

EnerCmed Newsletter - May 2025

EnerCmed Project Holds Key Symposium and Steering Committee in Larnaka to Strengthen Energy Communities Across the Mediterranean

Larnaka, Cyprus – May 13, 2025

The EnerCmed project reached an important milestone on May 13, 2025, with the successful organization of its third Steering Committee meeting and an engaging symposium in Larnaka, Cyprus. The event, hosted at the Multi-functional Center for Social Activities and Welfare of the Larnaka Municipality, brought together project partners, experts, and local stakeholders to review progress, exchange knowledge, and align on next steps toward fostering sustainable energy communities in the Mediterranean.

The day began with a welcome and registration session, followed by a field visit that allowed participants to explore local energy-related initiatives and infrastructure. This on-site experience offered valuable insights into the practical implementation of energy transition strategies at the municipal level, setting the tone for the collaborative discussions that followed.

Late in the morning, the project team convened for a symposium session, where key thematic areas were presented and discussed. Topics included community energy planning, citizen engagement, and the development of innovative governance models to support local energy resilience. This exchange emphasized the growing importance of empowering local actors in driving the energy transition across Mediterranean territories.

After a networking lunch, the Steering Committee officially opened in the afternoon, starting with a presentation of the Knowledge Sharing Helpdesk Platform by the University of Genoa (UNIGE) and SINLOC. The platform is designed to facilitate collaboration, provide technical support, and enhance the visibility of best practices among project partners and external stakeholders.

The technical session followed, offering a detailed overview of activities in progress and upcoming initiatives. These included:

Activity 2.1 & 2.2, led by SINLOC, focusing on stakeholder engagement and technical support;

Activity 2.3, presented by IRENA and pilot municipalities, covering the implementation of pilot actions;

Activity 2.4, coordinated by UNICY, targeting policy and institutional frameworks;

Activity 2.5, led by ETRA, addressing data collection and monitoring tools.

Subsequent sessions focused on communication and administrative aspects, with UNIGE leading discussions on how to optimize project visibility and ensure compliance with Interreg Euro-MED guidelines. The day concluded with a wrap-up session, summarizing key decisions and future priorities.

In the evening, participants gathered for a social dinner, reinforcing the strong collaborative spirit of the EnerCmed consortium and providing an informal opportunity to continue exchanging ideas and experiences.

The EnerCmed project, co-funded by the European Union through the Interreg Euro-MED Programme, aims to accelerate the creation and support of energy communities as central actors in the green transition. By promoting transnational cooperation and innovative governance mechanisms, the project seeks to build a more inclusive, low-carbon, and resilient Mediterranean energy landscape.

For more updates on the project's progress and upcoming activities, please visit the official website: <https://enercmed.interreg-euro-med.eu>



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