



# **Renewable energy policy database and support – RES-LEGAL EUROPE**

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## **Cyprus – summary text**

In Cyprus, electricity from renewable sources is promoted through subsidy combined with a net metering scheme. Access of electricity from renewable energy sources to the grid shall be granted according to the principle of non-discrimination. With regard to the use of the grid renewable energy shall be given priority. Grid development is a matter of central planning (Transmission Grid Development Plan 2007-2016 by the Cypriot TSO). In addition, renewable heating and cooling (RES H&C) is promoted by two different support schemes offering subsidies to enterprises and households respectively.

There is number of policies aiming at promoting the development, installation and use of RES installations as well as specific RES H&C obligations.



## RES-E support schemes

### Summary of support schemes

Overview	Cyprus promotes renewable electricity generation through a subsidy and a net metering scheme.
Summary of support system	<p><b>Subsidy:</b> "Solar Energy for All 2015- 2016" Scheme aims at supporting the purchase and installation of PV until 3kW for vulnerable social groups that will operate under a net-metering scheme.</p> <p><b>Net metering</b> (for households, public administration and industrial/commercial units): "Solar Energy for All 2015-2016" Scheme introduces a net-metering system in Cyprus. Households and public administration entities are eligible (PV installations) as well as legal entities (off-grid PV installations).</p>
Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solar energy</li></ul>
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LPRES (Ο περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας και της Εξοικονόμησης Ενέργειας Νόμος του 2013 - Law No. 112 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency)</li><li>• Min. Decree 218/2013 (Περί Καθορισμού της Ενεργειακής Φτώχειας και των Κατηγοριών Ευάλωτων Καταναλωτών και των Μέτρων Αντιμετώπισης της Ενεργειακής Φτώχειας και Προστασίας των Ευάλωτων Καταναλωτών Διάταγμα του 2013- Min. Decree of 2013 on the Definition of Energy Poverty and of vulnerable consumers Categories as well as Measures to tackle energy poverty and to protect vulnerable consumers)</li><li>• "Solar Energy for all" Scheme 2015-2016</li></ul>



**Basic information on legal sources**

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Ο περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας και της Εξοικονόμησης Ενέργειας Νόμος του 2013	«Ηλιακή Ενέργεια για Όλους» 2015-2016	Περί Καθορισμού της Ενεργειακής Φτώχειας και των Κατηγοριών Ευάλωτων Καταναλωτών και των Μέτρων Αντιμετώπισης της Ενεργειακής Φτώχειας και Προστασίας των Ευάλωτων Καταναλωτών Διάταγμα του 2013
<b>Full name</b>	Νόμος Ν.122(Ι)2013	«Ηλιακή Ενέργεια για Όλους» Σχέδιο Προώθησης για την εγκατάσταση φωτοβολταϊκών συστημάτων 2015-2016	Κ.Π.Δ. 218/2013
<b>Name (English)</b>	Law No. 122 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Support Scheme for the Installation of PV “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016”	Min. Decree of 2013 on the Definition of Energy Poverty and of vulnerable consumers Categories as well as Measures to tackle energy poverty and to protect vulnerable consumers
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	LPRES	“Solar Energy for All 2015- 2016” Scheme	Min. Decree 218/2013
<b>Entry into force</b>	20.09.2013	04.06.2014	26.06.2013
<b>Last amended on</b>	13.11.2015	22.11.2015	



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Future amendments			
<b>Purpose</b>	Implementing the obligations specified in chapters 88 and 89 (2) (a) of LREM (Law Regulating the Electricity Market N. 122(I)/2003) and transposing the RES Directive (2009/28/EC)	The scheme foresees the net metering procedure for PV for three distinct categories	The Ministerial Decree defines the term „energy poverty” as well as the criteria based on which a individual can be categorized as a “vulnerable”
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	LPRES provides for the establishment of a fund that finances the premium tariff and other cost related to renewable electricity generation and specifies the requirements for use of the grid.	The scheme includes provisions for PV Net metering as well as a subsidy for vulnerable groups	The criteria aid to define the eligibility of individuals in SSEEA I 2013
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2013_1_112/full.html">http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2013_1_112/full.html</a>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/All/3B2CAC8EEFB474B0C2257F230035C2F0/\$file/%CE%A3%CF%87%CE%AD%CE%B4%CE%B9%CE%BF%20%CE%A5%CE%95%CE%95%CE%92%CE%A4%20%CE%97%CE%BB%CE%B9%CE%B1%CE%BA%CE%AE%20%CE%95%CE%BD%CE%AD%CF%81%CE%B3%CE%B5%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%8C%CE%BB%CE%BF%CF%8">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/All/3B2CAC8EEFB474B0C2257F230035C2F0/\$file/%CE%A3%CF%87%CE%AD%CE%B4%CE%B9%CE%BF%20%CE%A5%CE%95%CE%95%CE%92%CE%A4%20%CE%97%CE%BB%CE%B9%CE%B1%CE%BA%CE%AE%20%CE%95%CE%BD%CE%AD%CF%81%CE%B3%CE%B5%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%8C%CE%BB%CE%BF%CF%8</a>	<a href="http://www.mof.gov.cy/mof/gpo/gpo.nsf/All/531DAC904C6CD050C2257B96003044C5/\$file/4687%2026%206%202013%20Parartima%203o%20Meros%20I.pdf">http://www.mof.gov.cy/mof/gpo/gpo.nsf/All/531DAC904C6CD050C2257B96003044C5/\$file/4687%2026%206%202013%20Parartima%203o%20Meros%20I.pdf</a>





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Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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## Support schemes

### Grant (PV in households with net-metering - "Solar energy for All 2015-2016" Scheme)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPRES</li> <li>• Min. Decree 218/2013</li> <li>• "Solar Energy for All" Scheme 2015-2016</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT), , Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA)	
<b>Country-specific <u>support</u> system</b>	Under the "Solar Energy for All" Scheme, grants relating to the purchase and installation of PV until 3kW are allocated. Eligible are all natural persons whose selection will be based on income and social criteria. Successful applicants can consequently operate under a net-metering scheme (see Net-Metering) .	
<b>Promoted technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	PV installations are eligible (ch. 3.par. 5 "Solar Energy for All 2015-2016" Scheme).
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	PV until 3kW (aggregate installed capacity 1.2MW) (ch. 3. par.5 "Solar Energy for All 2015- 2016" Scheme).
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	



