



# **Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative**

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# Clean Energy Package

8 legislative proposals under discussion in the Council and the EP

Goal: EU becoming a low carbon economy via transformation of its energy system

- putting energy efficiency first
- achieving global leadership in renewable energies
- providing a fair deal for consumers

# EU Islands in Clean Energy Package

**Clean Energy For All Europeans** - islands and island regions references in the Communication

As platforms for pilot initiatives on clean energy transition

Showcasing success stories of islands' transition at international level

# Malta Political Declaration, May 2017

Commission and 14 MS launching 'Clean Energy for EU Islands' initiative to:

- accelerate the clean energy transition on EU's 2700 islands
- help islands reduce dependency and costs of energy imports by using RES
- embrace modern and innovative energy systems
- improve air quality and lower greenhouse gas emissions

# Chania Inaugural Forum

- Momentum there: over 200 participants and close to 40 speakers taking the floor
- overwhelming endorsement by political representatives of national, regional and local level as well as industry and civil society stakeholders
- interventions strongly supportive of EU action and facilitation of decarbonisation of islands in its legal, financial and technical dimensions

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

Islands as:

- **innovation leaders** for integrating local RES production, storage facilities and demand response;
- **demonstrating** how decarbonisation creates **resilient energy systems** via reduced reliance on fossil fuel imports, the protection of environment, and autonomy of energy supply
- showing that **energy transition can be a driver for economic development** (new local jobs, new business opportunities, self-sufficiency of island communities)

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative in some detail

- Ambitious objective: 1000 EU islands decarbonised by 2030
- Secretariat to be established for the Initiative to help launching decarbonisation plans on islands, host a stakeholders' exchange platform, as well as organise yearly forums
- Island Facility to be set up to support comprehensive energy transition in preparatory and implementation phase under Horizon 2020



# Where do we go from here?

- Clean Energy Package: creating the right legal framework (RES, consumers and stability for investment)
- A two directional approach for facilitation of transition and “island-frontrunners”: top-down and bottom up
- Cooperation with national/regional organisations of islands



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**Thank you for your attention**