



## WORKSHOP

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

Organized in cooperation with the House of Representatives of Cyprus

**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 – 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.

**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**  
**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
- **Katerina Piripitsi**, Energy Efficiency Expert, Ministry of Energy, Commerce, and Industry
- **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.

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

- **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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