



SUSTAINABLE PLACES 2023

EU Geographical Islands as Leaders of Green Energy

RE-EMPOWERED Project
Kythnos island: a living lab for innovative integrated
interventions

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DAFNI
Network of Sustainable Greek Islands

DAFNI – Network of Sustainable Greek Islands is a public interest non-profit organization of the island local and regional authorities in Greece.

It promotes sustainable development in Greek islands through the delivery of integrated actions in the fields of energy, water, waste and transport / mobility enabling the transition to a circular and sector-coupled local economy boosted by touristic activities.

52 Island
municipalities

4 Regional
authorities



Services

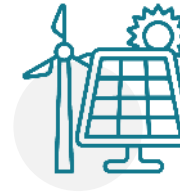
- 📁 Strategic plan
- 📁 Implementation of infrastructure projects
- 📁 Maturation of projects
- 📁 Technical studies at all stages
- 📁 Tendering
- 📁 Support during licensing and consultation procedures
- 📁 Joint-procurement and tendering
- 📁 Fund-raising
- 📁 Capacity building and trainings
- 📁 Policy making
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Buildings & Public
Space



Water
Management



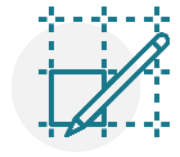
Clean Energy &
Sustainable Mobility



Waste Management &
Circular Economy



Sustainable
Tourism



GIS &
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Technological and social innovation EU funded projects

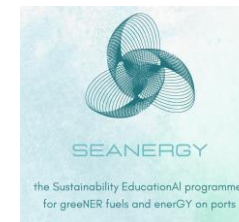




Multiple Use of Space for
Island Clean Autonomy



Deployment of H2 Ecosystem
on the island of Mallorca



Transforming ports into
clean energy hubs



Accelerating the
decarbonization of islands
energy systems



Maximizing the impact of
innovative energy approaches
in the EU islands





Citizens acting on Mitigation Pathways
through Active Implementation of a goal-
setting network



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& Indian Communities



dialogues

Energy citizenship for a sustainable
future



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Circular Economy
Implementation in Greece

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Energy Sustainability in Islands



Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

The logo for Norway grants features a stylized line drawing of a mountain range with several peaks of varying heights.

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New Energy Solutions Optimised for Islands
NESOI
EUROPEAN ISLANDS FACILITY

The path towards the Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative





CLEAN ENERGY
FOR EU ISLANDS



CLEAN ENERGY
FOR EU ISLANDS

2010-2020

2016-2020

2017-2020

2019-2023

2019-present

2023-2026

FOUNDING
MEMBER

SUBCONTRACTOR

COORDINATOR

SUBCONTRACTOR &
CO-BENEFICIARY

PROJECT
BENEFICIARY

PARTNER & REGIONAL
PARTNER



CLEAN ENERGY
FOR EU ISLANDS



**30 100% RES islands
by 2030**

Lighthouse smart island projects





KYTHNOS ISLAND

The revival of
a smart island and a
sustainable destination

KYTHNOS ISLAND, GREECE

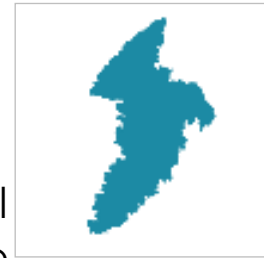
Located in the northwest Cyclades and although just a couple of hours away from Athens, Kythnos is among the so-called “calmer” Greek islands, offering limited tourism facilities and services targeting, at least until recently, mainly Greek visitors. Due to its slower touristic development, Kythnos has managed to maintain its traditional atmosphere and the unique beauty of its natural landscape carved by the broad agriculture activities of the past and the use of dry-stone walls and windmills!