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	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
<b>Amount</b>	The grant amounts to €900 per kW (max. €2,700 per installation). In aggregate 1.2MW of PV installations will be subsidised (ch. 3. par.5 “Solar Energy for All” Scheme 2015-2016).	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party:</b> All natural persons belonging to vulnerable social groups (ch. 3 par.5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme in conjunction with Min. Decree 218/2013). In addition, recipients of the family allowance for single parents, with a family income less than €39,000 are also eligible (ch. 3 par.5 “Solar Energy for All 2015- 2016” Scheme).</p> <p><b>Obligated party:</b> The obligated party is the state, represented by a committee of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (Administrative Committee of the Special Fund for RES and Energy Efficiency) as well as the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC) (ch. 3 par. 5 and ch.3 par. 9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<p>In relation to the grant scheme the process is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application.</b> Plant operators shall submit their applications to the Administrative Committee (ch. 3 par.5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Proposal assessment:</b> Applications are assessed according to weighted criteria (ch. 3 par.5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Information:</b> Applicants must be informed of the rules on the provision of grants (ch. 3 par.5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Grid connection application:</b> Successful applicants should apply for the grid connection of their PV installation to the regional offices of EAC, under the authority of Distribution System Operator (DSO) operator. The administrative costs concerning the application processing are borne by the applicant (€250+ VAT) (ch. 3. par. 9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme)</li> <li>• <b>Approval of grid connection application:</b> The DSO approves the application within 7 days. If not, the majority of the</li> </ul>



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		<p>administrative costs (€200 + VAT) are returned to the applicant. With the approval, a net metering agreement is signed between the applicant and EAC for 15 years (ch.3 par. 9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project implementation.</b> In order for a grant to be awarded, a given applicant is obliged to implement the investment project within 3 months (ch.3 par. 10 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Final control and grid connection.</b> after the completion of the PV installation, investors should apply for the final grid connection (ch.3 par. 10 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Grant Payment.</b> The grant awarded by the Administrative Committee is paid out to the investor after project completion and grid connection (ch. 3 par. 5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> </ul>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	The grant scheme is managed by the Administrative Committee of the Special Fund for RES and Energy Efficiency on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (ch.3 par. 5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme in conjunction with art. 9 par. 1 and par. 3 LPRES).
<b>Flexibility Mechanism</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	The costs of the grant scheme are partly borne by the state (art. 10 par. 1 LPRES).
	<b>Consumers</b>	The costs of the grant scheme are partly borne by the final consumers (art. 10 par. 1a LPRES).



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	<b>Plant operator</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Administrative Committee of the Special Fund for RES and Energy Efficiency allocates funds from the Special Fund for RES and Energy Efficiency to eligible projects. The budget of the Special Fund is provided by the state (assigned annual budget) and mainly paid for by the consumers (through electricity bill charges that include a special tax on electricity consumption). Apart from that, sources of the Special Fund for RES and Energy Efficiency constitute all revenues from the energy products levies (e.g. fossil fuels) from a management fee imposed on all applicants to the Support schemes (art. 10 par. 1b, c LPRES).</li> </ul>



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### Net-Metering (for households, public administration buildings and commercial industrial units)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPRES</li> <li>• “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT), CIE, Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA)	
<b>Country-specific <u>support</u> system</b>	Cyprus introduces for the first time a net-metering scheme. This scheme applies to natural and legal persons and concerns the connection of PV plants that will operate under a net-metering scheme.	
<b>Promoted technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	PV installations are eligible (ch. 3.par. 5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	<p>For households: PV (aggregate installed capacity 18.8MW) (ch. 3.par. 5 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p> <p>For non-domestic consumers: PV (aggregate installed capacity 10MW) (ch. 3 par. 7 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme)</p> <p>For industrial/ commercial units and public administration buildings: autonomous PV between 10kW-2000kW (aggregate installed capacity 20MW) (ch. 4 par.2 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p>
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	



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	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-power</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	<p>The electricity offsetting will be carried out once every two months for each calendar year by EAC or by any other electricity supplier to which the consumer has contracted. Any surplus will be transferred in the next two months while any deficits will be invoiced. The final account (measurement of April- May) of the calendar year will be the final settlement. Electricity surplus cannot be carried over from one calendar year to the next (ch. 3 par. 3 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p> <p>In addition, electricity produced by autonomous PV producers (industrial/ commercial units) will not be fed into the grid for economic purposes, but it destined solely for own consumption (ch .4. par. 3 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p>	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party:</b> Entitled are natural persons and public administration entities (ch. 3.6 and ch. 3.7 “Solar Energy for All” Scheme) as well as legal entities (ch. 4 par.1 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</p> <p><b>Obligated party:</b> The obligated party is the state, represented by EAC (ch. 3par.9 and ch. 4 par.6 “Solar Energy for All” Scheme).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<p>For households and non-domestic consumers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application:</b> Interested parties shall submit their applications with the necessary supporting documents to EAC, as the responsible DSO (ch.3.par.9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Proposal assessment:</b> Applications are assessed by EAC in 7 days (ch.3.par.9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Project Approval:</b> A Net-metering contract is signed between EAC-DSO and the applicant, who also pays a €250 fee (administrative costs). The contract has a duration of fifteen (15) and ten (10) years for households and non-domestic consumers respectively (ch.3.par.9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> </ul>





