

New Energy Solutions Optimised for Islands



EUROPEAN ISLANDS FACILITY

## Information webinar: Second round of NESOI open call

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## PART B - 60 minutes

- **The NESOI platform:** bridging the gap between ideas and implementation
- **Financial pairing:** interaction between the islands' projects and the potential sources of funding
- **Technology pairing:** technical solutions and innovations for islands decarbonisation
- Q&A



# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

Overview of the objectives and action

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

- More than 2200 inhabited islands (approx. 21 million inhabitants)
- High dependency on fossil fuels for their energy supply
- Most islands have access to renewable sources of energy
- Launched in 2017, the initiative aims at:
  - Reducing energy costs
  - Support the construction of energy storage facilities and demand response systems
  - Increasing REn production
  - Improving energy security
  - Improving air quality, lowering GHG emissions and reducing human activity impacts on islands environments
  - Fostering local economies through the creation of jobs and business opportunities.

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

- In order to deliver on the objectives of the Initiative, the CE4EUI Secretariat
  - Acts as a platform to exchange best practices
  - Provides dedicated capacity building and advisory services to islands
  - Advices the Commission and MSs on policy and regulatory issues for clean energy transition on islands
- The secretariat supports the implementation of the cooperation structure for the Memorandum of Split for clean energy on EU Islands.

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

- During the Pilot phase of the initiative (2018 – 2020);
  - 29 Clean Energy Transition Agendas were drafted and adopted by islands
  - 20 Islands were supported in their individual project identification, and 10 with their project preparation.
  - Around 25 workshops and webinars took place, available on the initiative website and of importance for interested islands actors.
  - Guidebooks and guides available on the website



# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

- In 2021, the second phase of the initiative was launched and runs for 2 years. The main workstreams are:
  - Capacity building for islands' stakeholders on the design, development, financing and implementation of integrated decarbonisation plans;
  - A study on the legal and regulatory frameworks of at least five Member States to analyse legislation and regulation barriers, to propose possible approaches to address key barriers;
  - Awareness raising and communication, including maintaining and further developing the existing Islands Initiative website, network building;
  - Organisation of two forums for the Islands Initiative and two island technology fairs;

# Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative

Thank you !



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# The EU Islands Facility NESOI

- H2020 project
- Duration: 2019-2023
- NESOI offers technical assistance services to support clean energy projects on EU islands and facilitate their access to finance



# NESOI partners

Presence

Languages

Adaptability

Cultural aspects



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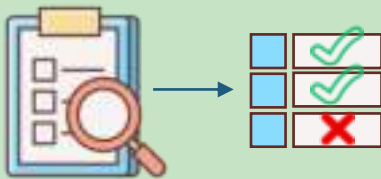
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# NESOI Process

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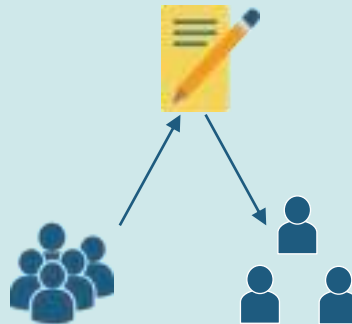
Survey deployment  
Mapping of islands projects  
and needs



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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

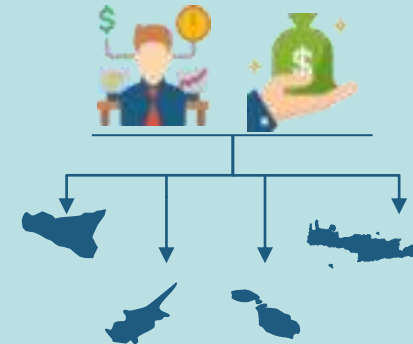
Local entity participation  
Selection of beneficiaries



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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Provision of financial  
resources and technical  
support



# NESOI beneficiaries' steps



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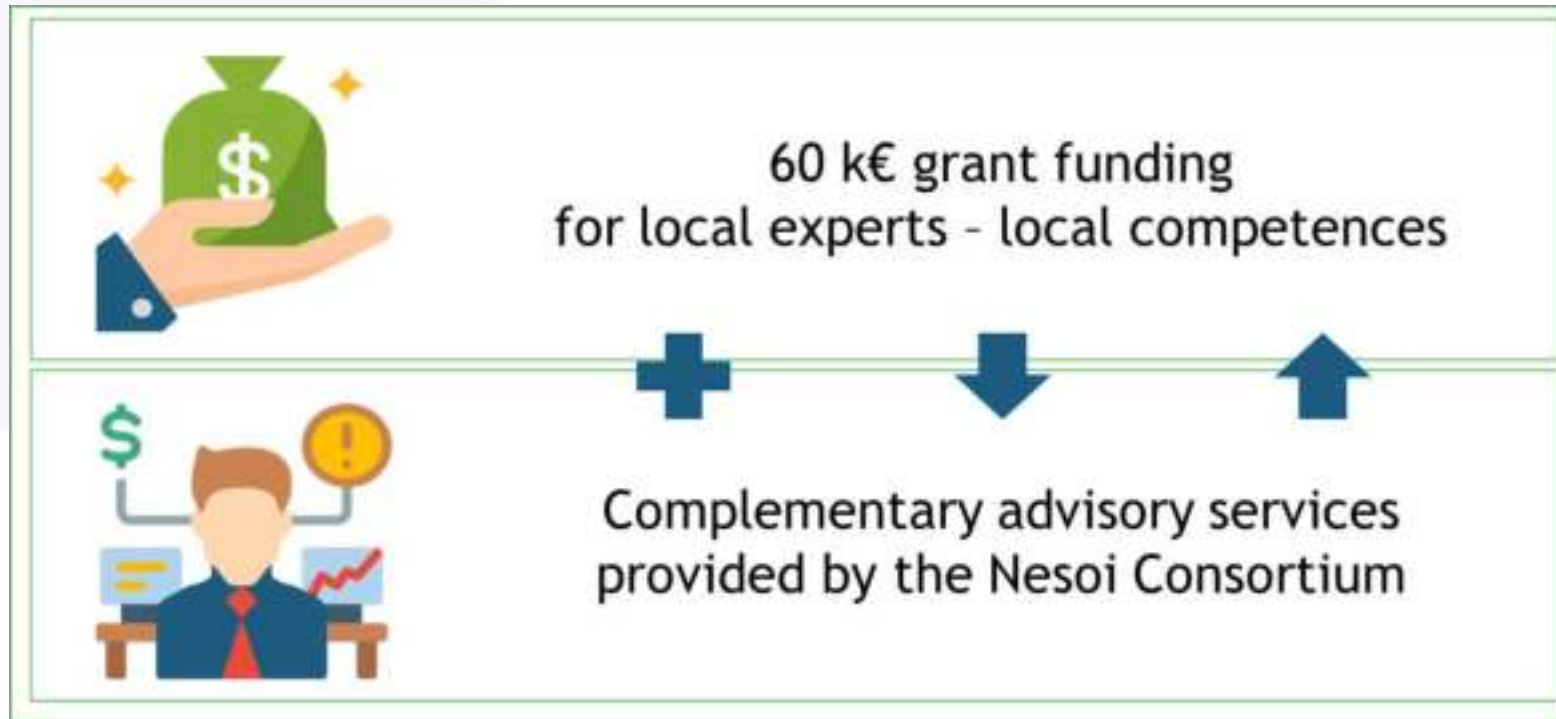
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# NESOI Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance activities funded by grant and advisory services provided by NESOI will always be **combined and deployed** together (input-output)



