New Energy Solutions Optimised for Islands



Technology Integration for Islands' Decarbonisation key learnings from NESOI

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NESOI - European Islands Facility

Target: to unlock EU islands potential and make them locomotives of energy transition

Duration: October 2019 - September 2023

Coordinator: SINLOC

Partners: R2M, RINA, ZABALA, CIRCE, CERTH, E.ON, WolfTheiss, Deloitte, HAEE

Budget: 10 million €, of which 3.1 million € of cascade funding



Open Calls Main Facts

Two NESOI Open Calls, more than 160 applications received:

a representative sample of pathways for energy transition

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Technical Assistance Menus

For each level of project maturity NESOI has provided applicants with a number of predetermined Technical Assistance Menus to choose from

	ENTRY LEVEL	1. PLANNING DOCUMENTS	NUS			
	CONCEPTUAL DESIGN LEVEL	2. FEASIBILITY STUDY	Name Name Objective	ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL MODELLING AND FUND MATURITY LEVEL DEPLOYMENT LEVEL OBJECTIVE Support to structure an effective business plan to assess the sustainability of the intervention and/or attract potential investors to provide additional source of finance.		
		3. DUE DILIGENCE				
MAIC		4. SUPPORT TO LAS IN TENDER PROCEDURES IN PPP	ATSISTA		This service is ideal for public and private entities with a clear and structured project idea, detailed documentation (e.g. feasibility study, detailed project design, etc.) and willing to e.g. understand if the envisaged economics of the initiative are in line with their expectations in terms of return on investment and risk profile or investigating the best financial structure and set a dialogue with potential investors.	
	DEPLOYMENT LEVEL	5. SUPPORT TO LAS FOR THE EVALUATION OF PPP PROPOSAL BY PRIVATE PROMOTERS		Actvities to be procured locally Actvities led or supported by NESOI	ACTIVITIES	
		6. SUPPORT TO LAS FOR WORKS/SERVICES TENDERING PROCEDURES	TECHN		Economic and Financial planning (i.e. historical data analysis, identification of business drivers, development of the plan, scenario analysis) and economic-financial feasibility assessment	
		7. SUPPORT IN THE APPLICATION TO TA PROGRAMS/ FUNDS			Supported by NESOI Identification of potential financin	Business Plan and preliminary Information Memorandum Solution Business Plan and preliminary Information Memorandum Solution Sol
		8. ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL MODELLING AND FUND MATCHING		Grant	Image: septence of the sector of the sec	
	CUSTOMISED MENU	 activities needed - expected deliveries - required budget - timeline 		Deliverables	DELIVERABLE Business Plan and the Information Memorandum, including the final report on Market testing feedback and recommendations.	



Technology Pairings

To provide useful inputs to the NESOI facilitating platform, a catalogue of technology pairings was developed:

- initially, based on scientific literature and experts' opinion
- after 1st and 2nd open call, based on applications received







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Islands' Clusterization - 2nd level

Criterion	Categories			
By latitude	South/Mediterranean EuropeNorthern-Central Europe			
By orography	Mountainous islandsFlat islands			
By population distribution	Concentrated in town/citiesDistributed in villages			
By economic activities	 Mainly tourism-based economy Mainly agriculture-based economy Presence of industries 			
By availability of resources	 Water availability Biomass availability etc 			



Technology Clusterization - 1

	Group	Categories
No W	Electricity production from renewables	 Solar photovoltaic Wind Biomass Geothermal Hydro Wave/Tidal
(FS)	Thermal production from renewables	 Solar thermal Geothermal Biomass Cogeneration
ι Η Η	Electric Mobility	 Electric vehicles Electric ferries Charging infrastructures



Technology Clusterization - 2

	Group	Categories		
۶ ا	Energy Storage	Battery storageHydrogenThermal storage		
	Upgrade of Local Public Assets	 Power distribution grid Public lighting Ports Water treatment and distribution Waste management 		
Ø	Energy Efficiency in Buildings	 Lighting HVAC Smart metering Building envelope refurbishment District heating & cooling 		