		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project realisation:</b> The installation of the PV should be completed in 3 months and should be connected with the grid. EAC- DSO is responsible for controlling the PV plant within 25 days (ch.3.par.9 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> </ul> <p>For industrial/ commercial units (autonomous electricity production)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application:</b> Interested parties submit their application along with the necessary supporting documents to the Cyprus Regulatory Authority on Energy (CERA) (ch. 4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Exemption from construction licence &amp; project realization:</b> CERA issues and exemption from construction license, with a duration of 8 months. Within that time frame, the PV installation should be completed (ch. 4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> <li>• <b>Final control and connection to the grid:</b> The DSO is responsible for controlling the connection of the PV plant to the distribution grid within thirty (30) days. Then the plant operator should submit to CERA an application for the exemption from the issue of a production license and after that a contract will be signed between the plant operator and EAC (ch. 4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).</li> </ul>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	CERA is responsible for review of all applications to both schemes (ch.3.10 and ch.4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme).
<b>Flexibility Mechanism</b>	<p>The statistical transfer of a certain amount of RES electricity is possible by agreement with the Member States. The term of such an agreement may exceed one year. Every year, within a three-month time frame, a report will be published on the total amount of electricity produced from RES in the previous year. This report will facilitate the allocation procedure (art. 15 par. 2 LPRES). In any case, the European Commission must be informed of the pending termination of an agreement three months in advance (art. 15 par.7 LPRES). RES electricity produced should be calculated “statistically transferred” in the national target of</p>	



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	the other Member State, but such works have a duration until 2020 (art. 15 par. 5 LPRES).	
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	-



## RES-E grid issues

### Overview

<b>Overview of grid issues</b>	In general, the entitlement of plant operators to grid connection and development is subject to the general legislation on energy. According to the general legislation, plant operators are contractually entitled to the connection of a renewable energy plant to the grid without any plant operator being discriminated against. Furthermore, they are entitled to the expansion of the grid, if such an expansion is necessary to connect a plant to the grid. Plant operators are also entitled to priority access and dispatch of electricity from renewable sources.
<b>Connection to the grid</b>	Plant operators are contractually entitled against the grid operator to the priority connection of renewable energy plants to the grid without certain plant operators being discriminated against. The grid operator is obliged to enter into these contracts.
<b>Use of the grid</b>	Plant operators are contractually entitled to priority access and transmission of electricity from renewable sources. The grid operator is obliged to enter into these contracts.
<b>Grid expansion</b>	After the conclusion of a connection agreement, a plant operator is contractually entitled against the grid operator to the expansion of the grid if the expansion is necessary to connect a plant to the grid.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LPRES (Ο περί προώθησης και ενθάρρυνσης της χρήσης των ανανεώσιμων πηγών ενέργειας και της εξοικονόμησης ενέργειας νόμο του 2013 - Law No. 122 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency)</li><li>• LREM (Ο περί της ρύθμισης της αγοράς ηλεκτρισμού νόμος του 2003 - Law No. 122 I 2003 Regulating the Electricity Market)</li><li>• TDR 4.0 (Κανόνες μεταφοράς και διανομής - Transmission and Distribution Rules 4.0)</li><li>• DSM Decision 821/2012 (Απόφαση 821/2012)</li><li>• “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme</li></ul>



### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Ο περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας και της Εξοικονόμησης Ενέργειας Νόμος του 2013	Ο περί της ρύθμισης της αγοράς ηλεκτρισμού νόμος του 2003	
<b>Full name</b>	Νόμος Ν.122(Ι)2013	Νόμος Ν.122(Ι)2003	
<b>Name (English)</b>	Law No. 122 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Law Regulating the Electricity Market	
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	LPRES	LREM	
<b>Entry into force</b>	20.09.2013	25.07.2003	
<b>Last amended on</b>	13.11.2015	23.12.2015	
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Implementing the obligations specified in chapters 88 and 89 (2) (a) of LREM (Law Regulating the Electricity Market N. 122(I)/2003) and transposing the RES Directive (2009/28/EC)	Implementing European Union Directives 96/92/EC and 2003/54/EC.	
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	LPRES provides for the establishment of a fund to finance the feed-in tariff and other costs related to renewable electricity generation and specifies the	This law includes rules on the promotion of electricity from renewable sources.	



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	requirements for use of the grid.		
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	<a href="http://www.cylaw.org//nomoi/arith/2013_1_112.pdf">http://www.cylaw.org//nomoi/arith/2013_1_112.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.dsm.org.cy/media/attachments/Section4/4.3_Electricity_Market_Regulation_Law_of_2003_gr.pdf">http://www.dsm.org.cy/media/attachments/Section4/4.3 Electricity Market Regulation Law of 2003 gr.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2003_1_122/full.html">http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2003_1_122/full.html</a>	
Link to full text of legal source (English)		<a href="http://www.dsm.org.cy/media/attachments/Section4/Law_Regulating_the_Electricity_Market_of_2003_and_2004.pdf">http://www.dsm.org.cy/media/attachments/Section4/Law_Regulating the Electricity Market of 2003 and 2004.pdf</a>	



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<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Κανόνες μεταφοράς και διανομής	Απόφαση 821/2012	«Ηλιακή Ενέργεια για Όλους» 2015-2016
<b>Full name</b>		Βασικές αρχές πολιτικής χρέωσης για σύνδεση παραγωγών πελατών στο σύστημα μεταφοράς/ διανομής	«Ηλιακή Ενέργεια για Όλους» Σχέδιο Προώθησης για την εγκατάσταση φωτοβολταϊκών συστημάτων 2015-2016
<b>Name (English)</b>	Transmission and Distribution Rules	Basic charging policy principles for connecting producers customer to the transmission / distribution grid (since 01.01.2013)	Support Scheme for the Installation of PV "Solar Energy for All" 2015-2016
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	TDR 4.0	DSM Decision 821/2013	"Solar Energy for All 2015-2016" Scheme
<b>Entry into force</b>	15.10.2004	01.01.2013	05.2014
<b>Last amended on</b>	19.07.2013		22.11.2015
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Implementing the obligations specified in chapters 72 (1) and 73 of LREM.	Stipulating the charges related to grid connection	The scheme foresees the net metering procedure for PV for three distinct categories
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Section T 16 establishes additional provisions on renewable energy plants.	RES plants are also included	The scheme includes provisions for PV Net metering as well as a subsidy for