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# First round of NESOI open call

## DATES

Oct. 2020 to  
Dec. 2020

## APPLICATIONS

**117** applications submitted  
*from*

**14** EU countries

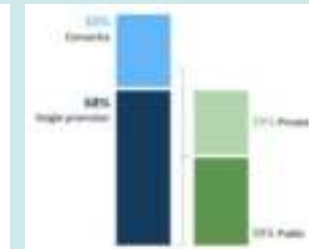
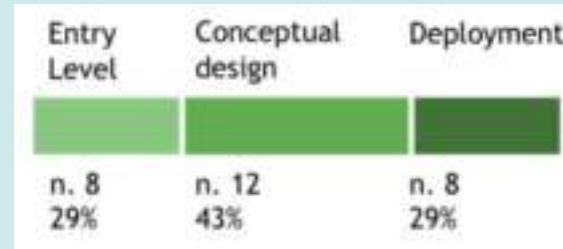
*representing*  
**100+** islands

## PROJECTS SELECTED

**28** projects selected

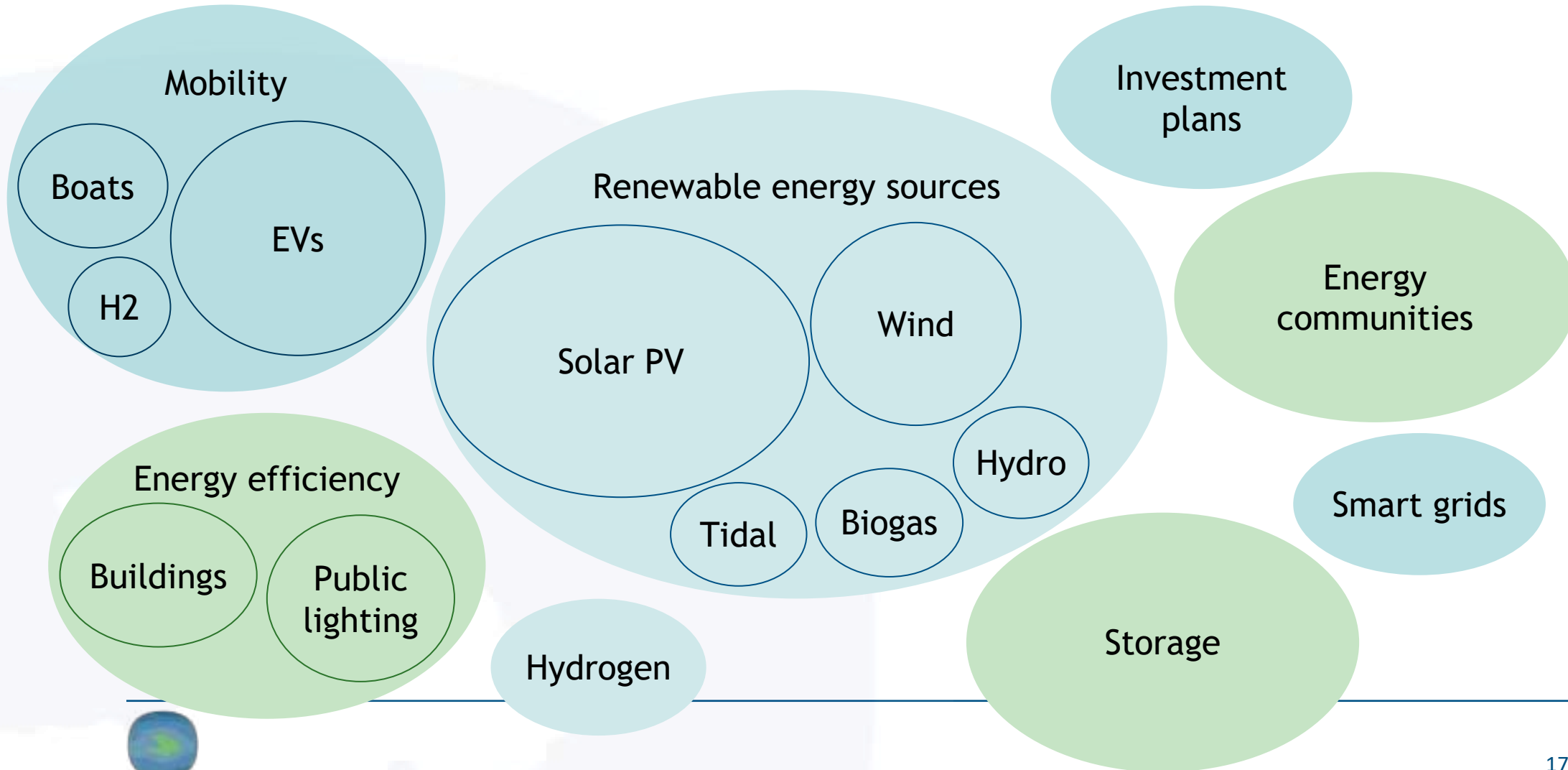
*from*  
**10** EU countries

*representing*  
**24** islands



**+ 14** projects selected  
from the reserve list

# Projects selected at the first round



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# Projects selected at the first round