Permanent population: 1 608

Area: 99.4 km²

Distance from the mainland: 2hrs by boat

**Main economic activities: tourism,
construction, farming, fishing**



Electrical system: Non-interconnected

Peak demand: 2.7MW

Thermal station: 5.2MW total capacity

Fuel: Diesel

AVC: 212€/MWh

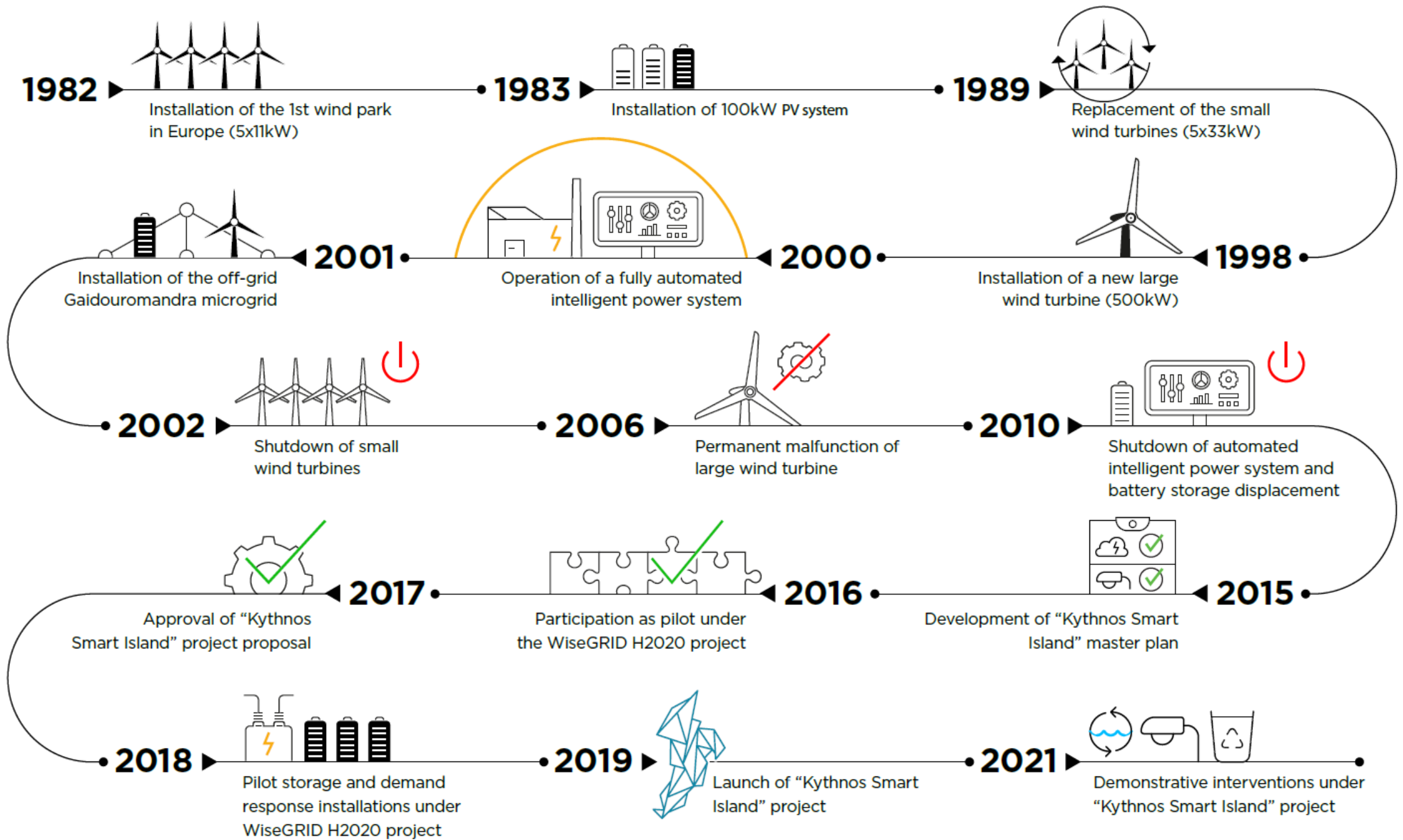
RES share: 268 kW PV, 665 kW Wind (out of order)



Kythnos has a unique track-record of hosting innovative technological projects in the field of renewable energy systems., making the island one of the first sustainability test-beds in the world.

This great innovation historical background is revived through three projects: Kythnos Smart Island, NESOI – WiRE-K and RE-EMPOWERED





KYONOS SMART ISLAND



Project duration: 3.5years

Project budget: 8M€

Implemented by:



**National Technical
University of Athens**

SIEMENS

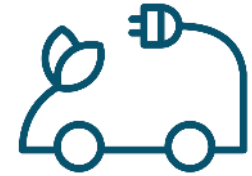
The project is funded by Siemens in the framework of the Settlement Agreement between the Hellenic Republic and Siemens.

