WORKSHOP

The European Green Deal and the National Energy and Climate Plan in Cyprus

Organized in cooperation with the Cyprus House of Representatives

16 June 2022
9h00 – 13h45 Cyprus Time
8h00 – 12h45 Brussels time

Online Conference
Working languages: English and Greek with simultaneous interpretation provided

Opening Session 9h00 – 9h30

• 9h00 – 9h10  Opening words
  Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

• 9h10 – 9h15  Welcoming speech
  Charalambos Theopemptou, Member of the Cypriot Parliament, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on the Environment

• 9h15 – 9h25  The voice of the youth for climate in Cyprus: The Avli project
  Evgenia Chamilou, UN Youth Champion for Environment and Peace from Cyprus*

• 9h25 – 9h30  The voice of the youth for climate in Cyprus
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* Tbc: To be confirmed
## SESSION 1: Renewable energy and energy efficiency 9h30 – 10h30

**Setting the ambition for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Cyprus**

The session will present the current situation for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Cyprus, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the renewable energy and energy efficiency system of the future of Cyprus.

**Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES**

### Input speeches

- **9h30 – 9h40**  
  The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for a sustainable recovery and economy in Cyprus  
  Natasa Pilidou, Minister for Energy, Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry*

- **9h40 – 9h50**  
  The urgent need to design an efficient energy policy in Cyprus  
  Charalambos Theopemptou, Member of the Cypriot Parliament, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on the Environment

- **9h50 – 10h00**  
  The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for the Cypriot green energy transition and the need to tackle energy poverty  
  Giorgos Georgiou, Member of European Parliament*

- **10h00 – 10h10**  
  The challenges within the European energy union for the integration and development of a sustainable energy system: A special focus on Cyprus  
  Hans van Steen, Principal Adviser for an integrated renewable energy strategy towards the 2050 carbon neutrality objective, DG ENER, European Commission*

### 10h10 – 10h20 Questions and Answers

10h20 – 10h30 Break
SESSION 2: Energy Efficiency 10h30 – 11h20

EU energy efficiency policy implementation in Cyprus

This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Cyprus and good practices for boosting investments. Held as part of the Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective policies.

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- **10h30 – 10h40** The Green scheme for energy savings and upgrading residences
  Charalambos Rousos, Director for Energy, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Cyprus *

- **10h40 – 10h50** The untapped potential for energy efficiency in Cyprus
  Savvas Vlachos, Director, Cyprus Energy Agency (CEA)*

- **10h50 – 11h00** Determining cost-effective energy efficiency measures in buildings
  Apostolos Michopoulos, Deputy-Director, Energy and Environmental Design of Buildings Research, University of Cyprus

- **11h00 – 11h10** Greek-Cypriot cross-border projects for energy savings in public buildings
  Constantia Constantinou, Planning officer Interreg Greece – Cyprus, Directorate General Growth, Ministry of Finance

11h10 – 11h20 Questions and Answers
SESSION 3 Energy Efficiency 11h20 – 12h15

Enabling factors and barriers for implementing energy efficiency in Cyprus

The Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project tries to create a better understanding of the national debate and motivation on efficiency policies and good practices. This session focuses on the influential narratives in Cyprus. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will form part of the discussion.

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- **11h20 – 11h30**  
  Successful narratives in the Cypriot context for effective policy implementation  
  Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- **11h30 – 12h00**  
  Expert Panel  
  Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- George Georgiou, President, Cyprus Association of Renewable Energy Enterprises - SEAPEK*  
- Ronald Diab, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Group - EEG*

**12h00 – 12h15** Questions and Answers

12h15 – 12h30 Break

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 have been organized in the framework of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project. Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 (EEW4) is a HORIZON 2020 project, coordination, and support action, aiming at supporting policy makers in EU MS in improving the degree of a successful implementation of policy instruments for energy efficiency, and thus contributing to reaching the target of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).
SESSION 4: Renewable Energy 12h30 – 13h45

Open discussion: Towards a new and sustainable Cypriot energy system

This session intends to discuss the economic and financial opportunities for renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in Cyprus. It highlights the trends of the new energy system, innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors facing the challenges of the traditional energy system and shaping the future Cypriot energy system.

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- 12h30 – 12h40 The Cypriot economic perspective on energy efficiency and renewable energy to achieving a climate neutral energy system Marios Panayides, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry and Chairman of the Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Conservation Fund*

- 12h40 – 13h30 Expert Panel
  Moderator: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES
  - Natasa Ioannou, Energy and Fossil Free Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Cyprus
  - Venizelos Efthymiou, Chairman, Research Center for Sustainable Energy, Cyprus University
  - Ilias Andronikou, Director, Cyprus Wind Energy Association - CWEA*
  - Marina Zevedeou, Director, The Aspen Trust Group*
  - Ghiwa Nakat, Director, Greenpeace Mediterranean*

- 13h30 – 13h40 Questions and Answers

- 13h40 – 13h45 Closing Remarks
  Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

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