## WIRE

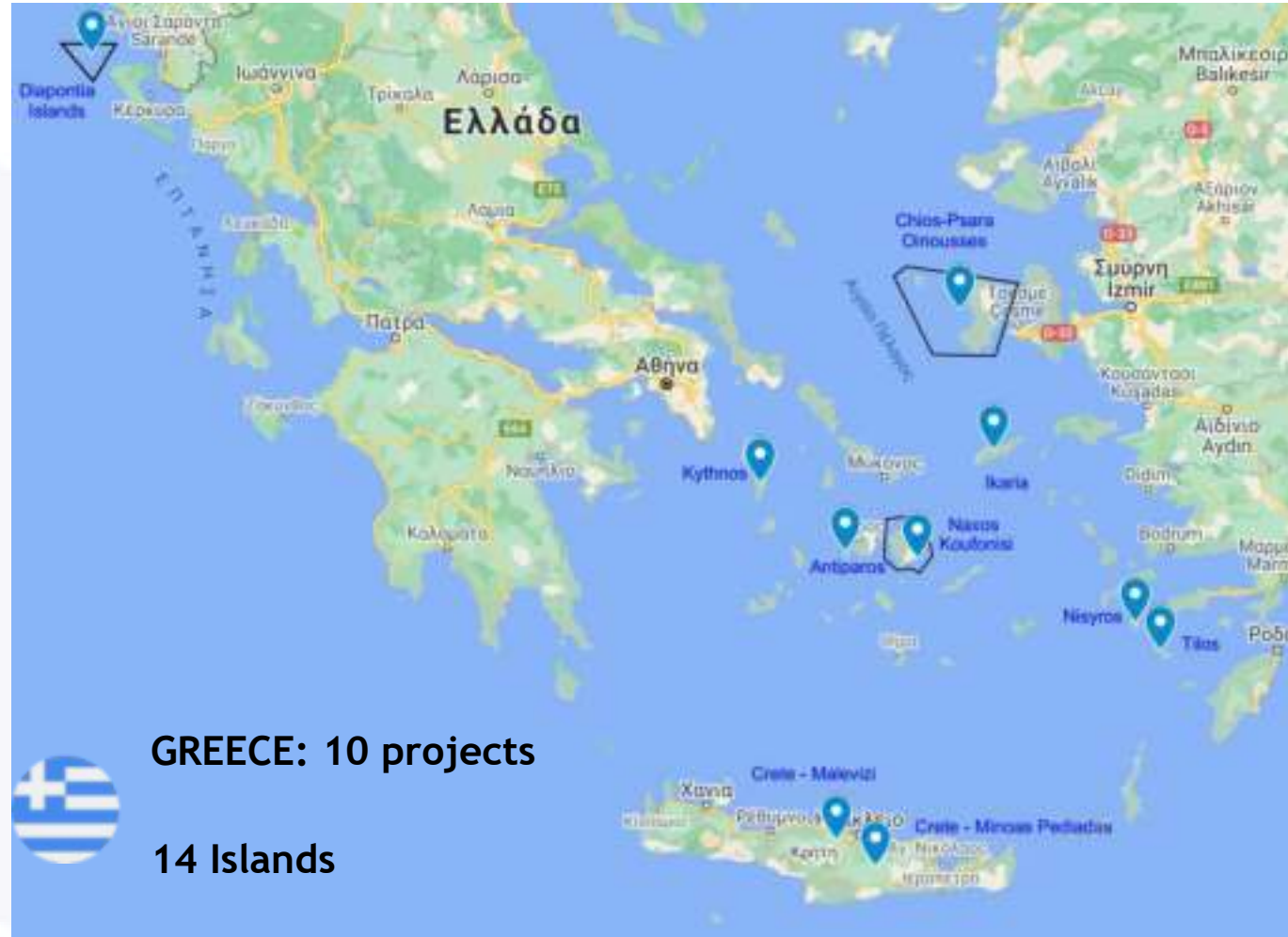
### Wind turbine repowering in Kythnos

*"Reconditioning of existing wind turbine with modern state-of-the-art turbine and a 'behind-the-meter' lithium-ion battery. This innovative arrangement allows the full exploitation of the wind turbine's installed capacity"*

## SAVE Crete – Minoas Pediadas

### Sustainable Actions for Viable Energy

*"Virtual smart grid, spanning in various municipalities, including vehicle-to-grid (V2G), exploiting the otherwise curtailed energy. Two sports facilities, will receive energy performance upgrade resulting in zero-energy facilities"*



**GREECE: 10 projects**

**14 Islands**

# Projects selected at the first round



## GREECE: 10 projects

### NERIDA

#### Tilos

**Sustaining drinking water services by integrating grid-tied and autonomous PV power**

*"Grid tied and standalone PV-Solar systems in municipality-owned installation sites. Service of the needs both EV charging stations and existing water pumping stations"*

### TESLA

**Transport electrification on sea and land in Antiparos**

*"Propulsion system hybridization for 1 of the 4 ferries operating the Paros-Antiparos ferry connection, EV charging stations and PV power plants for clean energy electrification of transportation"*



### SCGM - NaKou

**Smart, clean & green marinas in Naxos & Koufonisi**

*"Development of two smart, clean and green marinas by transforming port infrastructure with small electric boats for leisure activities, EVs and e-bikes for local transportation"*





# Projects selected at the first round



## ITALY: 6 projects



### E(40)Sco

Energy efficiency in 40 Schools  
Supports Community



**SARDINIA**

*"Education and awareness raising activities towards the school population (students, teachers and their families) are fully part of the project"*

### HPS

Hydroelectric Pumping Storage



**SAN PIETRO**

*"The project will improve the system's flexibility and make it possible to envisage a carbon-free future for the island"*

### D.O.C.K.S.

Development Of Consistent Key  
strategy of the Strait port system



**SICILY**

*"The strategies identified for the ports of Milazzo and Messina can be replicated in other ports with similar features on Sicily and on mainland"*

### FESOL

Feasibility study for energy storage  
and solar energy in Lipari



**LIPARI**

*"The project should have a spillover effect on the entire Aeolian archipelago, and other Mediterranean islands, inspiring and urging them to implement similar solutions"*

### FECOS

Fair Energy Communities



**SICILY & SALINA**

*"The project intends to address critical energy poverty issues. In Fondo Saccà, a slum has been dismantled and a green building created as the core of the local energy community"*

### BEST-CT

Boosting Energy Sustainability in  
Transport for Catania



**SICILY**

*"Using full electric bus is a challenge, both from technical and operational points of view. The project could be replicated by the main transport companies in Sicily and in other islands"*

# Projects selected at the first round



## CROATIA: 4 projects

### SOLAR ISLAND TENDER

Preparation of tender documentation for a large non-integrated photovoltaic power plant on the islands



KRK

"The project aims to build a tender which will be an instrument securing the purchase of high-quality goods, looking at the quality as prior to the lowest price"

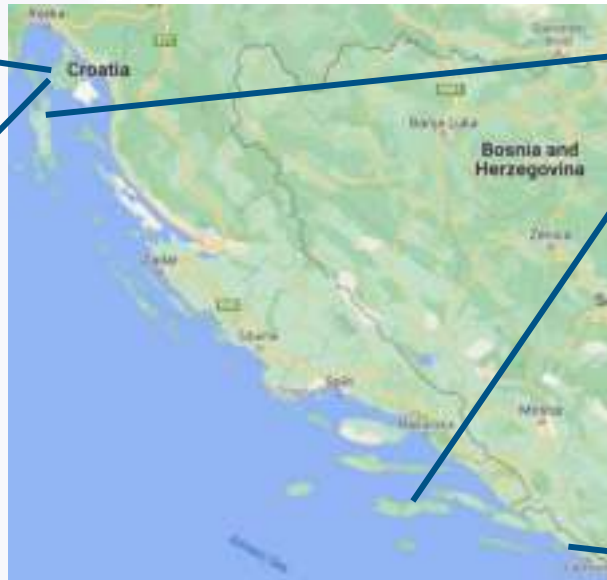
### SECAP 4 KRK

Island of Krk SECAP for all



KRK

"The project is linked to the "Zero Emission Development Strategy of Krk", which advocates integrated and sustainable development of the island that goes far beyond the energy context"



### SOLAR Islands

Community-Supported  
Energy: A Step to Community  
SOLAR Islands



KORČULA ,CRES-LOŠINJ

"An estimated 85% of island residents cannot own solar systems (for instance, because roofs are physically unsuitable or under cultural protection). The project will allow them to go solar even so!"

