



## Project title:

Yenesys - YOUTH EMPLOYMENT NETWORK FOR ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY IN ISLANDS

Country	Project partner status	Institution	Type of institution	City
Cyprus	Lead partner	Cyprus Energy Agency	NGO	Nicosia
Croatia	Beneficiary partner	The International Centre for Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems – SDEWES	NGO	Zagreb
Cyprus	Beneficiary partner	Frederick University	Private	Nicosia
Cyprus	Beneficiary partner	Chrysalis LEAP Limited	Private	Nicosia
Estonia	Beneficiary partner	Association of Estonian Islands AEI	NGO	Kuressaare
Greece	Beneficiary partner	Network of Sustainable Greek Islands – DAFNI Network	NGO	Athens
Italy	Beneficiary partner	Sapienza University of Rome - Department of Astronautical, Electrical and Energy Engineering	Public	Rome
Portugal	Beneficiary partner	Regional Agency for Energy and Environment of the Autonomous Region of Madeira	NGO	Funchal
Spain	Beneficiary partner	Canary Islands Institute of Technology	Private	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Norway	Expertise partner	Møre and Romsdal County Authority	Public	Molde

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

**WHY:** One of the lasting challenges of the financial crisis in Europe is the fact that many young people with a completed education cannot find jobs. This is especially true if they live in remote areas like islands, where seasonal unemployment is prevalent. There is a need to create jobs where people live, from resources found in those areas, that can create a sustainable future. European islands have many challenges and opportunities in common, like resource stress during the summer months, youth migration to the mainland, but, also, potential to become testbeds for new technologies.

**WHAT:** The project partners will cooperate and share information on how to create green jobs within the energy sector, renewables, mobility, and tourism. Young people will be supported and prepared for employment in these green jobs via training, business development, mentoring and work

**PROJECT DURATION (months):**  
**40**

**GRANT AMOUNT:**  
**€ 2.3 MILLION**

**AREAS OF SUPPORT:**

INNOVATION AND EXPLORATION, TRANSFER OF KNOW-HOW

exchanges. Participants will get experience with internships in local projects.

Target groups:

- Young professionals age 25-29 who are not in employment, education or training
- Human resource development agencies, productivity centres, business support organisations and educational institutions

## ABOUT THE FUND

The €60 million EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment supports transnational project initiatives that promote sustainable and quality youth employment in Europe. The focus on transnational cooperation reflects the view that unemployment among youth is a common European challenge and common European solutions should therefore be explored.

The fund seeks to complement existing EU funding on youth employment initiatives, e.g. the long-term unemployed in the age group 25-29.

The selected projects aim to:

- Make it easier for 25 000 young people to find a job
- Create 3500 jobs in NGOs and social enterprises
- Help 1800 young people start up their own business

The 27 selected projects involve partners from all the 15 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants as well as Ireland, Italy and Spain – all countries with high youth unemployment. The projects also include expertise partners from the donor countries Iceland and Norway as well as two international organisations and other EU member states.

[www.eeagrants.org/youthemployment](http://www.eeagrants.org/youthemployment)

## ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. For the period 2014-2021, the total contribution is €2.8 billion (EEA Grants €1.5 billion and Norway Grants €1.3 billion).

Under the EEA Agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. The EEA Agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities.

