, capitalising on the lessons learned and laying the groundwork for future engagement.

The three-year-long technical assistance provided to the 30for2030 islands, as well as the regulatory review carried out at the national level, have shed light on the **complex governance** of the energy transition of EU islands. This complexity, and specifically the interdependencies between different government levels and their interaction with the local communities, is particularly evident when dealing with the ambitious clean energy transition plans that islands have set forth to reach 100% renewable energy penetration. Alignment between communities, all government levels, utilities and system operators influencing clean energy initiatives is crucial to ensure a smooth and timely transition. **Local, regional, national and European authorities and policymakers** need to see eye-to-eye and show understanding of and adaptability to islands' specific contexts.

The #CE4EUislands forum 2026 will focus on the experience-sharing between EU island communities and representatives of the different government levels and stakeholders, highlighting achievements and remaining gaps to ensure a full decarbonisation. First-hand testimonies from the transition teams of the 30for2030 islands will provide key inputs for the discussion, to further empower islands and their communities through the alignment of different stakeholders' views, priorities and objectives. The discussions will result in **tangible commitments for continued collaboration and discussion** amongst different stakeholder groups at national and EU level.

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DAY 0 | 19 May 2026

WELCOME RECEPTION

This year's welcome reception will take place in the [gardens of the Rectorate](#) at the UIB (University of the Balearic Islands). The University is a pioneer of the ecological transition in the region, and it's on its way towards energy self-sufficiency. During the evening, we will have an opportunity to learn about the buildings energy efficiency measures being implemented, including advanced photovoltaic plants and innovative HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) applications.

Join us for the informal gathering on the day before the forum!

Agenda:

19:00-19:15 - Arrival

19:15-20:00 – Welcome

19:00 – 22:00
CEST


- **Rosalinde Van der Vlies**, Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), DG ENER, European Commission
- **Jan Cornillie**, Project Director, Clean energy for EU islands secretariat (3E)
- **Pau De Vilchez Moragues**, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Solidarity and Global Justice, University of the Balearic Islands

20:00-21:30 - Get together with finger food and visit to the university

You can reach the UIB via public transport. Take Metro 1 to UIB or bus 19 to UIB i Parc Bit - Porta des Camp.

[Timetable metro](#)

[Timetable bus](#)

 UIB - UNIVERSITAT DE LES ILLES BALEARS | CARRETERA DE VALLDEMOSSA, KM 7.5, NORD, 07122 PALMA, ILLES BALEARS, SPANIEN

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DAY 1 | 20 May 2026

 **Venue:** Casa Esment | [Camí de Son Roca, 17B/17, 07198 Son Ferriol, Palma](#)

09:00 – 09:30
CEST

Registration

Welcome and objectives setting

Welcoming of the participants from the Secretariat, DG ENER, and local hosts

09:30 – 10:30
CEST

- **Rosalinde Van der Vlies**, Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), DG ENER, European Commission
- **Joan Groizard Payeras**, State Secretary for Energy, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
- **Diego Víu Domínguez**, Director General of Circular Economy, Energy Transition and Climate Change, Government of the Balearic Islands

Moderation: **Jan Cornillie**, Project Director, Clean energy for EU islands secretariat (3E)

10:30 – 10:45
CEST

Keynote speech: Aligning all stakeholders for a just energy transition on islands

Pau de Vilchez Moragues, Vice-Rector of International Relations, Solidarity and Global Justice, Universitat de les Illes Balears (UIB)

10:45 – 11:00
CEST

Introduction to the programme of the two days

- **Martina Cannata**, Clean energy for EU islands secretariat (3E)
- **Riccardo Novo**, Clean energy for EU islands secretariat (3E)

11:00 – 11:30
CEST

Coffee Break and transfer to breakout sessions

Group session 1 - EU Stakeholder Groups Session

11:30 – 13:30
CEST

Each stakeholder group holds different interests and plays a different role in the energy transition of islands. Citizens, municipalities, governments, regulators, utilities and other interested actors can all contribute to the successful realisation of clean energy initiatives. However, their level of influence and interaction from group to group can greatly vary depending on the acting level of governance (e.g. local, regional or national), and the role and interest in the transition, as well as the specific cultural and social framework.

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During this session, participants will be split into groups based on the stakeholder category they belong to – namely:

1. National and regional governments and regulators

Facilitators: 3E, UIB



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2. Local authorities

Facilitators: Econoler, PoliTo, RdA



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3. System operators and technical experts

Facilitators: ThInk E, DAFNI, INESC TEC



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4. Island communities

Facilitators: Island movement, Samsø Energy Academy, Údarás na Gaeltachta



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Guided by the moderators' questions, the participants will discuss the specific challenges they are facing and achievements they have accomplished in their work for the clean energy transition of their islands of interest. This will enable the collection of best practices and the creation of bridges between the same type of stakeholders coming from different contexts.

The session has the objective of co-creating an informal Memorandum of Collaboration among all stakeholder groups to enable continued collaboration on the specific horizontal barriers identified.

13:30 – 14:30
CEST

Lunch break

Views / Videos from the islands

Featuring: EISEA - Estonian Islands

14:30 – 14:45
CEST

Introduction to the site visits

Presentation of the site visits for the two days.