### e-LAFITI

Feasibility study for electric solar  
boat transportation to Elafiti



ELAFITI ISLANDS

"Electric solar boats represent a social and mobility innovation, not only from an energy point of view but also to minimize sea and air pollution"



# Projects selected at the first round



## SPAIN: 3 projects

### CEL-EBré

Local Energy Community  
"Energía Bonita y Renovable"



### LA PALMA

"The vast majority of the renewable power plants to be developed will use existing roofs and infrastructures, to preserve natural areas and agricultural soil"

### ARINDEC-GRANCANARIA

Industrial Energy Community  
powered by Renewable Energies in  
the Arinaga Industrial Area



### GRAN CANARIA

"This pilot project can serve as a reference to determine the key aspects for the proper development of renewable energy communities in Spain"



### SoFIA

Setup of First citizens' energy  
community in the Canary Islands



### TENERIFE

"The city of Adeje is willing to communicate about its initiatives around energy communities and show an example to other cities on the Canary Islands"



# Projects selected at the first round



**OTHER COUNTRIES: 5 projects**



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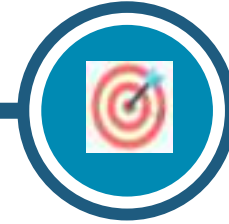
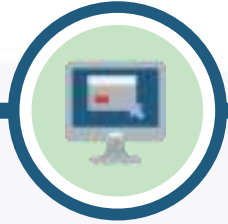
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# Call application and structure

OCTOBER 2021 -  
JANUARY 2022



## CALL OPENING

- Second call Oct. 2021
- NESOI web ([www.nesoi.eu](http://www.nesoi.eu))
- Full Application
  - Application form:  
*technical + financial*
- Support documents
  - Application form template
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## SAVE THE DATES:

Opening: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Closing: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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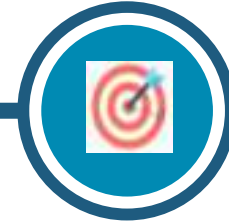
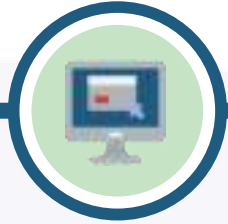
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- Applicant(s) information
- Project description (indicative)
  - Activities to be funded
  - Support requested
    - Max. grant 60k
    - Technical/legal assistance
  - Implementation
  - Impact
  - Size of investment

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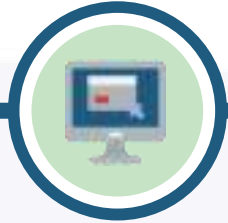
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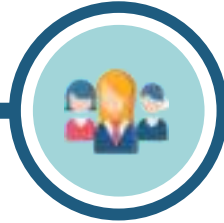
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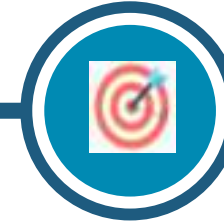
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FEBRUARY - MARCH  
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### PROPOSALS EVALUATION

- Experts panel
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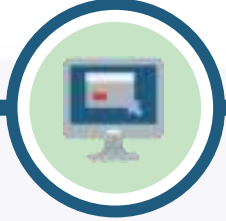
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APRIL - MAY  
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### SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

- Preparation and signature of  
the Grant Agreement
- Technical & financial  
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- Projects
  - Max. 12 months
  - Monitoring reports
- Implementation



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# How to prepare your proposal

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**KNOWING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** can I participate to NESOI Open Call?



**KNOWING PROPOSAL FORMAT:** how can I apply to NESOI Open Call?



**KNOWING EVALUATION CRITERIA:** how can I be successfully funded by NESOI Open Call?

# Eligibility criteria

What are the eligibility criteria to benefit from NESOI's specific project structuring Technical Assistance?



NESOI Guidelines for application includes the “Definition of the Eligibility Pre-Requisites” is to describe pre-requisites that **projects and their promoters must meet to be eligible for NESOI support.**

The intention of NESOI was to define objective and **transparent eligibility criteria**, keeping their number at the minimum that ensures quality of the proposals and compliance with objectives of EU targets for islands' decarbonization.

The eligibility requisites presented in the document have been identified through a discussion among NESOI Consortium members and thanks to a **constant dialogue with the European Commission.**

# Eligibility criteria

What are the eligibility criteria to benefit from NESOI's specific project structuring Technical Assistance?

**#1 - Support threshold** up to a maximum threshold of 60,000 € in form of grant and 60,000 € in form of technical and financial assistance from NESOI partners

**#2 - Location** of the action should be H2020 eligible countries (including UK, OCTA, Associated Countries) and islands with a maximum area of 30,000km<sup>2</sup>

**#3 - Beneficiaries:** public and private legal entities

**#4 - Type of projects:** energy transition related project, list available not excluding further ones

**#5 - Timing** - before September 2023

**#6 - Impact** - Minimum size required, having an impact on relevant energy transition areas (i.e. Primary energy savings, reduction of GHG emissions, improvement of local environmental conditions, mitigation of energy poverty)

**#More** - Compliance with EU norms, Legitimacy, Language and Submission system, no conflict of interest

# Evaluation criteria

The intention of NESOI is to present **objective and transparent selection criteria**, keeping their number at the minimum that ensures quality of the proposals and compliance with objectives of EU targets for islands' decarbonization

The selection criteria aim to allow a **fair evaluation** of the projects and to foster a **competitive allocation of the available resources** to award the most meaningful and impactful project in the framework of energy transition

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# Evaluation criteria

Four macro-areas will be evaluated:

- 1. Project description & main features**  
The project presentation should allow the evaluators to understand its scope and boundaries
- 2. Project impacts**  
The proposal should state which areas of energy transition are tackled and quantify the impact of the project under different perspectives
- 3. Beneficiary & island ecosystem**  
The proposal should state who are the relevant actors involved in the project to guarantee its success
- 4. Project execution & NESOI support**  
The support asked should be presented in a coherent timeline as well as the key steps for its deployment

# Evaluation criteria

Each section of the proposal will be scored with a mark from 1 to 5 (with 0.5 resolution):

1 - Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
2 - Fair	The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses
3 - Good	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present
4 - Very good	The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present
5 - Excellent	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor

