



## NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP

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### *Charting the path towards a green and sustainable future*

**House of Representatives**  
**Nehrou Avenue, 1102 Nicosia**  
**Friday 29 November 2024, 08:30-13:30 – Cyprus Time**  
**Kyrenia Meeting Room**

*Working languages: English and Greek  
with simultaneous interpretation*

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- **08:30 – 09:00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
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### **Opening Session 09:00 - 09:15**

**Moderator: Ms. Elina Kolokotroni**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Cyprus Greens-Citizens' Cooperation.

- **09:00 – 09:05**      **Welcoming speech**  
**H.E. Ms. Annita Demetriou**, President of the House of Representatives.
- **09:05 – 09:10**      **Welcoming speech**  
**Mr. Charalambos Theopemptou**, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on the Environment.
- **09:10 – 09:15**      **Welcome by EUFORES**  
**Dr. Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES.  
**Mr. Ciaran Cuffe**, President of EUFORES, former Member of EuropeanParliament (online).

### **Session 1: Cyprus and European Energy Policies 09:15 - 09:40**

**Chair: Mr. Charalambos Theopemptou**, Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on the Environment

- **09:15 – 09:25**      **The Cyprus Energy Policy: Future plans towards energy efficiency**  
**Mr. Giorgos Papanastasiou**, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry.
- **09:25 – 09:35**      **Europe's Vision for a strong economy and clean future: The**

## elements of the EU Green Deal

**Ms. Yolanda Garcia Mezquita**, Head of Unit, Relations with the Member States and the Energy Community, DG Energy, European Commission (online).

- 09:35 – 09:45 Q&A

## SESSION 2: Clean and Efficient 09:45 – 10:35

**Chair: Mr. Charalambos Theopemptou**, Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on the Environment

- 09:45 – 09:55 **Public Transport /ETS II adaptation / Electromobility and public buildings**  
**Mr. Alexis Vafeades**, Minister of Transport, Communications and Works.
- 09:55 – 10:05 **Energy grid in Cyprus**  
**Mr. Philippos Philippou**, Vice-Chairman, Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority.
- 10:05 – 10:15 **The new European Energy Efficiency Directive**  
**Mr. Nikolaos Kontinakis**, Policy Officer, DG ENERGY, European Commission (online).
- 10:15 – 10:25 **The untapped potential for energy efficiency of buildings in Cyprus**  
**Mr. Savvas Vlachos**, Director, Cyprus Energy Agency.
- 10:25 – 10:35 Q&A

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## SESSION 3: Renewable Energy 11:00 – 12:10

**Chair: Mr. Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- 11:00 – 11:10 **The new European Renewable Energy Directive**  
**Mr. Lukasz Kolinski**, Head of Unit, Renewables and Energy System Integration Policy, DG ENERGY, European Commission (online). **(tbc)**
- 11:10 – 11:20 **Biomass Potential in Cyprus**  
**Mr. George Andreou**, Vice-Chairman, Cyprus Association of Biogas Producers.
- 11:30 – 11:40 **Wind Energy in Cyprus**  
**Mr. Christos Tsingis**, Executive Director, Cyprus Wind Energy Association.
- 11:40 – 11:50 **Making Solar Heat mainstream on buildings: Learnings from the Cyprus Industry.**

**Dr. Andreas Ioannides**, President, Cyprus Union of Solar Thermal Industrialists.

- **11:50 – 12:00** **Photovoltaic energy in Cyprus**  
**Mr. Fanos Karantonis**, Chairman, Cyprus Association of Renewable Energy Enterprises.
- **12:00 – 12:10** **Q&A**

#### **SESSION 4: Towards a new and sustainable Cypriot energy system 12:10 – 13:20**

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **12:10 – 12:20** **Fit for 55 policies**  
**Mr. Charalambos Theopemptou**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on the Environment.
- **12:20 – 12:40** **Successful narratives in the Cypriot context for effective policy implementation**  
**Mr. Daniel Becker**, Director, Guidehouse.
- **12:40 – 12:50** **Challenges and opportunities of green transition in Cyprus**  
**Mr. Panayiotis Kastanias**, Senior Energy and Environment Officer, Cyprus Employers & Industrialists Federation.
- **12:50 – 13:00** **Energy Democracy and Justice in Cyprus**  
**Ms. Natasa Ioannou**, Project Manager, Energy Campaign, Friends of the Earth Cyprus.
- **13:00 – 13:10** **Q&A**
- **13:10 – 13:20** **Closing Remarks**  
**Dr. Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES.

#### **END OF EVENT**



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