Innovative solutions for the efficient upgrade & smart management of local infrastructures

Kythnos becomes a living lab, not only for clean energy, smart grids and energy efficiency, but also for the **coupling of energy with water, waste and mobility management solutions.**



ENERGY &
SMART GRIDS



TRANSPORT &
MOBILITY



WASTE
MANAGEMENT



WATER
MANAGEMENT



STREET
LIGHTING



BUILDINGS & PUBLIC SPACE
RETROFITTING



ENERGY & SMART GRIDS

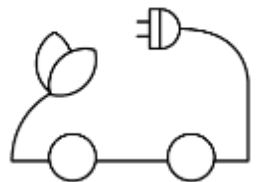
Acceleration of the clean energy transition through multiple applications, such as demand side management, integration of storage in the distribution network, research on a local microgrid and extensive sector coupling.



Gaidouromandra microgrid upgrade

A pioneering microgrid comprising of 14 summer vacation houses electrified by 5 distributed solar PV units, batteries and a 3kW windturbine





TRANSPORT & MOBILITY

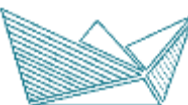
Decarbonize the island's transport sector through the uptake of electromobility on land and sea transportation.



Installation of 8 publicly available EV charging stations



Installation of 10 EV charging stations in hotels & restaurants



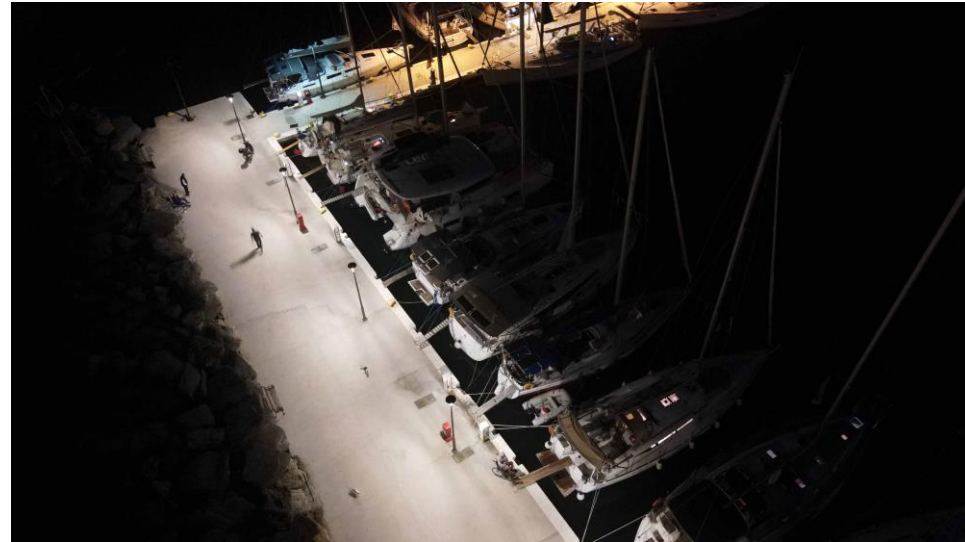
Electrification of municipal fleet

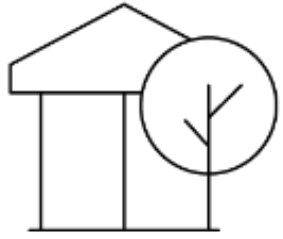


An aerial photograph of Loutra Marina, showing a curved harbor with a concrete pier and a rocky breakwater. Numerous small boats are moored along the pier. The marina is surrounded by residential buildings on the left and right, and a sandy beach is visible at the top. The water is a deep blue-green color.