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# Evaluation criteria

Minimum score per section:

**2/5**

Minimum total score:

**12/22**

## PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

- Proposal at a glance
- Core sections of the proposal:
  1. Project concept description & main features
  2. Project impacts
  3. Beneficiary and island ecosystem
  4. Project execution and NESOI support
- Attachments

## ONLINE PLATFORM FOR THE SUBMISSION

**ONLY PROPOSAL WRITTEN IN ENGLISH TO BE ACCEPTED**  
(attachments could be accepted in local language)

# Evaluation criteria - Bonuses

In addition to the scores, each evaluator may assign each proposal one of more **“bonuses”** considered in the final ranking

These bonuses are related to the following topics:

- **Innovation**, to be assigned if the proposed technical solution goes significantly beyond the state of the art of the local context;
- ❑ **Replicability**, to be assigned if the proposal shows a significant potential for replication in other islands or in the mainland;
- ❑ **Archipelago**, to be assigned if the proposed intervention is related not to a single island but to more islands of the same archipelago
- ❑ **Quality of supporting documents**, to be assigned if the applicant can attach proper documentation as proof of the overall quality of the project in terms of feasibility, sustainability, bankability, regulatory compliance, etc

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# NESOI Helpdesk Introduction



The European Islands Facility NESOI Helpdesk is a centralised tool you can use to ask any questions you may have related to the forthcoming open call



The tool is based on a ticketing system that allows you to ask a question and receive support in one of seven languages, these are: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Croatian.



The steps to access and use the Helpdesk are as follows...

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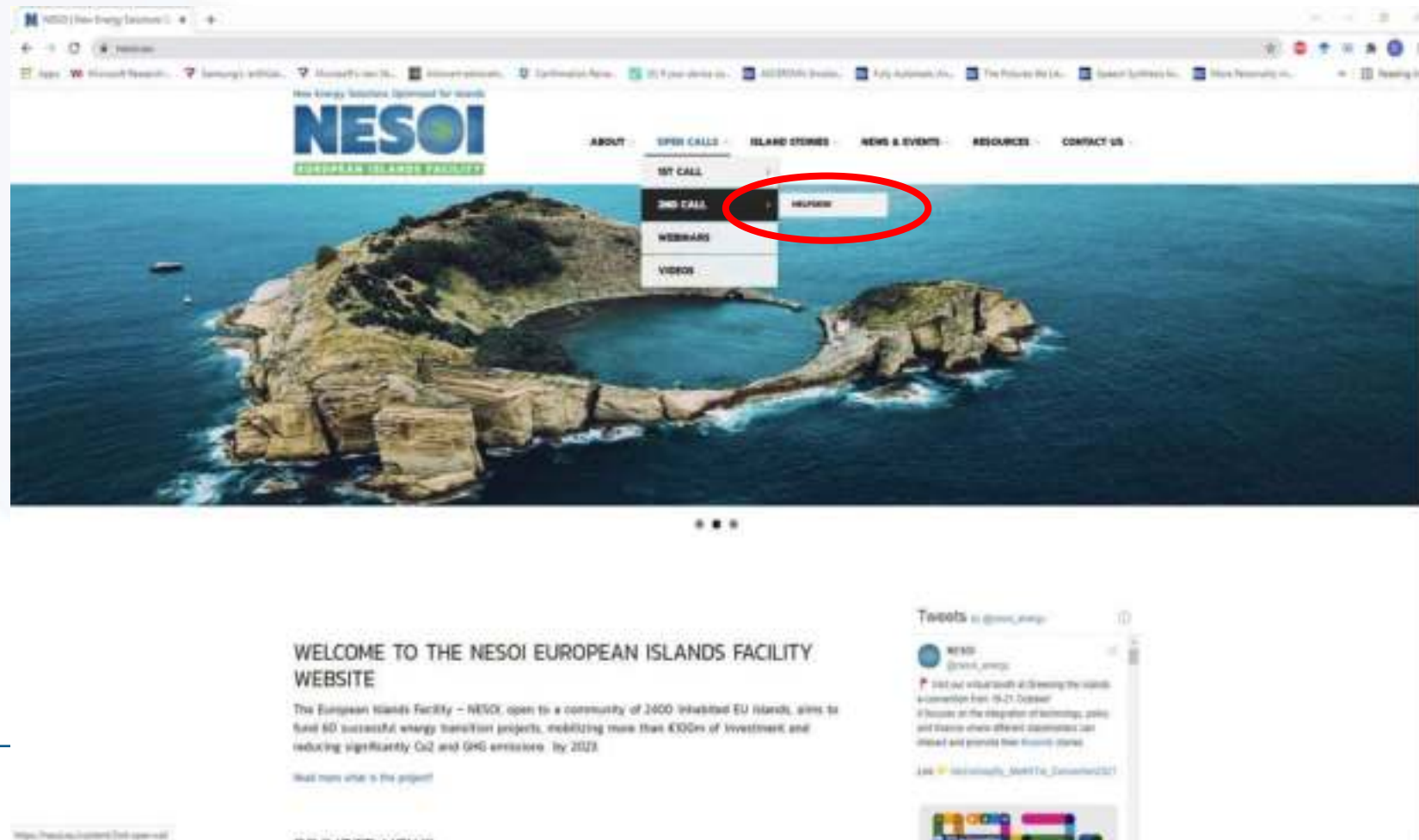
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# How to use the Helpdesk



**STEP 1: Go to [www.nesoi.eu](http://www.nesoi.eu) > Open Calls > 2nd Call > «Helpdesk»**  
(direct link: <http://jira-projects.iti.gr:8000/nesoi-ticketing/login.php> )



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# How to use the Helpdesk

## ➔ STEP 2: Create an account

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**NESOI**  
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Guest User | Sign In

Support Center Home Open a New Ticket Check Ticket Status

### Sign in to NESOI Helpdesk

To better serve you, we encourage our Clients to register for an account.

Email or Username

Password

Sign In

Not yet registered? **Create an account**

I'm an agent — sign in here

If this is your first time contacting us or you've lost the ticket number, please open a new ticket

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### Account Registration

Use the forms below to create or update the information we have on file for your account

#### Contact Information

Email Address \*

Full Name \*

Phone Number Ext.