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			vulnerable groups
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Ρυθμιστική Αρχή Ενέργειας Κύπρου (PAEK) – Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA)	<a href="http://www.cera.org.cy/">http://www.cera.org.cy/</a>		+357 22666363	info@cera.org.cy
Διαχειριστής Συστήματος Μεταφοράς Κύπρου (ΔΣΜ) DSM-TSO – Transmission system operator	<a href="http://www.dsm.org.cy/">http://www.dsm.org.cy/</a>		+357 226 116 22	info@dsm.org.cy





## Grid issues

### Connection to the grid

Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LREM</li> <li>• LPRES</li> <li>• TDR 4.0</li> <li>• DSM Decision 821/2012</li> </ul>		
Contact Authority	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT), CIE, Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA), Cyprus Transmission System Operator (DSM- TSO)		
Overview	<p>Plant operators are contractually entitled against the grid operator to the connection of renewable energy plants to the grid. Entitlement arises when the plant is completed and a connection agreement has been concluded. The grid operator is obliged to enter into such an agreement on request (art. 84 (1), (2) LREM in conjunction with sections T 1.1.2, 1.3.1; D 1.1.4 TDR 4.0).</p> <p>The persons entitled are those operators of renewable energy plants that are party to a connection agreement (sections T 1.1.2, 1.3.1; D 1.1.4 TDR 3.0) and meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Permission to operate.</b> Plant operators shall hold an operation licence (art. 34 LREM). This licence is issued by CERA on application.</li> <li>• <b>Small-scale installations.</b> In exceptional cases, non-licensed operators of small installations may be entitled to connection (art. 35 LREM). These persons are the operators of electricity plants whose production capacity does not exceed 5 MW (ch. 35 (2) (b) LREM).</li> </ul>		
Procedure	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 1153 1070 1319">Procedure</td><td data-bbox="1070 1153 2065 1319"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application for connection:</b> Depending on the capacity of his plant, a plant operator must submit his application to either the distribution grid operator (EAC) or the transmission grid operator (TSO) (art. 84 (1), (2) LREM in conjunction with section T 2.4.3 TDR 4.0). The application shall include all technical information required (section T 2. A2.1 TDR 4.0) as well as the</li> </ul> </td></tr> </table>	Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application for connection:</b> Depending on the capacity of his plant, a plant operator must submit his application to either the distribution grid operator (EAC) or the transmission grid operator (TSO) (art. 84 (1), (2) LREM in conjunction with section T 2.4.3 TDR 4.0). The application shall include all technical information required (section T 2. A2.1 TDR 4.0) as well as the</li> </ul>
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		<p>technical study that proves that all related technical requirements have been applied (T 16.8.3 TDR 4.0).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessment of application and connection offer:</b> After the competent grid operator has received and examined the application, he shall send a connection offer to the plant operator within 90 working days (sections T 2.4.5.1, T 2.4.6, D 1.4.1 TDR 4.0).</li> <li>• <b>Connection agreement:</b> The plant operator must accept the terms for connection within the period specified in the connection offer (sections T 2.4.5.2 TDR 4.0).</li> </ul>
	<b>Deadlines</b>	<p>The date of connection of a plant to the grid depends on the terms of the agreement (section T 2.4.5.1 TDR 4.0).</p> <p>The following terms and deadlines are specified by law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grid operator shall assess the plant operator's application for connection within 90 days.</li> <li>• The plant operator shall provide the technical data required to connect his plant within 60 days after the conclusion of the connection agreement (sections T 2.4.5.1 and T 2.4.6. TDR 4.0).</li> </ul>
	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Priority to renewable energy</b>  <b>(qualitative criteria)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority to renewable energy  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-discrimination	<p>Renewable energy plants shall be connected according to the principle of non-discrimination (art. 85 LREM).</p>
<b>Capacity limits</b>  <b>(quantitative criteria)</b>	<p>In general, plant operators may export unlimited amounts of electricity to the grid. However, a given plant operator shall specify the maximum possible capacity in his application for connection (sections T 2. A2.1, T 2.A3.2 TDR 4.0). This capacity is then laid down in the connection agreement (sections T 2.4.2.2 TDR 4.0).</p>	



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<b>Distribution of costs</b>		
	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	Since 01.01.2013 the plant operator bears all the connection costs (ch. D DSM Decision 851/2012).
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



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### Use of the grid

Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LREM</li><li>• LPRES</li><li>• TDR 4.0</li><li>• “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme</li></ul>	
Contact Authority	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT), CIE, Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA), Cyprus Transmission System Operator (DSM- TSO)	
Overview	Plant operators are contractually entitled against the grid operator to priority dispatch of electricity from renewable sources (art. 89 (2) (c) in conjunction with art. 2 (a), 9 (2) LPRES in conjunction with section T 16.5.2.1 TDR 3.0). To this aim, a plant operator and the grid operator shall conclude a grid use agreement on transmission via the grids (art. 84 (1), (2), (3) (b) LREM in conjunction with ch.3.10 and ch.4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme in conjunction with Preface of TDR 4.0). Entitlement to electricity dispatch arises when both the plant is complete and the agreement has been concluded.	
Procedure	Procedure	<b>Grid use agreement:</b> A plant operator and the grid operator shall conclude a grid use agreement on transmission via the grids (art. 84 (1), (2), (3) (b) LREM in conjunction with ch. 3.10 and ch. 4.6 “Solar Energy for All 2015-2016” Scheme in conjunction with Preface of TDR 4.0).
	Deadlines	Limitations and deadlines regarding a claim for access and transmission depend on the agreements concluded (art. 90 (2) (c); 84 (1), (2), (3) (b) LREM in conjunction with art. 2 (a), 9 (2) LPRES in conjunction with TDR 4.0).
	Obligation to inform	
Priority to renewable energy	( x ) Priority to renewable energy	Electricity from renewable sources is given priority dispatch (art.52 (2) and art.62 (1) (d) LREM in conjunction with section T 16.7.2.1 TDR 4.0 in conjunction with art.35 (3) (b)