Transformation of Loutra Marina to Smart Marina

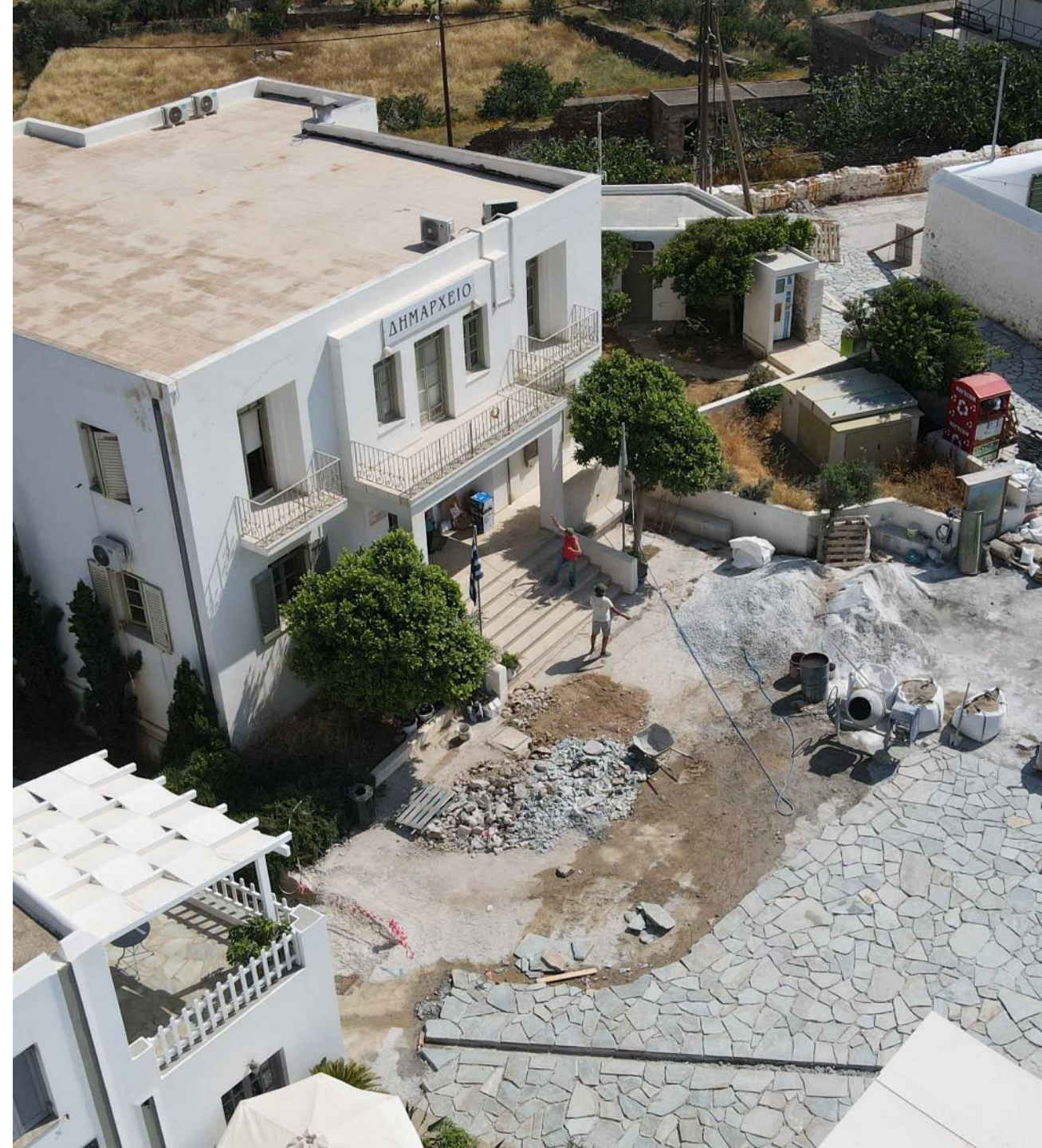
Loutra smart marina



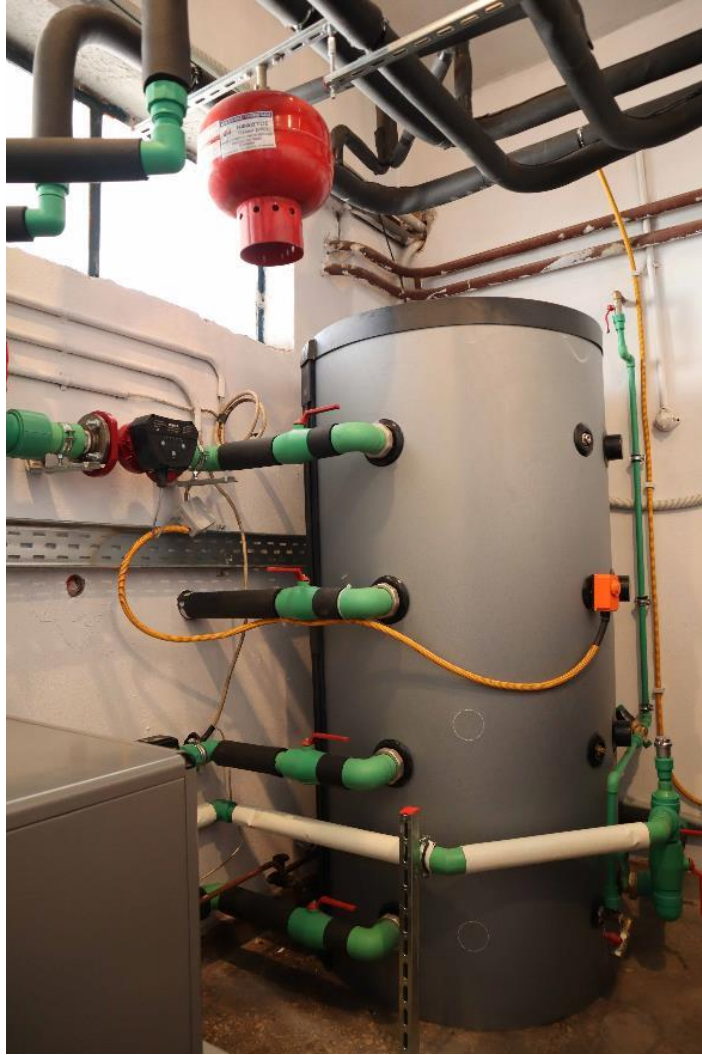


BUILDINGS & PUBLIC SPACE RETROFITTING

Energy upgrade of municipal buildings
into Nearly Zero Energy Buildings and
sustainable regeneration of public
space

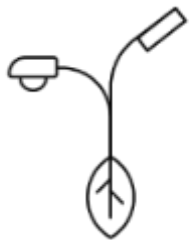


Upgrade of the HVAC systems in Highschool building



Public space regeneration





STREET LIGHTING

Energy upgrade and smartening of the island's street lighting network, while improving visual comfort and minimizing lighting pollution



Replacement of the existing luminaires with high efficiency LED





WASTE MANAGEMENT

Demonstrate the potential to transform an island into a zero-waste area, while maximizing valorization of waste and minimizing environmental impact



Door-2-door collection





WATER MANAGEMENT

Demonstrate the integrated water resource management at island scale, while reducing the water production cost and water losses at the distribution system.



Optimization of the water management system



New Energy Solutions Optimised for Islands



EUROPEAN ISLANDS FACILITY



13 NESOI Projects supported by DAFNI

Objectives:

- Promote investments for energy transition in the islands
- Facilitate the decentralization of energy systems
- Contribute to EU policies and the achievement of 2030 targets

