

# SHORT STUDY TOUR



 **ASTYPALEA**



The European Islands Facility NESOI aims to unlock the potential of EU islands to become the locomotives of European Energy Transition. To do so, NESOI aims to mobilize more than €100 Million of investment in sustainable energy projects to give EU islands the opportunity to implement energy technologies and innovative approaches, in a cost-competitive way. NESOI has selected 56 such projects across the European Union and provide them with financial resources and technical support.



## NESOI – ASTYPALEA SHORT STUDY TOUR

### ABOUT

THE PROGRAMME

**ERASMUS SHORT STUDY TOURS :**  
Knowledge sharing, capacity building and networking for investible energy transition projects on islands



HOSTED by DAFNI, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands and the Municipality of Astypalea



Country : Greece, Astypalea - 7h to 11th, March 2023



Topics:

Energy Communities | E-Mobility Projects



#### OBJECTIVES

1. Stimulate staff exchange of islands' actors
2. Encourage the exchange of best practices among islands
3. Ensure knowledge exchange between NESOI projects beneficiaries and the community
4. Support potential replications of NESOI methodology

#### STT PROGRAMME

- Share NESOI projects best practices
- Legal frameworks
- Forum with other project developers
- Exchange with stakeholders
- Sites/Labs visits
- Fast capacity building, EU tools hand on sessions
- NESOI platform
- Social programme

#### IMPACTS

- Well-shaped Investible Energy projects
- Improve project Development capacity
- Networking

## ASTYPALEA STT - SESSION INSIGHTS

Astypalea situation, energy landscape

Financial and technical support from the EU

Greek islands energy transition path

Experience sharing - Evaluate projects

Sustainable mobility and transport electrification

Greek Island lighthouse projects

Tools and methodologies to support islands energy transition

Energy Communities session



## HOSTS

**Host 1: Mr Nikos Komineas, Mayor of Astypalea** was born in August 1956 in Naoussa, at Western Macedonia, mainland Greece. He studied at the School of Civil Engineering of the National and Technical University of Athens and finalized his postgraduate studies in Paris in urban psychology. His academic endeavors brought him to Astypalea island at the early 80's to analyse the way of living in densely populated island fortified settlements. He fell in love with the island and decided to establish professionally and socially himself in Astypalea. He took office as Mayor of Astypalea in September 2019 and from that time he has devoted all his energy to guide the island towards a sustainable development pathway. The last year he has brought the island at worldwide spotlight as a living lab for sustainable mobility and clean energy while collaborating actively with Volkswagen and the Hellenic Republic under the "Astypalea Smart & Sustainable Island" project.

**Host 2: Mr Kostas Komninos, Director of DAFNI, Network of sustainable Greek Islands:** General Director of the Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI), an association of 56 Greek local and regional island governments. With his interdisciplinary team of 40 enthusiast engineers, he is offering technical support to DAFNI's members in the fields of clean energy, energy efficiency, electromobility, water and waste management, urban planning and more. He has significant experience in clean energy and local development projects and has been working the last decade to narrow down the gap between policies designed at the EU level and projects realized locally. Among others he is currently coordinating the "Kythnos Smart Island" innovation project and also offering technical support to the Municipality of Astypalea for the "Astypalea Smart and Sustainable Island". For four years he held the position of Vice President on Smart and Sustainable Islands in FEDARENE, the European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and Environment. From 2015 till 2018, he has also served as a non-executive member in the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator S.A. (HEDNO).

Ministry of Energy and Environment

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**SPEAKERS**

Hellenic Electricity Distribution and Network Operator

IPTO

PPC Renewables

Electra Energy Cooperative

Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat

...and more!



**10 PARTICIPANTS FROM 5 COUNTRIES**

Organisations: Municipalities, Uni., DTO, RTO, SMEs

