EMPOWERING ISLANDS TO ACHIEVE THEIR ENERGY AND CLIMATE TARGETS

DATE: Friday, May 29th 2020 | TIME: 12.00 - 14.00 CEST

REGISTRATION

In the recent Clean Energy for All Europeans Package islands found a special place as territories that may “provide platforms for pilot initiatives on clean energy transition and can serve as showcases at international level”. Covenant of Mayors (CoM) and Pact of Islands (PoI) have been instrumental in setting the ground for island local and regional authorities to design their own path towards energy transition and climate adaptation and commit to reaching their targets. The Commission launched the Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative in 2017 to support island decarbonization and set up the European Islands Facility to offer financial aid for island clean energy projects.

In this webinar, we will discuss how Greek PoI and CoM island signatories can be supported to implement their iSEAPs/SEAPs/SECAPs, how adhesion to PoI is streamlined with CoM and how signatories can align their plans in view of the 2030 targets for climate adaptation. Then, the official support by the European Commission, namely the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat and the European Islands Facility (NESOI H2020 project) will be presented. Finally, we will present successful climate and energy solutions and methodologies amongst the islands community such as the Greek island projects TIOS and Naeras, the climate adaptation planning of the Strovolos Municipality in Cyprus and the clean energy transition of the Samsoe, Orkney and Madeira Municipality in the frame of the H2020 SMILE project.

Agenda

Introduction | Current status among island local authorities – 10’
Kostas Komninos, Director, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI)

Tools supporting islands in their energy and climate transition – 15’
- Stakeholders’ and citizens’ engagement in decision-making processes for islands’ clean energy transition (INSULAE H2020 project)
  Petros Markopoulos, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI)
- Pact of Islands tools to support islands’ clean energy transition
  Fanis Christakopoulos, Aegean Energy and Environment Agency (AEGEA)
- Guidelines for establishing Energy Communities in Greek Islands
  Valia Iliopoulou, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI)

EU support for islands’ clean energy transition – 10’
- Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat
  Antonia Proka, CE4EU Secretariat
- NESOI European Islands Facility
  Nikos Nikolopoulos, NESOI European Islands Facility

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Clean Energy Transition Lighthouse Greek Islands – 15’
  - TILOS project in Tilos
    Eustathios Kontos, Municipality of Tilos
  - Naeras project in Ikaria
    Konstantinos Natsis, Director PV and hybrid projects, PPC Renewables S.A.

Clean Energy Transition Lighthouse EU Islands of the H2020 SMILE project – 40’
  - Madeira, Orkney, Samsoe
    Madeira, Orkney, Samsoe representatives
  - Replication potential of SMILE solutions in other islands
    Mark de la Vieter, New Energy Coalition

Climate Adaptation in the Covenant of Mayors – 10’
Yeray Hernandez, European Commission – Joint Research Center, presented in Greek by Kostas Komninos, Dafni

The journey from iSEAP / SEAP to SECAP: The case of Municipality of Strovolos (Cyprus) – 10’
Savvas Vlachos, Director, Cyprus Energy Agency

Conclusions