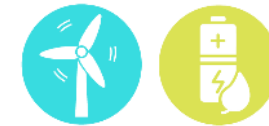


WiRe-K: Wind turbine repowering in Kythnos



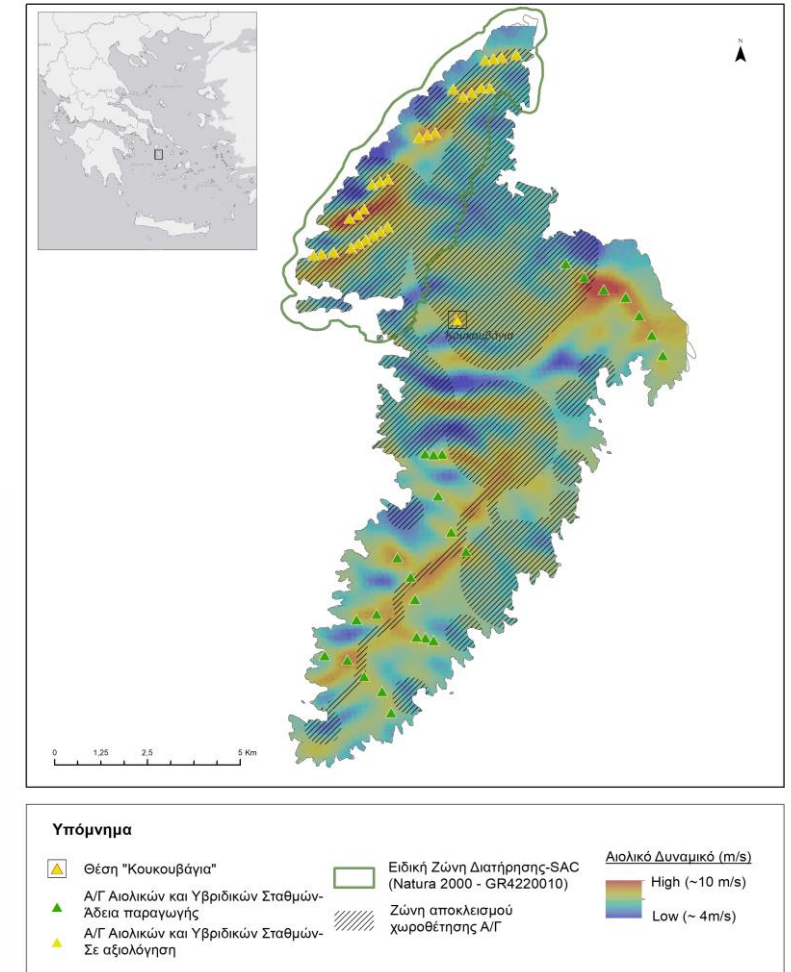
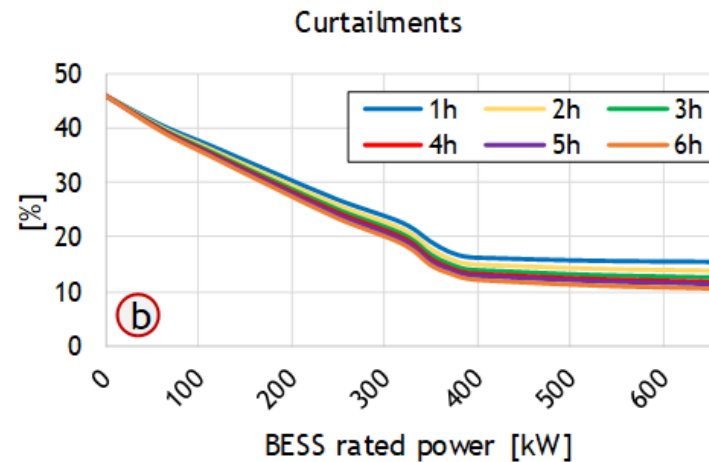
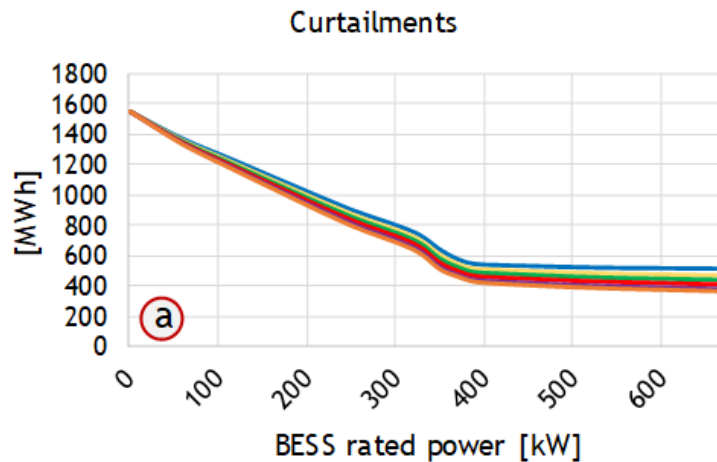
WiRe-K: Wind turbine repowering in Kythnos

Project beneficiary: Public Power Corporation Renewables SA (PPCR)



What is the project about?

- The proposed project includes the replacement of PPCR's existing wind turbine with modern, state-of-the-art wind turbine and a 'behind-the-meter' lithium-ion battery.
- This innovative arrangement allows the full exploitation of the wind turbine's installed capacity, using a large amount of energy that would under other circumstances be curtailed.
- The project has high replicability as it applies to almost all the wind farms located on Greek islands that will need repowering soon.





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The project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation under Grant Agreement No 101018420



This project has received funding from the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under "India- EU Joint Call on Integrated Local Energy Systems"

The goal

The main goal of RE-EMPOWERED is to develop and demonstrate solutions for **energy transition** of island and weakly connected energy systems, based on Microgrids exploiting multiple energy vectors.

The benefits will be demonstrated leading to an increased share of renewable generation and higher energy efficiency of the wider local energy system.