#### Preferences

Time Zone: Europe / Berlin \* \* \* Auto Detect

#### Access Credentials

Create a Password:

Confirm New Password:

Register Cancel

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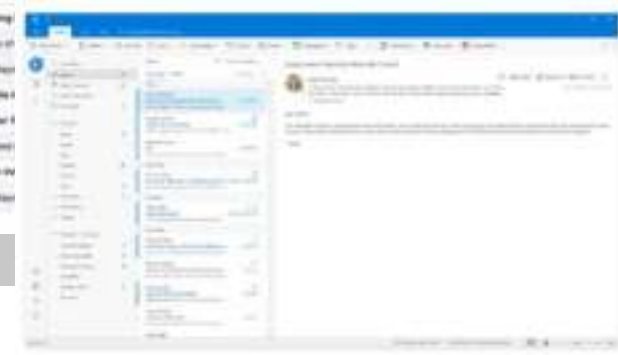
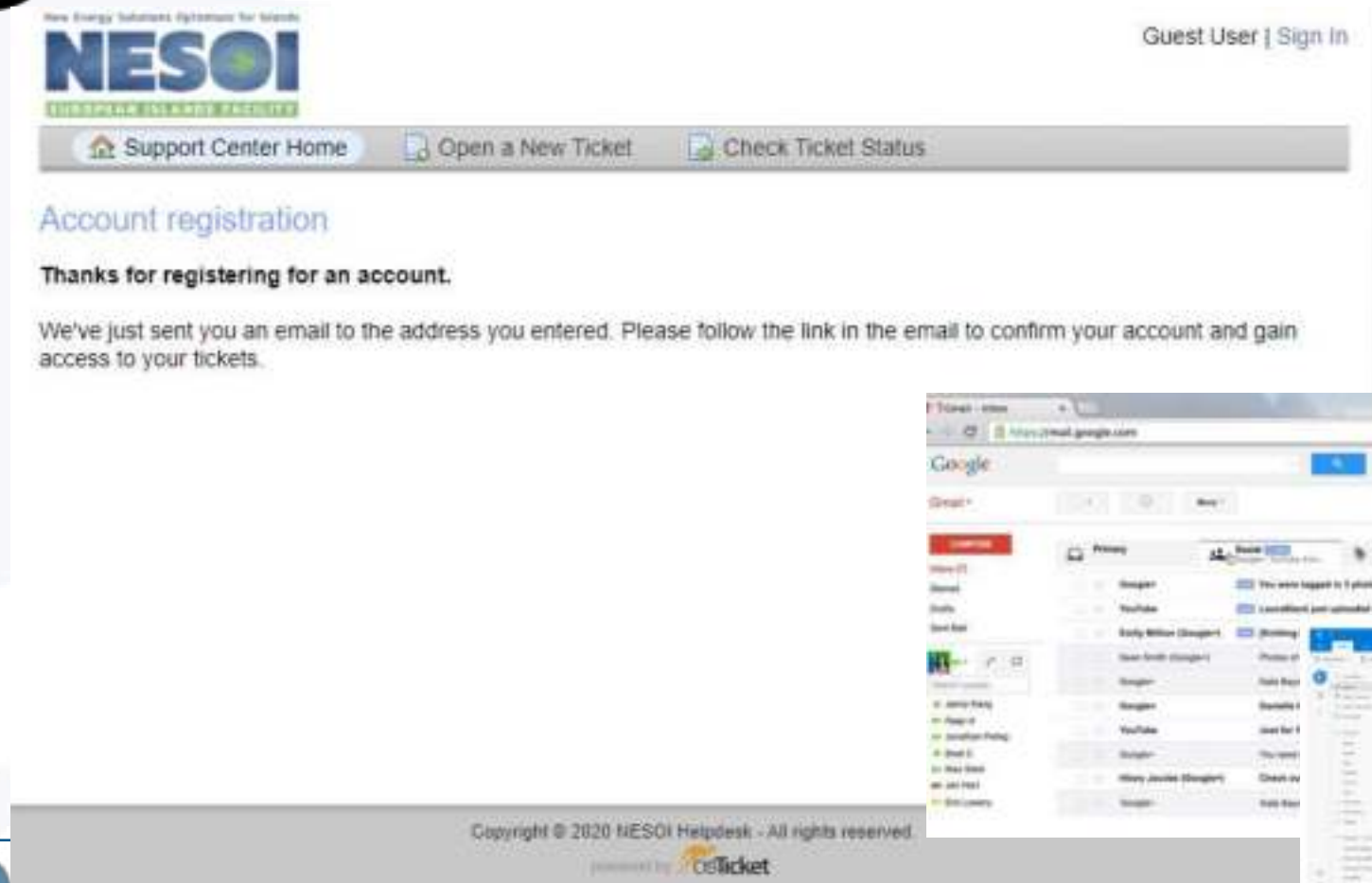
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## ➔ STEP 3: Check your email (including the spam folder)



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## ➔ STEP 4: Activate your account

From Support <nesoi\_ticketing@iti.gr> ☆  
Subject **Welcome to NESOI ticketing**  
To Me ★

**Hi Konstantinos,**

We've created an account for you at our help desk at <http://195.251.117.199:8000/osticket>.

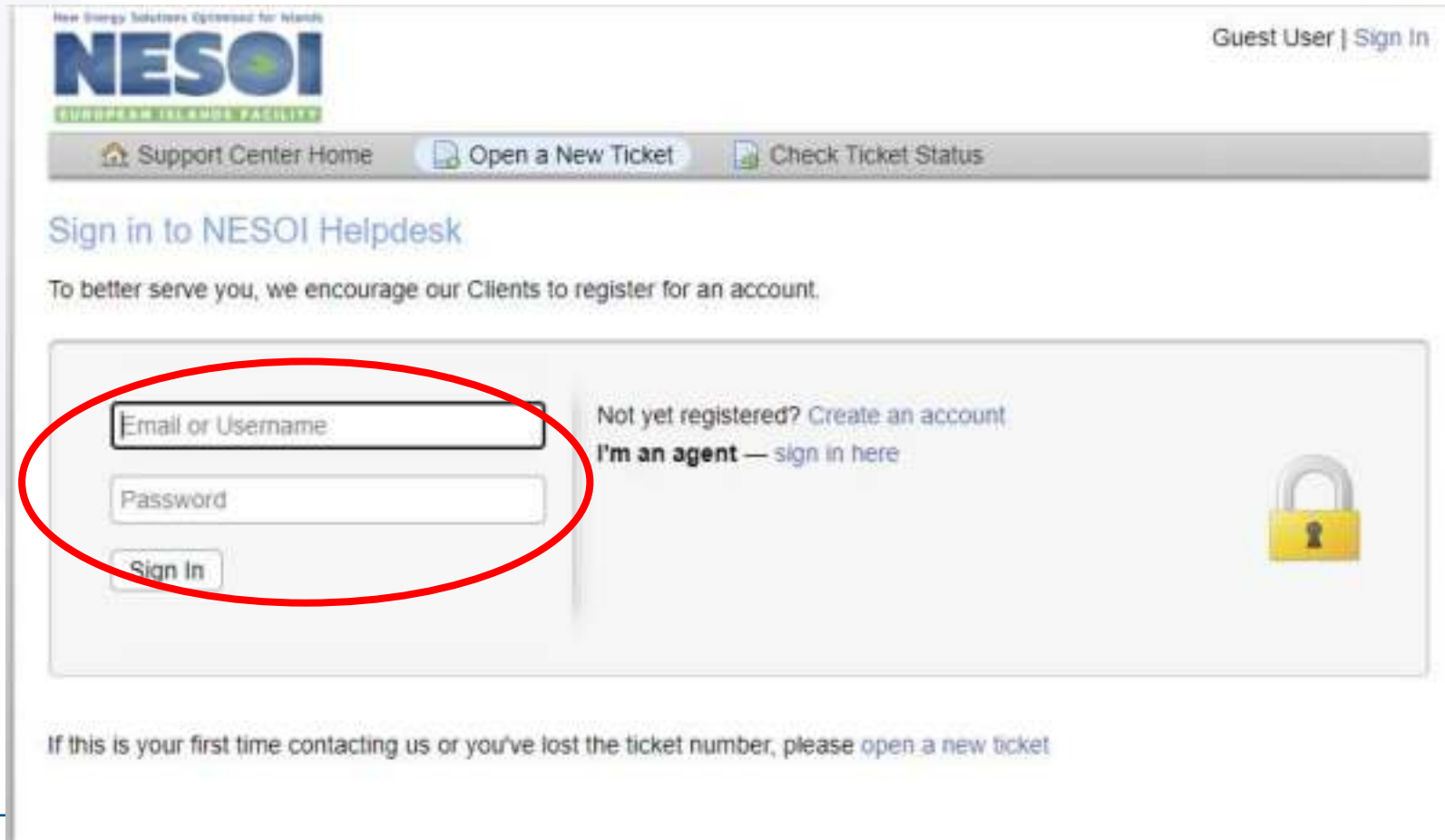
Please follow the link below to confirm your account and gain access to your tickets.

