NESOI PLUS

Island Outermost Regions



NESOI Plus launches in Venice to accelerate the energy transition in EU Island Outermost Regions

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Venice, October 2025 - The European project NESOI Plus – New Energy Solutions Optimized for Island Outermost Regions officially launched in Venice with its Kick-off Meeting, bringing together a diverse consortium of European partners committed to empowering island communities in their energy transition.

Funded under the LIFE-2024-CET call by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), NESOI Plus builds on the legacy of the successful H2020 NESOI project, which supported over 70 green transition initiatives across European islands. With a total budget of €1,745,435.20, the new project will run for 36 months, focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities of islands in the EU Outermost Regions.

Despite their potential to lead in localised, sustainable energy solutions, many island communities face significant barriers due to their insular nature and geographic remoteness. NESOI Plus aims to overcome these obstacles by tailoring a standardised protocol, developed during NESOI, to the specific needs of islands in the Canary Islands, Azores, and Martinique, where three pilot initiatives will be implemented.

At the heart of NESOI Plus is the ambition to facilitate the creation and growth of bottom-up energy communities, enabling local actors to take ownership of their energy future. The project will provide technical and business modelling support to develop investment-ready concepts, aligned with investor expectations and local realities.

A key innovation of NESOI Plus is the development of a One-Stop-Shop for Island Energy Communities, offering: reference materials and tools, capacity-building activities, matchmaking opportunities across the energy value chain, and a platform for knowledge exchange and replication.

To further support local implementation, two open calls will be launched during the project to select 30 beneficiary projects across the pilot regions. These initiatives will benefit from tailored support and contribute to building a robust pipeline of sustainable energy investments.

The project is coordinated by SINLOC – Sistema Iniziative Locali S.p.A. (Italy), and brings together a strong consortium of partners from across Europe: Zabala Innovation (Belgium & Spain), CERTH – Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (Greece), R2M Solution Srl (Italy), RINA Consulting S.p.A. (Italy), CRPM – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (France), Secretaria Regional do Turismo, Mobilidade e Infraestruturas (Azores - Portugal), Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias S.A. (Spain), Collectivité Territoriale de Martinique (Martinique – France), and FEDARENE – European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and Environment (Belgium).

Together, these partners will deliver technical expertise, policy support, and capacity-building to foster a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable energy future for EU islands.

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