Meet the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat
Island context

- Seasonality
- Infrastructure (e.g. limited grid capacities)
- Low local capacities
- Community awareness and engagement issues
- Regulatory and national jurisdiction issues
Our experience

Main areas of lack of capacity and experience with:
• Developing & Monitoring Decarbonisation plans
• Establishing Energy communities & Mobilising local stakeholders
• Developing Financing & Investment plans
• Introducing Sustainable Mobility on & to/from the island options
• Launching Energy Saving measures & Inspiring rational energy use

As well as general difficulty to:
• Access support material and experts to plan & execute RES projects
• Maintain and foster trust between actors on the island and beyond

The overall connection and collaboration across different levels of governance has been mapped as challenging
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A European Initiative supporting the clean energy transition of EU islands from the bottom up
Facilitate the clean energy transition on Europe’s islands from the bottom up

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Reinforcing the movement working towards the clean energy transition via:

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- 6x development of a Clean Energy Transition Agenda
- 20x technical feasibility assessments of a community’s existing plans
- 20x technical or project assistance on individual projects
- 10x assistance for developing a financing plan
- Helpdesk support
26 islands launch clean energy transition with EU Islands Secretariat support

- Salina (Italy)
- Aran Islands (Ireland)
- Cres-Losinj (Croatia)
- Culatra (Portugal)
- Sifnos (Greece)
- La Palma (Spain)

Other islands: Hvar, Croatia; Brać, Croatia; Korčula, Croatia; Kőkar, Finland; Marie-Galante, France; New Caledonia, France; Crete, Greece; Samos, Greece; Cape Clear, Ireland; Favignana, Italy; Pantelleria, Italy; Azores, Portugal; Ibiza, Spain; Mallorca, Spain; Menorca, Spain; A Ila de Arousa, Spain; Gotland, Sweden; Öland, Sweden; Orkney, UK; Group of Off-Grid Scottish Islands, UK

Explore the Secretariat’s interactive map of pioneering EU islands
Ongoing support on the development of Clean Energy Transition Agendas

A Guidebook to be published in the coming weeks

Ongoing Project-specific support
Thematic workshops for island communities on...

...financing
...community engagement
...technology

Advice via the helpdesk

Best practice guide
Capacity building

- Croatia
- Greece
- Ireland

Next workshops in
**Spain** (27-28 September) & **Italy** (24-25 October)

5 workshops & a series of webinars loading…
Capacity building

List of publications on our website

Library

The library of the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat contains documents to guide islands in the development of clean energy transition agendas, sample energy transition agendas from the pilot islands, documents relating to the financing of decarbonisation plans, as well as island-related news.

Key documents

- Clean Energy Transition Agenda Template
- Island Guide to clean energy transition research
- Quick-reference guide on financing

Community Energy - Broadening the Ownership of Renewables

A short introduction to the concept of community energy projects, with benefits, challenges and actions to promote community-owned projects. Helpful especially for municipalities wishing to engage their citizens in renewable energy projects. Published by IRENA Coalition for Action.

READ MORE

The Covenant Community and the Covenant of Mayors Office

The support section of the Covenant of Mayors consists of inspirations ranging from stakeholder engagement to technical examples of project implementation, as well as emission inventory guidance for developing your decarbonisation plan.

READ MORE
Networking events

Online Engagement Platform

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Next forum & technical fair will be taking place on **November 20-22nd** in **Split & Hvar, Croatia**
Online community engagement

Welcome to the engagement platform

In hope you can find inspirations from other islands in transition, support organisation or contact details to experts in the field.

- Click ‘My organisation’ to
  - Update or add more information about your organisation to display this to the rest of the EU islands community.
  - All your colleagues to your support organisation to display them and your teams expertise to the EU island community.

- Click ‘My island’ to
  - get the overview of your islands activities.
  - To edit and update the information and activities for your island. You can for instance add relevant events in the island calendar.
  - You can also find the Clean Energy for EU islands transition hubs that your island have connected to.

- Click ‘Find support’ to
  - Get the full overview of the support organisations and islands and their expert contacts you have connected to.

Further details about how to work with this tool
If you have any further questions on the organisation.

Latest Island News
akaryon GmbH has joined the EU Islands platform. 06/09/2023
IT support services related to the EU island
Engagement Platform online

Platforma por un Nuevo Modelo Energético para Canarias (Px1MEC)
Civil Society organisation (ex. cooperatives, citizens movements, etc)

Px1MEC is a citizen platform that has an active local group in La Palma since 2012. Its main activity has been showing the negative impacts of the present energy model and promoting the energy transition from the citizens. Platform of organisations and people who believe and fight for a new energy model based on energy saving and efficiency, the rational use of energy, the priority for renewable energies in a land where natural energy resources abound, and towards its true democratisation.

Italia (IT)
- Benvenuti nel progetto per l’energia pulita del paese italiano
- Chi vuole trovare a conoscere tutte le informazioni, i documenti, gli eventi, gli esperti coinvolgono nel progetto e la legislazione legata alla decentrizzazione delle isole italiane.

Sverige (SE)
- Välkommen till projektet för ren energi i vårt land
- För att få information om projektet, alla meddelanden och detaljer om hur projektet är organiserad och att se alla meddelanden som finns på hemsidan.
Supporting an EU wide community

Consolidating the movement

• The Clean Energy for EU Islands pledge

Consolidation and broadening of Island Transition Teams

• The Declaration of support

Showcasing of the ‘external’ support organisations can offer islands
Supporting an EU wide community

Through a co-development platform assisting in the strategic steering of our activities

Comprising of permanent & revolving members, such as:

- ESIN
- INSULEUR
- ERRIN
- Greening the Islands
- Committee of the Regions
- Dafni Network of Sustainable Greek Islands…
- CPMR
- FEDARENE
- Ocean Energy Europe
- Wind Energy Europe
- EASE…
The Island Pledge

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The Island Pledge

On the island, it helps to:
• Build mutual trust
• Engage stakeholders
• Create responsibility
• Offer the spark

Outside the island, it helps to:
• Build Clean Energy for EU Islands community
• Signal to decision makers
• Create focus on Islands and their specific situation
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Join the Community!
www.euislands.eu/join-the-community
• **Strengthening collaboration** among stakeholders on islands

• **Strengthening collaboration** between Islands and Technology providers, Academia, Civil society organisations and public institutions

• **Strengthening collaboration** among decision-makers (Local to EU level)

= A joint push for the decarbonisation of EU Islands
- The transition towards clean energy sources involves much more than a technological shift

- Aim to co-create (i.e. go beyond public consultation)

- Empower and involve actors from different societal sectors & backgrounds

- Ensure time-investment & commitment
Thank you!

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