The solutions

- ✓ **ecoEMS:** Energy Management System for isolated and weakly interconnected systems
- ✓ **ecoMicrogrid:** Energy Management System for smaller off-grid systems
- ✓ **ecoDR:** Smart Meter - Load controller
- ✓ **ecoConverter:** Power electronic converters for dc/ac microgrids
- ✓ **ecoVehicle:** Electric vehicle charger
- ✓ **ecoPlanning:** Energy planning tool
- ✓ **ecoCommunity:** Citizen engagement digital platform
- ✓ **ecoResilience:** Cyclone Resilient infrastructure for wind turbines and PV
- ✓ **ecoMonitor:** Water/air quality monitoring
- ✓ **ecoPlatform:** Cloud-based interoperable platform

The pilots

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BORNHOLM

Denmark

2

KYTHNOS

Greece

3

GHORAMARA

India

4

KEONJHAR

India



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Kythnos, Greece

1st site
**Kythnos
Power System**

2nd site
**Gaidouromandra
microgrid**



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Kythnos Power System

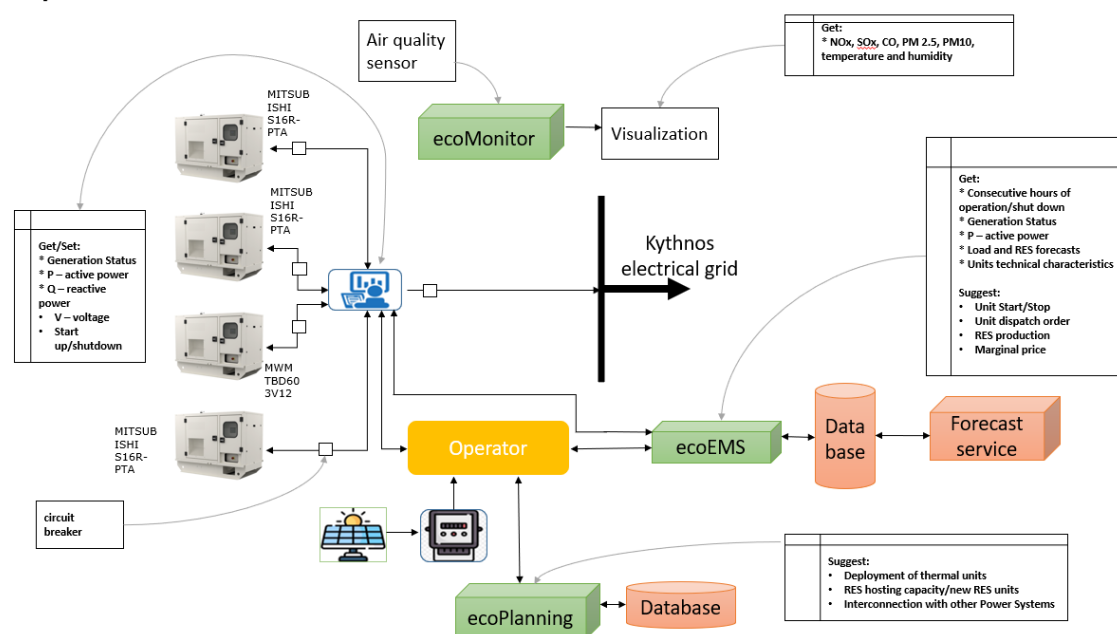
Peak load: 3.118 MW

No. of electricity customers: 3,353

Installed capacity of fossil fuel (diesel) Generation: 5.2 MW

Installed capacity of renewable energy generation units: 908.65kW

Kythnos island demo site



- ✓ Suggestions on the optimized and efficient operation of Kythnos power system i.e. optimal dispatch of the generation units of the Kythnos power system based on RES and load forecasting will be made.
- ✓ Simulations that support the decision-making process regarding the deployment of new electricity generation units (conventional and renewable) on the electric systems of NIs and the interconnection between NIs will be performed.
- ✓ Monitoring of the air quality will also take place.

Gaidouromandra Microgrid

A small seaside settlement of holiday homes in the southern part of Kythnos. It is one of the first microgrids in Europe, developed through European projects and has been operating since 2001 to supply electricity to the settlement.



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Gaidouromandra Microgrid

It includes PVs, a battery energy storage system (BESS) and a diesel generator (as a back-up source).

