WORKSHOP

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

Organized in cooperation with the House of Representatives of Cyprus

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9h00 – 13h45 Cyprus Time
8h00 – 12h45 Brussels time

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

Opening Session 9h00 – 9h30

- 9h00 – 9h05  Opening words
  Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- 9h05 – 9h10  Welcoming speech
  Annita Demetriou, H.E. The President of the House of Representatives - video message -

- 9h10 – 9h15  Welcoming speech
  Ciaran Cuffe, Member of European Parliament, President of EUFORES

- 9h15 – 9h20  Energy Crisis – An opportunity or a challenge for youth?
  Orestis Matsas, Coordinator of the 100,000 trees in Paphos Initiative
  Maria Kola, Young Climate Activist from Cyprus

- 9h20 – 9h30  The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for the Cypriot green energy transition and the need to tackle energy poverty
  Stavros Papadouris, Member of the House of Representatives, Standing Committee on Energy, Trade, Industry and Tourism - Cyprus Greens-Citizens Cooperation
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.

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Input speeches

- 9h30 – 9h40 The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for a sustainable recovery and economy in Cyprus
  Charalambos Rousos, Director of the Energy Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry

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

- 9h50 – 10h00 The legislative framework as a tool for the development of the Renewable Energy Sources
  Chrisis Pantelides, Member of 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

11h10 – 10h15 Questions and Answers

10h15 – 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  
  Nicos Hadjinicolaou, Industrial Extension Officer, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry

- **10h40 – 10h50**  The untapped potential for energy efficiency in Cyprus  
  Soulla Karra, Expert in Buildings, 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**  Cross-border cooperation projects for energy savings in public buildings in the framework of the Interreg V-A Greece-Cyprus 2014-2020 Programme  
  Constantia Constantinou, Planning Officer A’, 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 – 11h40** An insight from within the island on the barriers for the development of energy efficiency
  Ronald Diab, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Group – EEG
  - video message –

- **11h40 – 12h00** Expert Panel
  Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- Fanos Karantonis, Chairman, Cyprus Association of Renewable Energy Enterprises – SEAPEK

**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, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry
  - video message -

- 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
  - Marina Zevedeou, Director, The Aspen Trust Group

13h30 – 13h40 Questions and Answers

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

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