Technology-to-Technology Coupling

	Electricity Production from Renewables	Thermal Production from Renewables	Cogeneration of Heat and Power	Electric Mobility	Energy Storage	Upgrade of Local Public Assets	Energy Efficiency in Buildings
Electricity Production from Renewables	Yes, e.g. in integrated offshore renewable farms	Yes, e.g. in hybrid thermal- electric photovoltaic plants	Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects	Yes, e.g. for renewable- based vehicles charging infrastructure	Yes, e.g. in the case of renewable power plant with integrated energy storage	Yes, e.g. for shore-side power supply in ports, solar lighting poles, biogas from waste/water treatment	Yes, e.g. for power supply to heat pumps
Thermal Production from Renewables	-	Yes, e.g. in hybrid solar- biomass or solar- geothermal systems	Yes, e.g. in hybrid high- efficiency heating systems	No	Yes, e.g. for flexible supply of heat to buildings and DH networks	No	Yes, e.g. for heat supply to absorption chillers for space cooling
Cogeneration of Heat and Power	-			Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects	Yes, e.g. for flexible supply of heat to buildings and DH networks	Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects	Yes, as source for high- efficiency heating and DH networks and for trigeneration
Electric Mobility				Yes, e.g. in case of integrated projects covering different types of vehicles	Yes, e.g. for RES-based vehicle charging stations	Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects	Yes, e.g. within integrated projects for building refurbishment
Energy Storage					-	Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects for peak shaving and load management purposes	Yes, e.g. in high-efficiency HVAC systems for peak shaving purposes
Upgrade of Local Public Assets	-		-	-	-	Yes, e.g. in the frame of smart grid projects	Yes, for refurbishment of public buildings
Energy Efficiency in Buildings	-		-	-	-	-	Yes, many actions for buildings' energy efficiency can be done in a refurbishment joint project



Technology-to-Island Coupling

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	Size/ Interconnection	Latitude	Geographical Features	Economic Activities	Other
Electricity Production from Renewables	No specific restriction to islands' size. Utility-scale plants could be more applicable to large interconnected islands compared to small non- interconnected ones, although benefits are higher in small non-interconnected islands.	For solar technologies, higher applicability in Southern Europe than in Northern Europe. For other technologies, no strong correlation with island location and latitude.	No strong correlation with islands' geographical features such as orography and rural/urban context. For wave/tidal solutions, suitability is higher in Ocean areas.	For solar technologies, higher applicability to tourism-based islands. In large islands with variegated economic activities, the suitability of the technology is the same as in the mainland.	For wind, geothermal biomass, hydro, the suitability depends on the availability of the specific resource and on the availability of spaces and absence of environmental constraints
Thermal Production from Renewables	No specific restriction to islands' size. Solar thermal plants for domestic hot water production are more applicable to islands with high-seasonality.	For solar thermal, higher applicability in Southern Europe than in Northern Europe. For geothermal and biomass, applicability is higher in Northern Europe due to the higher heating demand.	No strong correlation with island orography; if used to supply heat to a DH system, higher applicability to urban contexts	No specific correlation with the main economic activities. Solar thermal on residential/tertiary facilities can be implemented with success both in tourism-based islands and in islands with industrial activities	For geothermal and biomass, suitability depends on the availability of the specific resource
Cogeneration of Heat and Power	No specific correlation with islands' size. In principle higher potential in larger islands with more industrial activities.	For heating purposes, higher applicability in Northern Europe due to the higher heating demand; for industrial purposes, no specific correlation with islands' latitude.	No strong correlation with island orography; if used to supply heat to a DH system, higher applicability to urban contexts	Higher applicability to islands with industrial activities; suitable also for tourism-based islands if coupled with absorption chillers for trigeneration purposes.	Fuel availability may be an issue: cogeneration makes sense if based on renewable fuels or natural gas, not on diesel or other fuels.
Electric Mobility	No specific correlation with islands' size and interconnection	No specific correlation with latitude (except if coupled with solar power production systems)	No specific correlation with orography and urban/rural context	Higher potential for sharing and rental of e-vehicles in tourism-based islands. For privately-owned vehicles, no correlation with economic activities on the island.	
Energy Storage	For electricity: mainly applicable in small non-interconnected islands for peak shaving purposes. For heat: no specific correlation with islands' size and interconnection	No specific correlation with latitude, except for thermal storage in DH systems that is mostly applicable in Northern Europe due to higher heating demand	No specific correlation with orography and urban/rural context, except for thermal storage in DH systems that is mostly applicable in urban contexts where DH networks are present	In general, no specific correlation with islands' economic activities.	
Upgrade of Local Public Assets	Always applicable without reference to islands' size and interconnection. For electricity grid upgrade, higher applicability in non-interconnected islands; for water- and waste-related projects, higher suitability to large islands.	No specific correlation with latitude	No specific correlation with geographical features like orography and urban/rural context	No specific correlation with economic activities on the island	
– Energy Efficiency in Buildings	No correlation with islands' size and interconnection	No specific correlation with latitude, except for DH-related measures that are mostly applicable in Northern Europe due to higher heating demand	No specific correlation with orography and urban/rural context, except for DH-related measures that are by nature mainly applicable to urban contexts	No specific correlation with economic activities on the island	