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(qualitative criteria)	( ) Non-discrimination	LPRES).
<b>Curtailment</b>	The grid operator is obligated to take in all electricity from renewable sources during each trading period (section T 16.7.2.1 TDR 3.0). However, for reasons of grid safety and reliability, the grid operator may unlimitedly reduce renewable electricity imports at any time (section T 16.7.1.2 TDR 4.0 in conjunction with art.35 (4) LPRES).	
<b>Distribution of costs</b>		
	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	The cost is borne by the plant operator (art.86 LREM). The amount of the related fee is defined by CERA (art.86 (1) LREM).
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	-



## Grid expansion

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LREM</li> <li>• TDR 4.0</li> <li>• LPRES</li> <li>• DSM Decision 821/2012</li> </ul>
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### **Contact Authority**

Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT), CIE, Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC), Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA) Cyprus Transmission System Operator (DSM- TSO)

<b>Overview</b>	After the conclusion of a connection agreement, a plant operator is contractually entitled to the expansion of the grid by the grid operator if the expansion is necessary to satisfy his claim for connection (art. (84) (1), (2) LREM in conjunction with sections T 1.3.2. and T 2.4.5.2 TDR 4.0).	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	Grid expansion works will be carried out during the connection process.
	<b>Enforcement of claims</b>	The claim for the expansion of the grid arises at the date of the conclusion of the agreement. The connection offer, which, if accepted, forms the basis of the agreement, shall list the expansion works to be carried out by the grid operator (section T 1.3.2. TDR 4.0).
	<b>Deadlines</b>	The contractual terms may specify deadlines for a possible expansion of the grid.
	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation</b>	There are no regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation.	



<b>Distribution of costs</b>		
	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	The cost of an expansion of the grid from the required connection point is borne by the grid operator (art. 35 (5) LPRES). CEA and the grid operator shall take appropriate measures to develop the infrastructure of transmission and distribution systems, in order to enable the safe and reliable operation of the electricity system in order to allow further development of electricity production from renewable sources (art. 35 (2) LPRES).
	<b>Plant operator</b>	The cost of an expansion of the grid to the required connection point is borne by the plant operator (ch. D DSM Decision 821/2012).
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	The distribution of costs is based on objective criteria taking into consideration the interests of the plants operators firstly and the grid operator secondly (art.35 (7) LPRES).
<b>Grid studies</b>	Transmission Grid Development Plan 2007-2016 by the Cypriot TSO.	



## RES-H&C support schemes

### Summary of support schemes

Overview	At the moment, there are two support schemes for RES H&C.
Contact Authority	
Summary of support schemes	<p><b>Subsidy I:</b> “Energy upgrading of Enterprises” scheme subsidises the realisation of large scale energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons or legal entities that are engaged in economic activity in Cyprus.</p> <p><b>Subsidy II:</b> “Energy upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme aims at supporting the realisation of energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons residing in Cyprus with a focus on social vulnerable groups.</p>
Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerothermal</li> <li>• Hydrothermal</li> <li>• Biomass</li> <li>• Geothermal energy</li> <li>• Solar Thermal</li> </ul>
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme (Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα «Ανταγωνιστικότητα και Αειφόρος Ανάπτυξη 2014-2020» -Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω στις Επιχειρήσεις»- “Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” Scheme 2014-2020).</li> <li>• “Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme (Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα «Ανταγωνιστικότητα και Αειφόρος Ανάπτυξη 2014-2020» -Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω τις Κατοικίες»- “Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” Scheme 2014-2020).</li> <li>• Law 142(I) 2006 (Ο περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμων του 2006 έως 2012- Regulation of Energy Efficiency in Buildings Law (2006- 2012))</li> </ul>





### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source</b> (original language)	Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα «Ανταγωνιστικότητα και Αειφόρος Ανάπτυξη 2014-2020» -Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω στις Επιχειρήσεις»	Επιχειρησιακό Πρόγραμμα «Ανταγωνιστικότητα και Αειφόρος Ανάπτυξη 2014-2020» -Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω τις Κατοικίες»	Ο περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμων του 2006 έως 2012
<b>Full name</b>	Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω στις Επιχειρήσεις»	Σχέδιο «Εξοικονομώ – Αναβαθμίζω τις Κατοικίες»	Νόμος 142(I) 2006
<b>Name (English)</b>	“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” Scheme 2014-2020	“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” Scheme 2014-2020	Regulation of Energy Efficiency in Buildings Law (2006- 2012)
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme	“Energy Upgrading of Residential” Buildings scheme	Law 142(I) 2006
<b>Entry into force</b>	22.12.2014	17.03.2015	3.11.2006
<b>Last amended on</b>			28.12.2012
<b>Future amendments</b>	Are foreseen	Are foreseen	
<b>Purpose</b>	The Scheme supports the realisation of energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons and legal entities that are engaged in economic activity in the Republic of Cyprus	The Scheme supports the realisation of energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons in the Republic of Cyprus	The Law includes provisions concerning the energy efficiency performance of buildings in the Republic of Cyprus



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Relevance for renewable energy	Specific renewable energy technologies are eligible for support	Specific renewable energy technologies are eligible for support	Specific provisions include the installation of RES as a possible energy efficiency measure
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Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Support schemes

Subsidy I (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” Scheme 2014-2020)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	<p>“Energy upgrading of Enterprises” scheme aims at supporting the realisation of large scale energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons or legal entities that are engaged in economic activity in Cyprus (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch.1, par.1).</p>	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	<p>Almost all technologies are eligible for support (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 11, par. 1vii). There are two types of investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Type I:</b> Energy upgrading of the building resulting in 40% reduction in final energy consumption (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 5)</li> <li><b>Type II:</b> Energy upgrading of the building to a Nearly Zero Emissions Building (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 5 in conjunction with art.15 Law 142(I) 2006)</li> </ul>
	<b>Aerothermal</b>	Eligible (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 11, par. 1vii).
	<b>Hydrothermal</b>	Eligible (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 11, par. 1vii).
	<b>Biogas</b>	