14:45 – 18:00
CEST

Site visits (see last page for more information)

- **Site Visit 1: Rifugio Climatico Son Oliva School**

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● **Site Visit 2: Green H2 production facility**

20:00 – 22:00
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Dinner



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DAY 2 | 21 May 2026



Venue: Casa Esment | [Camí de Son Roca, 17B/17, 07198 Son Ferriol, Palma](#)

09:00 – 09:15

CEST

Introduction to the day

09:15 – 09:30

CEST

Transfer to Breakout rooms

Breakout session #1 – Water-energy nexus: A holistic approach to water management

Starting from the case studies of Astypalea and Naxos, this breakout session will address the topic of water management on islands and the water-energy nexus. Understanding and reducing water demand, deploying alternative water supply technologies, exploiting the water-energy nexus, and implementing proper incentives for cost effective water use are some of the aspects that will be addressed. The importance of aligning the interests and priorities of local businesses, productive sectors and communities, and incentivising virtuous practices at the local and regional level will emerge through the group discussions steered by the moderators.

Facilitators: DAFNI, PoliTo, Econoler, ProfB



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09:30 – 11:00

CEST

Breakout session #2 – Waste-energy nexus: A holistic approach to waste management

Starting from the case study of Lipari, this breakout session will address the topic of waste management and waste valorisation on islands. Understanding the main waste sources and reducing waste generation, deploying alternative waste management strategies and implementing proper incentives for waste reduction and valorisation are some of the aspects that will be addressed. Attention will be placed on the exploitation of organic waste for clean energy production, a promising solution for the effective and positive management of waste from the first and third sectors. The importance of aligning the interests and priorities of local businesses and communities and incentivising virtuous practices at the local and regional level will emerge through the group discussions steered by the moderators.

Facilitators: DNV, RdA, 3E



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Breakout session #3 – Community energy in action - Local engagement in decarbonisation

The island transition teams will reflect on their starting point when it comes to community energy and citizens-led initiatives for the clean energy transition. They will be invited to prioritise actions that can enable community development, engagement of citizens in shared ownership small scale projects, energy sharing among members, as well as access to funding and financing.

Facilitators: Samsø Energy Academy, Th!nk E, Island movement, ESIN



CASA ESMENT | AULA S'HORT TANCAT

11:00 – 11:30
CEST

Coffee break

Views / Videos from the islands

Featuring: Energy Bonita - La Palma

Panel discussion – Islands energy policy: stakeholders engagement and policy alignment from development to implementation

A high-level panel discussion will touch on key aspects of the governance of the energy transition of islands. Representatives from EU Member States' national governments will bring their on-the-ground experience in the development and implementation of islands energy policy. The panellists will especially contribute to the engagement and alignment of the interests and expectations of different government levels and stakeholder groups across the cycle of the public policy process, from problem identification and agenda setting to implementation and evaluation. The challenges in the coordination of various policies and strategies to ensure their consistency and effectiveness will be discussed.

11:30 – 12:30
CEST

*Moderation: **Jan Cornillie**, Project Director, Clean energy for EU islands secretariat (3E)*

Panelists:

- **Emmanouil Koutoulakis**, Secretary General of the Aegean and Island Policy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Greece
- **Irje Möldre**, Head of Strategic Planning, Energy Department, Ministry of Climate of Estonia
- **Rosalinde Van Der Vlies**, Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), DG ENER, European Commission

12:30 – 13:30
CEST

Lunch break

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Group session 2 – Member States Stakeholder Session

Communication and alignment on the priorities of each island's clean energy transition is the most crucial aspect for its successful realisation. All different stakeholder groups need to work towards the same objective and collaborate to overcome challenges and achieve positive results.

13:30 – 15:00
CEST

During this session, the participants will be split into groups based on their country of origin. Guided by the moderators, they will discuss priorities and challenges, elaborating on what is needed to move forward and who can provide said support, with the aim of concluding on specific common issues and preparing the ground for continued future engagement.

The session has the objective of co-creating an informal Memorandum of Collaboration among all stakeholder groups to enable continued collaboration on the specific barriers identified.

15:00 – 15:15
CEST

Coffee Break

Transition back to plenary

15:15 – 16:00
CEST

Plenary discussion and conclusion – The main takeaways

In a plenary discussion, all members of the Secretariat will report on the outputs of the two days. They will share with all participants what they observed during the different sessions, the challenges identified, solutions proposed and commitments made by all present stakeholders. To conclude the session, considerations about differences, similarities, and best practices will be drawn.

16:00 – 19:00
CEST

Site visits (more information below)

- **Site Visit 1: Rifugio Climatico Son Oliva School**
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Site visit information

Son Oliva School Climate Shelter:

Participants will visit the Climate Shelter at Son Oliva School in Palma de Mallorca, a local initiative within an energy community that showcases community-driven climate adaptation and energy transition. Supported by the Government of the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands and the Balearic Institute of Energy, the project combines sustainable infrastructure with social impact. It has begun transforming the school playground into a climate refuge that provides shelter from heatwaves and promotes the sharing of renewable electricity at neighbourhood level, with further naturalisation interventions currently under development. During the visit, participants will meet representatives from the Balearic Institute of Energy, CEIP Son Oliva School, as well as members of collective self-consumption initiatives from across the Balearic Islands. They will gain insight into how collaborative governance and citizen engagement can support the development of resilient and inclusive energy solutions.

Green Hysland hydrogen production facility:

The site visit to the Green Hysland hydrogen production facility in Lloseta will offer participants insight into one of EU's flagship hydrogen valley projects. The Green Hysland project, funded by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership, created an integrated green hydrogen ecosystem on Mallorca by producing hydrogen from renewable solar energy and deploying it across transport, industry, and energy systems, including injection into the local gas grid. During the visit, participants will explore the plant where electrolysis technology powered by photovoltaic energy is used to generate and store renewable hydrogen, providing a practical example of how island hydrogen economies can support the transition to a clean and secure energy supply.