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Technology-to-Stakeholder Coupling

	Municipality Other Local Authority	Public Asset Operator	Private Company	Energy Community
Electricity Production from Renewables	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on public buildings or at utility-scale supporting the promoter for power supply to the local grid	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility- scale for power supply to the local grid	Yes, at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility scale for power supply to the local electricity grid	Yes, only at small scale for power supply to the own assets of community members
Thermal Production from Renewables	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on public buildings or at utility-scale supporting the promoter for heat supply to the local grid	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility- scale for heat supply to the local grid	Yes, at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility scale for heat supply to the local DH grid	Yes, only at small scale for heat supply to the own assets of community members
Cogeneration of Heat and Power	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on public buildings or at utility-scale supporting the promoter for power/heat supply to the local grid	Yes, both at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility- scale for energy supply to local electric/DH grid	Yes, at small scale for self- production on own assets or at utility scale for energy supply to the local electric/DH grid	Yes, only at small scale for power and heat supply to the own assets of community members
Electric Mobility	Yes, for the development of the infrastructure	Yes, for the management of the infrastructure and of the vehicles, if shared	Yes, but only for own vehicles	Yes, for the vehicles of the energy community members only
Energy Storage	Yes, supporting the relevant public asset operator	Yes, on the asset they operate (e.g. DSO or utility for electricity grid, or DH operator)	No	No
Upgrade of Local Public Assets	Yes, supporting the relevant public asset operator	Yes, on the asset they operate	No	No
Energy Efficiency in Buildings	Yes, on public buildings	Yes, on buildings related to the operated asset	Yes, on own buildings	Yes, only for buildings owned by community members



Focus Groups

To capitalize the learnings developed in the 50+ technical assistance projects, NESOI partners have decided to constitute focus groups to:

- share technical/financial/legal expertise of partners on different topics relevant to islands' energy transition
- cooperate to solve issues and identify solutions leveraging on experience developed in the first set of projects





Conclusions

- the most suitable island energy transition projects depends on local features → tailored energy planning plays a key role
- islands are ideal laboratories for solutions to be upscaled on the mainland: H₂ production RES+storage, RES+e-mobility, RES+desalination, RES+DHC,
 "green ports" → related to public assets but impacting on citizens & economy
- energy communities have a high potential → increased security of supply, mitigation of energy poverty, maximization of RES self-consumption
- not to forget: energy efficiency → actions done in the mainland are applicable also to islands, generally with higher environmental, social, economic benefits





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