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	<b>Biomass</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1x).
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1vii).
	<b>Solar Thermal</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1ix).
<b>Amount</b>	Up to 50% (Type I) or 75% (Type II) of the total proposed budget of the approved project can be financed. The maximum amount of the subsidy amounts to € 200,000 ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 12, par. 2.2 and ch. 7).	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party:</b> The Scheme addresses all natural and private legal entities that own or rent buildings and exercise economic activity such as SMEs in the Republic of Cyprus ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 8). More specifically, eligible buildings for an energy efficiency upgrade should be owned or rented by a SME, should be located in the Republic of Cyprus and should have a building permit issued before 21.12.2007 ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 8).</p> <p><b>Obligated party:</b> The obligated party is the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 4).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism issues a call for applications under the Scheme ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 13, par. 1).</li> <li>• Interested parties submit their applications ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 13, par.1).</li> <li>• The Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism evaluates the applications and calls successful applicants to submit their supported documentation within twenty (20) days ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 13, par. 2).</li> <li>• An Assessment team of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism will immediately evaluate all submissions based on specific criteria ("Energy Upgrading of</li> </ul>



		<p>Enterprises” scheme ch. 10). The Assessment team consists of five (5) members from the Ministry (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 13, par. 3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications are approved or rejected. Rejected applicants have the right to submit a written objection within fifteen (15) days (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises”, ch. 13, par. 4).</li> <li>• A public funding agreement is signed and the project can be initiated (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 13, par. 5).</li> <li>• During the first phase of the project, the entitled party is eligible for an advance up to 40% of the total approved amount. The deposit of a letter of guarantee from a financial institution that amounts to the total sum of the advance is required (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 13, par. 5i).</li> <li>• During the second phase of the project i.e. after the energy efficiency upgrade has been realised and all the related costs have been paid off, the entitled party can apply to receive the rest of the approved budget. For that reason, the entitled party must submit all certificates / supporting documents that will prove the investments made (VAT is not eligible for funding) (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 13, par. 5ii).</li> <li>• The project should be realised within twelve (12) months after its approval, while a three (3) month extension can be granted (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 17)</li> </ul>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 4).
<b>Flexibility mechanism</b>		



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Distribution of costs	State	The Scheme is co-funded by the State - Operational Programme Competiveness and Sustainable Development 2014-2020 ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 1).
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	The Scheme is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 1).
	Distribution mechanism	



Support schemes

Subsidy II (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” Scheme 2014-2020)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Energy upgrading of Residential Buildings aims at supporting the realisation of energy efficiency measures in buildings of natural persons residing in Cyprus (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 1, par. 1).</p>	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	<p>Almost all technologies are eligible for support (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 11, par. 1vii). There are three types of investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type I:</b> Energy upgrading of a building resulting in 40% reduction in final energy consumption (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 5 in conjunction with art.15 Law 142(I) 2006))</li> <li>• <b>Type II:</b> Energy upgrading of the building to a Nearly Zero Emissions Building (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 5 in conjunction with art.19 Law 142(I) 2006)</li> <li>• <b>Type III:</b> Energy upgrading of buildings belonging to vulnerable social groups (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 5)</li> </ul>
	<b>Aerothermal</b>	Eligible (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings”, ch. 10, par. 1vi).





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	<b>Hydrothermal</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 10, par. 1vi).
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 10, par. 1vi).
	<b>Solar Thermal</b>	Eligible ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 10, par. 1vii).
<b>Amount</b>	<p>For Type I investments: Up to 50% of the total proposed budget of the approved project can be financed. The maximum amount of the subsidy amounts to € 10,000. The cap may rise with additional € 10,000 if renewable energy is installed ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1.2). The percentage may rise up to 75%, if the project is considered as a Type III investment ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1.2). If the energy efficiency measures are realised in a block of flats, the total maximum amount is multiplied by the number of flats (e.g. 4 flats, maximum amount: <math>4 \times € 10,000 = € 40,000</math> ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 1.2).</p> <p>For Type II investments: Up to 75% of the total proposed budget of the approved project can be financed. The maximum amount of the subsidy amounts to € 25,000 ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 2.2) If the energy efficiency measures are realised in a block of flats, the total maximum amount (in that case € 20,000) is multiplied by the number of flats (e.g. 4 flats, maximum amount: <math>4 \times € 20,000 = € 80,000</math> ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 2.2).</p> <p>For Type III investments: The maximum amount of the subsidy amounts to € 750 for solar thermal ("Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings" scheme, ch. 11, par. 3.2).</p>	



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<p><b>Addressees</b></p>	<p><b>Entitled party:</b> The Scheme addresses all natural persons that reside in the Republic of Cyprus for the last six months (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 7). More specifically, the buildings should be used as a residence and should have a building permit issued before 21.12.2007 (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 7). For Type III investments, applications should fulfil the necessary criteria, i.e. applicants shall belong to the social vulnerable groups (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch.7 and Appendix B).</p> <p><b>Obligated party:</b> The obligated party is the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (“Energy Upgrading of Residential Buildings” scheme, ch. 4).</p>	
<p><b>Procedure</b></p>	<p><b>Process flow</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism issues a call for applications under the Scheme (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 1, par. 2).</li> <li>• Interested parties submit their applications (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 12, par. 2).</li> <li>• The Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism evaluates the applications and calls successful applicants to submit their supported documentation within twenty (20) days (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 12, par. 2).</li> <li>• An Assessment team of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism will immediately evaluate all submissions based on specific criteria (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 10). The Assessment team consists of five (5) members from the Ministry (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 12, par. 3).</li> <li>• Applications are approved or rejected. Rejected applicants have the right to submit a written objection within fifteen (15) days (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 12, par. 4).</li> <li>• A public funding agreement is signed and the project can be initiated (“Energy Upgrading of Enterprises” scheme, ch. 12, par. 5).</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the first phase of the project, the entitled party is eligible for an advance up to 40% of the total approved amount. The deposit of a letter of guarantee from a financial institution that amounts to the total sum of the advance is required ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 12, par. 5i).</li> <li>During the second phase of the project i.e. after the energy efficiency upgrade has been realised and all the related costs have been paid off, the entitled party can apply to receive the rest of the approved budget. For that reason, the entitled party must submit all certificates / supporting documents that will prove the investments made (VAT is not eligible for funding) ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 12, par. 5ii).</li> <li>The project should be realised within twelve (12) months after its approval, while a three (3) month extension can be granted ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 16)</li> </ul>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 4).
<b>Flexibility mechanism</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	The Scheme is co-funded by the State - Operational Programme Competiveness and Sustainable Development 2014-2020 ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 1).
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	