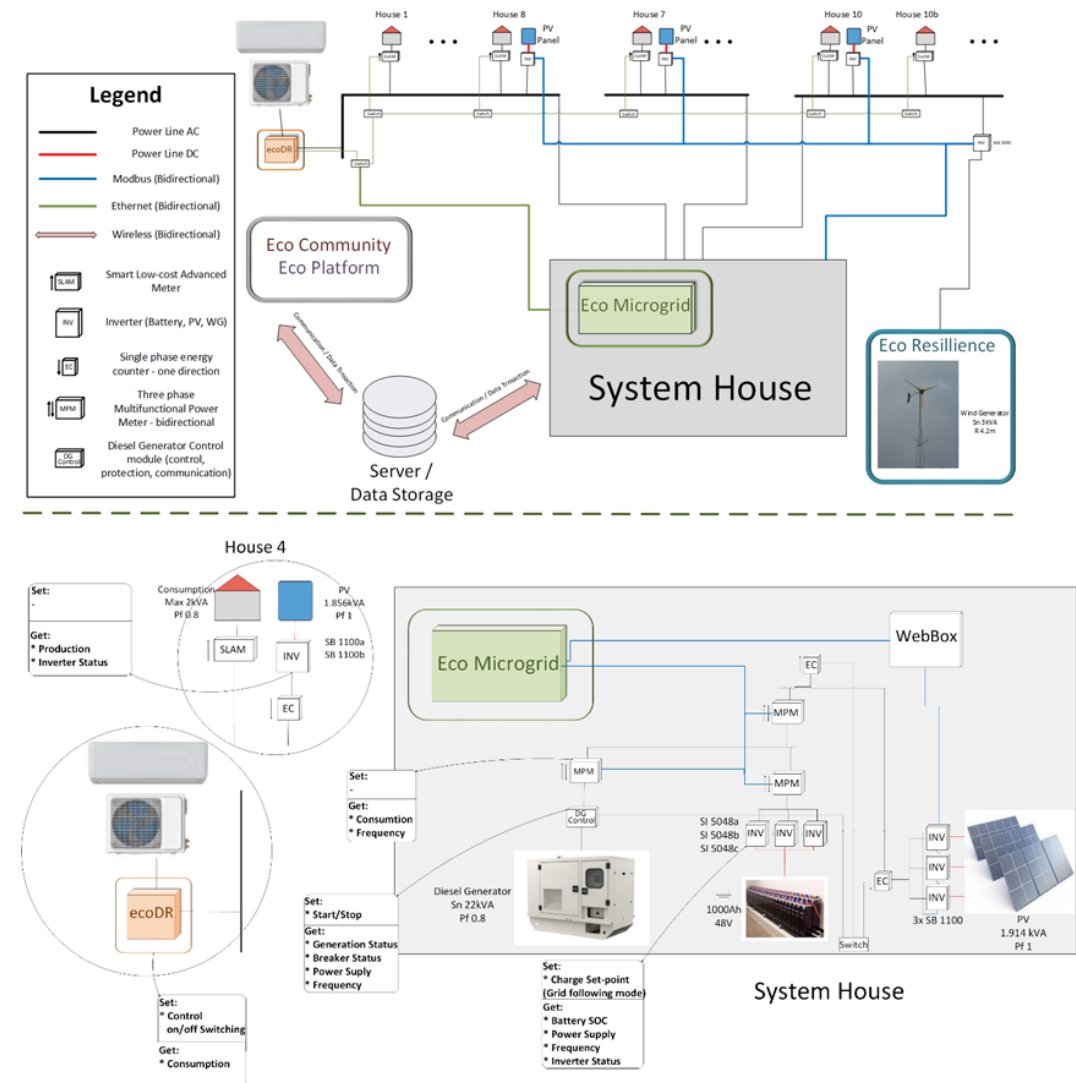
The optimized and efficient operation of the microgrid will be ensured by providing optimal dispatch of the resources of the microgrid. A hardware solution will be implemented in the field.

A smart meter/load controller for demand side management. Flexible loads will be controlled by the energy management system.

A cloud-based platform will be used to collect and manage the data from Gaidouromantra site.

A digital platform for raising citizen engagement will be used (app for mobile phones, showing consumption, used for demand side management).

A small wind turbine will be manufactured by NTUA and installed in Gaidouromantra.



Gaidouromandra Microgrid







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