<http://195.251.117.199:8000/osticket/pwreset.php?token=ThqbM9IZ7zOGCqQNSHnpMivRXSoDAajVXU850oXOY1g6ZXbm>

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*NESOI ticketing*

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## ➔ STEP 5: Sign in with your credentials



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Guest User | Sign In

Support Center Home Open a New Ticket Check Ticket Status

### Sign in to NESOI Helpdesk

To better serve you, we encourage our Clients to register for an account.

Email or Username

Password

Sign In

Not yet registered? [Create an account](#)

I'm an agent — [sign in here](#)

If this is your first time contacting us or you've lost the ticket number, please [open a new ticket](#)

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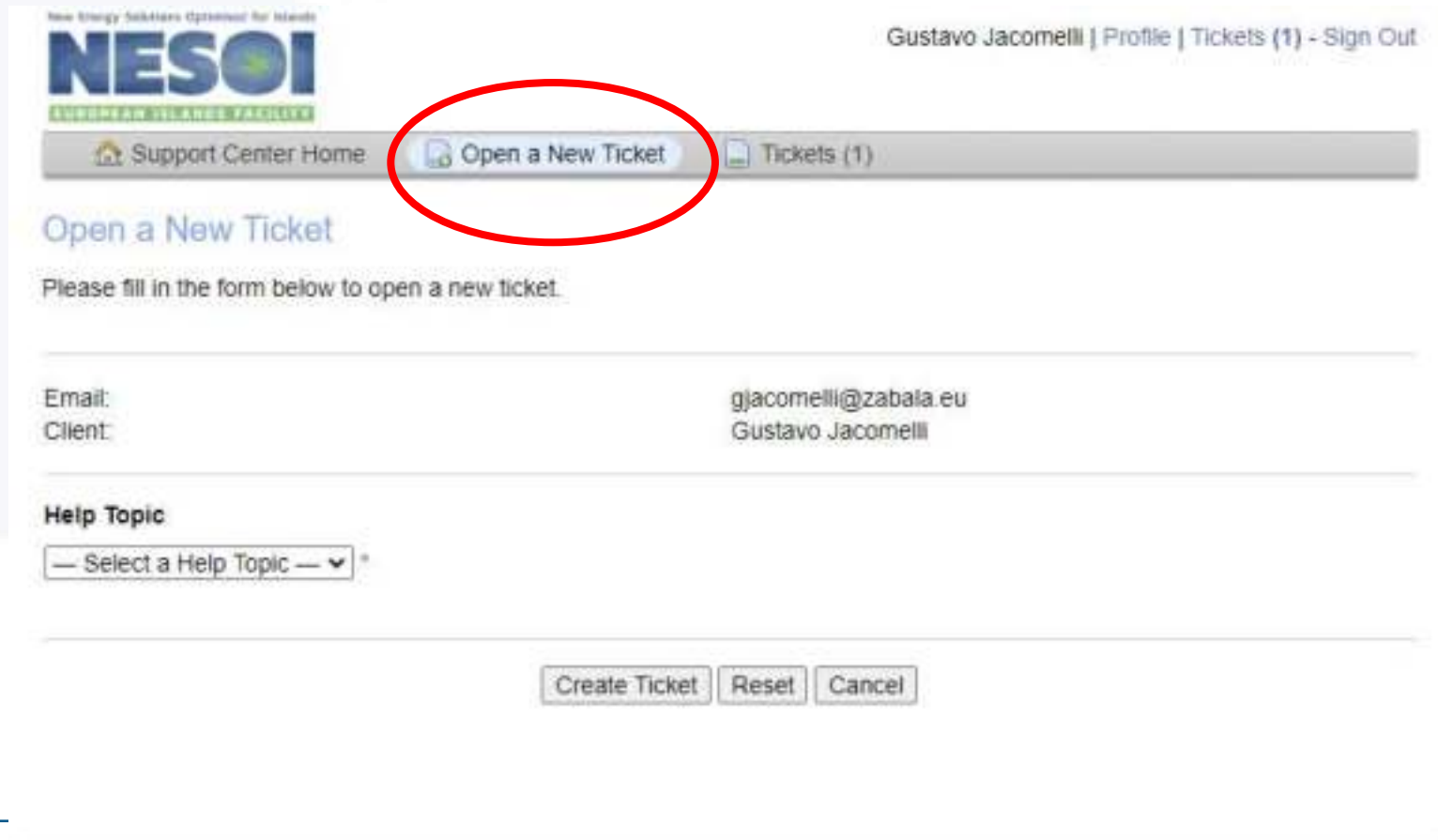
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## ➔ STEP 6: Open a New Ticket



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Gustavo Jacomelli | Profile | Tickets (1) - Sign Out

Support Center Home **Open a New Ticket** Tickets (1)