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	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	The Scheme is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund ("Energy Upgrading of Enterprises" scheme, ch. 1).
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



Support schemes

***RES-T support schemes***

Summary of support schemes

Overview	At the moment, there is no support scheme for RES-T in Cyprus.
Summary of support schemes	
Technologies	
Statutory provisions	



**Basic information on legal sources**

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>			
<b>Full name</b>			
<b>Name (English)</b>			
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<b>Entry into force</b>			
<b>Last amended on</b>			
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>			
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>			
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>			
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>			



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## Policies

### Summary of policies

<b>Overview</b>	Cyprus has integrated the European Directives into national legislation. As Cyprus is a small isolated island, some measures are not feasible.
<b>Summary of policies</b>	Cyprus has integrated a number of provisions on the energy performance of buildings. In addition, Cyprus is ensuring the exemplary role of public authorities and has implemented the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and public procurement procedures.
<b>Technologies</b>	Solar thermal, PV.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decree No. 446/2009 (Διάταγμα δυνάμει του άρθρου 15(1) του «Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμου» - Decree on the Energy Performance of Buildings (Minimum Energy Performance Requirements for Buildings), Decree by the President of Cyprus No. 446/2009)</li> <li>Law No. 11(I)/2006 (Νόμος που προνοεί για το συντονισμό των διαδικασιών σύναψης συμβάσεων έργων, προμηθειών και υπηρεσιών στους τομείς ύδατος, ενέργειας, μεταφορών και ταχυδρομικών υπηρεσιών και συναφή θέματα - Law on the Co-ordination of Procurement Procedures for Works, Supplies and Services in the Water Management, Energy, Transport and Postal Services Sectors and Related Issues)</li> <li>Law No. 12(I)/2006 (Νόμος που προνοεί για το συντονισμό των διαδικασιών σύναψης συμβάσεων έργων, προμηθειών και υπηρεσιών και συναφή θέματα - Law on the Co-ordination of Procurement Procedures for Works, Supplies and Services and Related Issues).</li> <li>Law No. 142(I)/2006 (Ο Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμος του 2006- Law No. 142(I)/2006 of the Regulation on the Energy Performance of Buildings)</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LPRES Regulation 2015 (Οι περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης των Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας (Πιστοποίηση Εγκαταστατών Μικρής Κλίμακας Συστημάτων Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας) Κανονισμοί του 2015Οι περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης των Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας (Πιστοποίηση Εγκαταστατών Μικρής Κλίμακας Συστημάτων Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας) Κανονισμοί του 2015- Law No. 122 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (Certification of small RES installers) Regulations of 2015)</li><li>• Law No.142(I) 2006 Regulations 2014 (Ο Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμος του 2006 Διάταγμα 2014- Law of the Regulation on the Energy Performance of Buildings Decree 2014)</li></ul>
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**Basic information on legal sources**

Name of legal source (original language)	Κ.Π.Δ. 446/2009	N.11(I)/2006	N.12(I)/2006
Full name	Διάταγμα δυνάμει του άρθρου 15(1) του «Περι Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμου»	Νόμος που προνοεί για το συντονισμό των διαδικασιών σύναψης συμβάσεων έργων, προμηθειών και υπηρεσιών στους τομείς ύδατος, ενέργειας, μεταφορών και ταχυδρομικών υπηρεσιών και συναφή θέματα	Νόμος που προνοεί για το συντονισμό των διαδικασιών σύναψης συμβάσεων έργων, προμηθειών και υπηρεσιών και συναφή θέματα
Name (English)	Regulation on the Energy Performance of Buildings (Minimum Energy Performance Requirements for Buildings), Decree by the President of Cyprus No. 446/2009	Law on the Co-ordination of Procurement Procedures for Works, Supplies and Services in the Water Management, Energy, Transport and Postal Services Sectors and Related Issues	Law on the Co-ordination of Procurement Procedures for Works, Supplies and Services and Related Issues
Abbreviated form	Decree No. 446/2009	Law No. 11(I)/2006	Law No. 12(I)/2006
Entry into force	31.12.2009	17.02.2006	17.02.2006
Last amended on			
Future amendments			



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<b>Purpose</b>	The decree defines energy performance standards for buildings.	This law sets out rules on public procurement.	This law sets out rules for public procurement.
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	It contains specific regulations on RES installations.	The award of "green public contracts" is based on this law.	The award of "green public contracts" is based on this law.
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/All/DF8E187B6AF21A89C22575AD002C6160/\$file/KDP446_2009%20peri%20Rythmisi%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktiron(Apaitiseis%20Elaxistis%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktiriou)%20Diataqma.pdf">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/All/DF8E187B6AF21A89C22575AD002C6160/\$file/KDP446_2009%20peri%20Rythmisi%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktiron(Apaitiseis%20Elaxistis%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktiriou)%20Diataqma.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment.nsf/All/4E196B9641AA5971C225795300407FC4/\$file/N11(I)-2006.pdf">http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment.nsf/All/4E196B9641AA5971C225795300407FC4/\$file/N11(I)-2006.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment.nsf/All/0473270213008D06C225795300412A57/\$file/N12(I)-2006.pdf">http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment.nsf/All/0473270213008D06C225795300412A57/\$file/N12(I)-2006.pdf</a>
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>			

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Νόμος 142 (I) 2006	Κανονισμοί 2015 του Νόμου Ν.122(I)2013	Ο Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμος του 2006 Διάταγμα 2014
<b>Full name</b>	Ο Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμος του 2006	Οι περί Προώθησης και Ενθάρρυνσης της Χρήσης των Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας (Πιστοποίηση Εγκαταστατών Μικρής Κλίμακας Συστημάτων Ανανεώσιμων Πηγών Ενέργειας) Κανονισμοί του 2015 Οι περί Προώθησης	Ο Περί Ρύθμισης της Ενεργειακής Απόδοσης των Κτιρίων Νόμος του 2006 Διάταγμα 2014



