# **Call for Expressions of Interest: Support for the Development of Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas**

Important information for the applicant

What is the purpose of this form?

This form is part of the open process for the selection of EU islands that will receive assistance from the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat to develop their Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas. Each expression of interest is assessed along the axes set out in Annex I. Please read Annex I carefully before filling out the form. Provide the relevant information briefly and indicate when some information is not available.

The Secretariat’s definition of an Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda is available in Annex II.

What types of support does the Secretariat offer?

The Secretariat supports islands in drafting their Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas. The Secretariat has the resources to co-develop up to six Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas together with the island communities. Moreover, the Secretariat can support the development of up to 20 Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas with methodological guidance and by introducing the island community to relevant stakeholders in this context.

Note that the Secretariat does not finance the implementation of Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas directly, but instead provides technical assistance and capacity building to ensure island communities can develop and successfully implement them. The selected islands commit to cooperate actively with the Secretariat and to allocate necessary resources to their Transition Agenda’s development.

How should you apply?

Each Island is represented by a group of stakeholders that can consist of local authorities or other public authorities, actors from the private sector, universities other educational establishments, citizens associations, etc. The groups of stakeholders are expected to choose a single point of contact for the Secretariat collaboration. This contact fills out this form and includes the necessary details of other group members.

Please send the completed expression of interest in PDF format to [info@euislands.eu](mailto:info@euislands.eu)

Should you have any questions on the application procedure, please contact us at the same e-mail address.

When is the deadline?

All expressions of interest must be submitted before the end of 15 January 2019, Central European Time.

What are the next steps?

The Secretariat will confirm the receipt of each expression of interest within 48 hours after the deadline. It will then assess the expressions of interest received and, within 30 days after the submission deadline, notify the single points of contact of the result.

Information on the Island

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| *Name of the Island* | e.g. Atlantis |
| *Country* | e.g. France |
| *Sea/Ocean* | e.g. Atlantic Ocean |
| *Geographical area* | Sea basin |
| *Land area* | e.g. 300 km² |
| *Population* | e.g. 3 000 |
| *Number of municipalities* | e.g. 2 |
| *Gross Domestic Product[[1]](#footnote-1)* | e.g. 28 000 million € |
| *Energetic parameters* | Annual electricity demand (MWh) and peak load (MW) |
| *Is the island connected to the mainland?* | Yes/no, if yes then cable capacity (MW) |
| *Highest government body* | e.g. Municipal council |
| *Main economic sectors* | e.g. fishing, forestry, tourism |

How seasonal is human activity on the island?   
Give an estimate of the difference in population between high season and low season. Give the dates of the different tourism seasons throughout the year.

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Stakeholders involved

Please fill in the details of the single point of contact

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| *Organisation name* | e.g. FOSS |
| *Organisation address* |  |
| *Organisation type* | e.g. Research Center of Sustainable Energy (University of Atlantis) |
| *Full name of the contact person* |  |
| *Phone number* |  |
| *Email address* |  |

**Please fill in the details of other stakeholder group members (if applicable)**

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| *Organisation name II* |  |
| *Organisation type* |  |
| *Organisation address* |  |
| *Full name contact person* |  |
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| *Organisation address* |  |
| *Organisation type* |  |
| *Full name contact person* |  |
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| *Email address* |  |
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| *Organisation address* |  |
| *Full name contact person* |  |
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**Please explain in which way each of the organizations in the stakeholder group is active on the island.**

Describe their involvement in the clean energy transition on the island. How many people do they involve/reach? How do they work together? Try to be brief and structure your text, e.g., with bullet points.

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Island community assets

**Please name and describe some past experiences with citizen engagement on the island.**

Please include the activities of grassroot movements, civil society organisations. indicate the geographical scope of these activities (one city/town/island or several).

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**Please describe the current status of energy communities on the island**

Are there any energy communities (e.g. cooperatives) on the island? If so, how long have they existed? What percentage of the population do they reach/involve? What projects have they developed?

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Climate action track record

**What is the overall status of climate action on the island?**

Has there been any action on climate change in the past? If so, what? Has a climate action plan been written? What is the level of interest in climate action on the island? What is the public opinion on the clean energy transition? Are there strong driving forces or opposition?

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**Does your island have a clear vision on the clean energy transition yet?**

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| yes | no, not yet |

*If yes: Please briefly explain the vision here (if a concrete plan already exists, you can submit it together with this form).*

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**Have any specific clean energy transition projects been implemented?**

Please mention the type, scale and realisation date of projects and the stakeholders driving them.

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**Which stakeholders are active around the clean energy transition on the island?**

If so, please describe the role, activities and impact of these stakeholders.

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**Please describe the level of commitment from the island’s municipalities.**

How many have set 2020/2030 targets? How actively are they pursuing these targets?

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**Please indicate the island’s commitment under the Covenant of Mayors/Pact of Islands**

Have any of the island’s municipalities have signed the Covenant/Pact of Islands? If so, how many and which ones?

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**What is the current or potential role of the business sector in the clean energy transition of the island?**

Are any local businesses or business associations involved in clean energy transition-related activities on the island? If so, please describe which and how. Are you aware of any interest by local businesses to invest in the clean energy transition on the island?