### Open a New Ticket

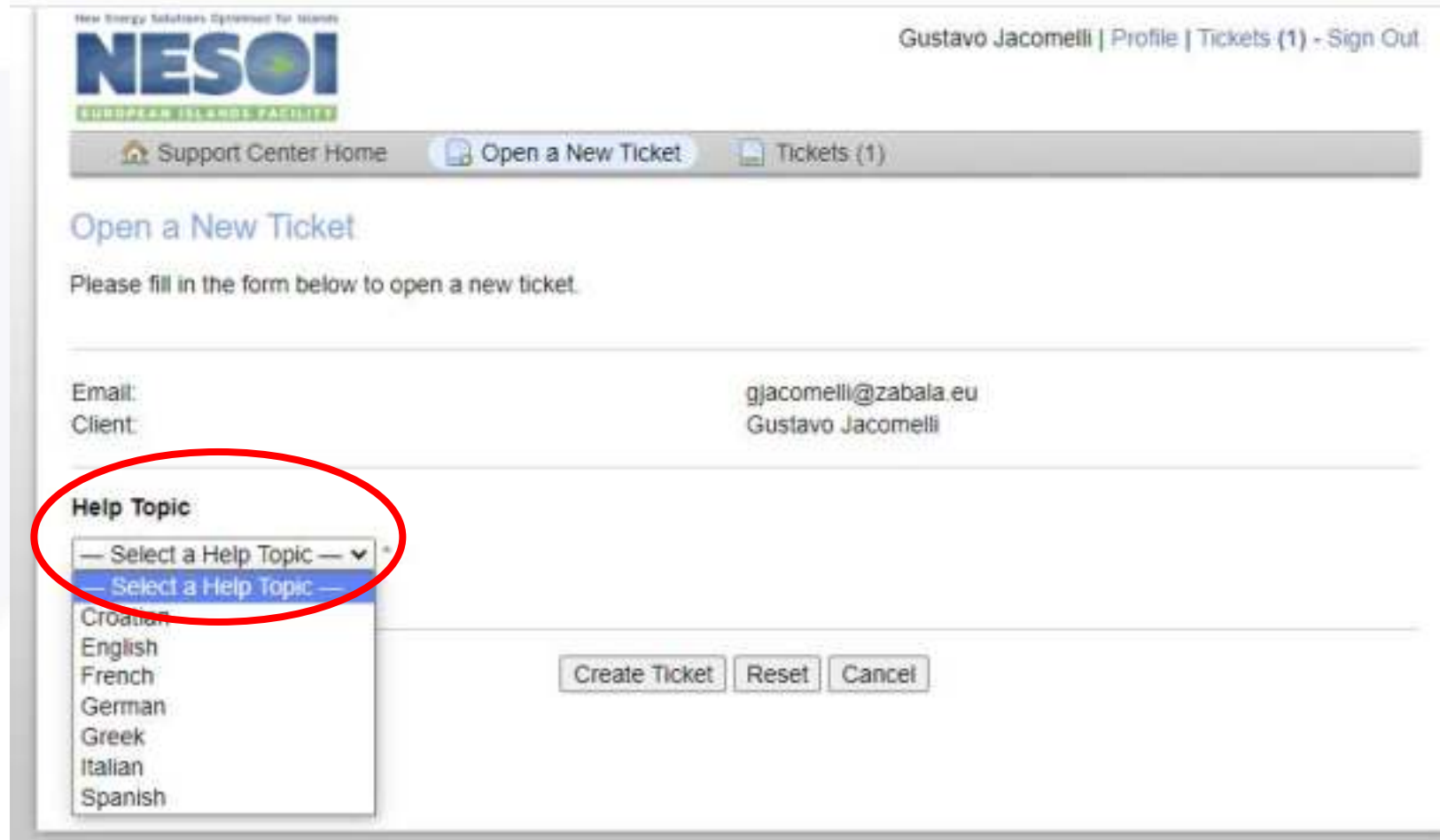
Please fill in the form below to open a new ticket.

Email: gjacomelli@zabala.eu  
Client: Gustavo Jacomelli

**Help Topic**  
— Select a Help Topic — \*

Create Ticket Reset Cancel

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Support Center Home Open a New Ticket Tickets (1)

## Open a New Ticket

Please fill in the form below to open a new ticket.

Email: gjacomelli@zabala.eu  
Client: Gustavo Jacomelli

**Help Topic**

— Select a Help Topic — ▼

— Select a Help Topic —

Croatian  
English  
French  
German  
Greek  
Italian  
Spanish

Create Ticket Reset Cancel

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➔ **STEP 7: Type in your question and click on «Create Ticket»**

The screenshot shows the NESOI Helpdesk interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Support Center Home', 'Open a New Ticket', and 'Tickets (1)'. The main heading is 'Open a New Ticket' with a subtext 'Please fill in the form below to open a new ticket.' The form fields include: 'Email' (gjacomei@zabola.eu), 'Client' (Gustavo Jacomei), 'Help Topic' (English), and 'Ticket Details' (Please Describe Your Issue). The 'Issue Summary' field contains the text 'Open call 1 further information'. Below this is a rich text editor with a toolbar and the text 'Dear staff at NESOI, I would like to find out more information about...'. At the bottom, there's a 'Drop files here or choose them' section and a row of buttons: 'Create Ticket', 'Reset', and 'Cancel'. The 'Create Ticket' button is circled in red. Two green arrows point from the left towards the 'Issue Summary' text area.

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## ➔ STEP 8: Check your tickets / email for replies

NESOI  
Support Center Home | Open a New Ticket | **Tickets (2)** | Sign Out

Open call 1 further information [TEST] #123456

Basic Ticket Information		User Information	
Ticket Status	Open	Name	Gustavo Jacomelli
Department	English	Email	gjacomelli@uzbata.eu
Create Date	9/25/2020 9:11:34 AM	Phone	

Gustavo Jacomelli posted 9/25/2020 9:11:34 AM

Dear staff at NESOI,

I would like to find out more information about...

Created by Gustavo Jacomelli 9/25/2020 9:11:34 AM

**Post a Reply**

To best assist you, we request that you be specific and detailed \*

Post Reply | Reset | Cancel

NESOI  
Support Center Home | Open a New Ticket | **Tickets (2)** | Sign Out

test #101228

Basic Ticket Information		User Information	
Ticket Status	Closed	Name	Gustavo Jacomelli
Department	Italian	Email	gjacomelli@uzbata.eu
Create Date	9/24/2020 10:14:57 AM	Phone	

Gustavo Jacomelli posted 9/24/2020 10:14:57 AM

test

Created by Gustavo Jacomelli 9/24/2020 10:14:57 AM

Gustavo Jacomelli posted 9/24/2020 10:15:49 AM

test 2

**Italian Helpdesk** posted 9/24/2020 10:55:41 AM

test

(3) Gustavo - ricevuto il messaggio roberta.

**Italian Helpdesk** posted 9/24/2020 11:27:18 AM

test

Created by Italian Helpdesk with status of Closed 9/24/2020 11:27:18 AM



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## PART B - 60 minutes

- **The NESOI platform:** bridging the gap between ideas and implementation
- **Financial pairing:** interaction between the islands' projects and the potential sources of funding
- **Technology pairing:** technical solutions and innovations for islands decarbonisation
- Q&A