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<b>Name (English)</b>	Law of the Regulation on the Energy Performance of Buildings	Law No. 122 I 2013 on the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (Certification of small RES installers) Regulations of 2015	Law of the Regulation on the Energy Performance of Buildings Decree 2014
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	Law No. 142(I)2006	LPRES Regulation 2015	Law No.142(I) 2006 Regulations 2014
<b>Entry into force</b>	03.01.2006	13.11.2015	01.08.2014
<b>Last amended on</b>	28.12.2012		
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	The law defines energy performance standards for buildings	The Regulations foresee the process of certification and registration of small RES installers in the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism registry	The Regulation defines the Nearly Zero Emissions Buildings (NZEB)
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	It contains specific regulations on RES installations	It concerns the certification of small RES installers	It contains the process of realizing an NZEB building that also includes the installation of RES



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Link to full text of legal source (original language)	<a href="http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2006_1_142/full.html">http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2006_1_142/full.html</a>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/fa84980d30b26625c2256e67002c3115/\$FILE/KDP374_2015..pdf">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/fa84980d30b26625c2256e67002c3115/\$FILE/KDP374_2015..pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/DF8E187B6AF21A89C22575AD002C6160/\$file/KDP366_2014_peri%20Rytmisis%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktirion%28A%20paitiseis%20kai%20texnika%20xarakteristika%20pou%20prepei%20na%20pliroi%20to%20KSMKE%29Diatagma2014%20.pdf">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/DF8E187B6AF21A89C22575AD002C6160/\$file/KDP366_2014_peri%20Rytmisis%20Energeiakis%20Apodosis%20Ktirion%28A%20paitiseis%20kai%20texnika%20xarakteristika%20pou%20prepei%20na%20pliroi%20to%20KSMKE%29Diatagma2014%20.pdf</a>
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### Policy categories

#### Certification Programmes for RES installations

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LPRES Regulation 2015</li> </ul>	
<b>Sector</b>	Electricity, Heating & Cooling	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT)	
<b>Description</b>	According to the latest LPRES Regulation 2015, a national registry for small RES producers is established. Interested applicants should submit their application and their subscription lasts for six (6) years.	
<b>Addressees</b>	Small RES producers are defined as installers of biomass, PV, solar thermal and geothermal systems, whose capacity does not exceed 30 MW (art.2 par.1 and art.3 LPRES Regulation 2015).	
<b>Competent authority</b>	Energy service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	
<b>Further information</b>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/fa84980d30b26625c2256e67002c3115/\$FILE/KDP374_2015..pdf">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/0/fa84980d30b26625c2256e67002c3115/\$FILE/KDP374_2015..pdf</a>	
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Industry</b>	
	<b>System Producers</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	



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	Others	
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### Exemplary role of public authorities in accordance with Art. 13 Abs, 5 RES Directive

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law No. 11(I)/2006</li> <li>• Law No. 12(I)/2006</li> <li>• Law No.142(I) 2006</li> </ul>
<b>Sector</b>	Electricity, Heating & Cooling,
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT)
<b>Description</b>	<p>In pursuance of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), a study will be carried out to design adequate policies and measures to transform public sector buildings into low energy buildings. Apart from that, every public service building must have an energy performance certificate. This obligation applies mainly to newly built and newly rented buildings and public buildings with a floor area of more than 1000 m<sup>2</sup>. All public buildings should be Nearly Zero Emissions Buildings (NZEB) by 1 January 2019 (art.5a Law No.142(I) 2006).</p> <p>In addition, an amendment to the Green Public Contracts Programme for 2012-2014 (public procurement contracts based on Law No. 11(I)/2006 and Law No. 12(I)/2006) introduced the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentives for photovoltaic installations on the roofs of government buildings. This incentive applies mainly to schools and military camps. The target is that 50% of these buildings acquire photovoltaic installations.</li> <li>• Incentives for the installation of solar panels in schools. Initially, panels were installed in 6 schools for central heating support. After a financial assessment, this measure will be extended to include a greater number of schools.</li> </ul>





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<b>Addressees</b>	Public bodies
<b>Competent authority</b>	Energy Service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
<b>Further information</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Cyprus Energy Performance Action Plan (07/2011): <a href="http://www.buildup.eu/sites/default/files/content/CY%20-%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Action%20Plan%20EN.pdf">http://www.buildup.eu/sites/default/files/content/CY%20-%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Action%20Plan%20EN.pdf</a></p> <p>Green Public Procurement Programme 2012-2014: <a href="http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment/environment.nsf/3D37FFD63B3D335CC2257953004368E1/\$file/GPP2012-2014.pdf">http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment/environment.nsf/3D37FFD63B3D335CC2257953004368E1/\$file/GPP2012-2014.pdf</a></p>



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### RES-H building obligations

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decree No. 446/2009</li> <li>• Law No.142(I) 2006</li> <li>• Law No.142(I) 2006 Decree 2014</li> </ul>
<b>Sector</b>	Electricity, Heating & Cooling,
<b>Contact Authority</b>	CIE
<b>Description</b>	<p>Decree No. 446/2009 contains the following regulations for buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory solar installations on every new residential building to satisfy domestic hot water requirements</li> <li>• RES installations on every new building for power generation.</li> </ul> <p>All buildings must be Nearly Zero Emissions Buildings (NZEB) by 1 January 2021 (art.5a Law No.142(I) 2006).</p> <p>Nearly Zero Emissions Buildings (NZEB) have also been defined by Regulations (Law No.142(I) 2006 Decree 2014)</p>
<b>Addressees</b>	Individuals, private entities
<b>Competent authority</b>	Energy service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
<b>Further information</b>	<a href="http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/dmlperformance_gr/dmlperformance_gr?OpenDocument">http://www.mcit.gov.cy/mcit/mcit.nsf/dmlperformance_gr/dmlperformance_gr?OpenDocument</a> <a href="http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2006_1_142/full.html">http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2006_1_142/full.html</a>



Also obligation on regional level?	
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