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Political and legal context on the island

**Please describe (recent) developments of the national/regional regulatory framework that are relevant for energy transition activities on the island.**

Are there any major regulatory drivers or barriers? On what legislative level do they exist?

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**Describe the island’s political interest in energy transition activities.**

At what political levels are actions taken place?

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Collaboration with other islands

**Is there an existing cooperation with stakeholders from other islands (general or clean energy transition-related)?**

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| yes | | no | |
| If yes, continue to a) | | If no, continue to c) | |

1. **Please fill in the information for each stakeholder on other islands**

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| **Stakeholder name** | **Organisation type** | **Island name and country** |
| e.g. Kelia | E.g. Consumer Organisation Korfu | E.g. Korfu, Greece |
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1. Please briefly describe your collaboration

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| **Stakeholder name** | **Description** |
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1. Please describe any potential partnerships with other islands

Guiding questions: Are there neighbouring islands? Is there an existing network between islands in your region/country? If so, what is the nature of the cooperation?

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Attachments

**If applicable, please submit the following annexes along with this form:**

* Additional information on current climate action or the clean energy transition on the island
* Additional information on the role and activities of the applying stakeholder group

# Annex I: Assessment Table

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| **COMMUNITY ASSETS AND POTENTIAL** | Level of engagement of individual stakeholder groups involved (i.e. initiative, previous experience, people reach, projects developed or project pipeline, readiness) |
| Broadness of network of stakeholder groups already involved or expressed interest to be involved (i.e. citizens, local businesses, schools and academia, municipalities) |
| Level of collaboration between the stakeholder groups involved (i.e. initiative, previous experience, peoples reach, projects developed or project pipeline, readiness, commitment) |
| Scope of activities and supra-municipal initiatives on the island (e.g. Joint Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs), Island activities and organization) |
| **CLIMATE ACTION TRACK RECORD** | Status of the transition process as envisioned by the local stakeholders (i.e. vision, strategy, projects implemented) |
| Status of community energy initiatives |
| Level of active involvement of private sector in climate action |
| Level of active involvement of schools and academia in climate action |
| Level of active involvement of the municipalities on the island (e.g. involvement in the Covenant of Mayors or similar initiatives) |
| **CONTEXTUAL CONDITIONS** | Status of the national/regional regulatory framework and its interplay with the energy transition process on the island |
| Level of political interest in the energy transition process (from opposition to strong support) across different governance levels (municipal, regional, national) |
| Potential synergies with other islands |
| Geographical situation (to ensure an even coverage of main EU maritime regions) |
| Degree of interconnection (i.e. not interconnected, weakly interconnected, fully interconnected) |
| Prospects of the island to function as an inspiring example |

# Annex II: Definition

**WHAT IS AN ISLAND CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION AGENDA?**

The Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda is the strategic roadmap for the transition process towards clean energy as desired by the stakeholders on an island. This transition aims to decarbonise the island’s energy supply, reduce pollution, strengthen the local economy and improve the quality of life of inhabitants and visitors, while maintaining or improving the quality and security of supply.

The Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda should be developed and agreed upon by the stakeholders on the island in their local language.

**WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?**

It contains:

* A strategy section with energy, environmental, and economic targets as compared to a baseline. The targets may be set for several dates in the medium-term future, e.g., in ten to twenty years from now. They should be specific and ambitious, but achievable. The strategy section relates to a broader future vision and does not address concrete projects or approaches to implement them.
* An extensive tactical section, suited to launch this transition process and covering the following aspects:
  + the stakeholder groups involved in the transition process, typically groups representing citizens, local businesses, schools and universities, and local public authorities,
  + the governance of the transition process,
  + opportunities and structural barriers with potential solutions or workarounds,
  + models envisioned for financing,
  + knowledge building and networking with similar initiatives in the region.
* A limited operational section, describing how the targets should be achieved in technical and organisational terms. Examples would be shifting from diesel generation and oil heating to solar generation and heat pump heating; or transforming an informal group to an established cooperative. Exemplary projects may be mentioned.
* A reflexive section on monitoring and pivoting, with particular emphasis on the transient character of any transition process and the need for regular re-adjustment.

The Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat will prescribe a minimal set of key performance indicators to monitor progress consistently for all islands joining the Initiative.

**WHAT IS ITS SCOPE?**

Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas should be Island-wide, i.e. cover at least the entire territory of an island. Where this makes sense they may cover an archipelago. They should address the following energy services, with emphasis on the key sectors contributing to the full decarbonisation of islands:

* Energy generation,
* Heating,
* Cooling,
* Transportation on the island,
* Transportation to and from the island.

**HOW SHOULD IT EVOLVE?**

Since transition processes are uncertain by nature, the Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda cannot be a static document. It should be revised frequently and adjusted to accommodate changes of circumstances.

**WHAT CAN THE EU ISLANDS SECRETARIAT DO?**

The EU Island Secretariat can support the local initiatives with preparing an Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda. The Secretariat will provide a guidebook, templates, ad-hoc support and a review for islands who are preparing their Transition Agendas.

For more information consult [www.euislands.eu](http://www.euislands.eu/)

1. See e.g. eurostat data ‘Gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices by NUTS 3 regions’ ([nama\_10r\_3gdp](http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=nama_10r_3gdp&lang=en)) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)