

## Protocol for Support Organisations

The protocols for Support Organisations refer to the expected codes of conduct, when being an official part of the Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative. Signing the Declaration of Support involves opportunities as well as responsibilities to push forward the Clean Energy transition on EU Islands.

Official Support Organisations are expected to be well aware of - and aligned with - the participatory and bottom-up development/nature of the islands' Clean Energy Transition Agendas. Full decarbonisation requires not only strong stakeholders on the islands but also a strong network of trustworthy Support Organisations. The Support Organisations are, therefore, expected to respect the principles of accuracy, transparency and accountability, and provide objective and reliable support consistent with the reasonable expectations of the island communities.

- \* **For public authorities this means:** Close collaboration with the local authorities covering the islands in transition and ensuring alignment and collaboration from the local to the national level. It is expected that the collaboration aspires towards an incentivizing policy framework, financial and technical support to local or regional authorities directly involved in the development of island wide Clean Energy Transition Agendas and Decarbonisation plans on the island.
- \* **For business associations, technology providers and consultancies this means:** As private sector representatives selling technologies, products or expertise, the initiative requires a high level of responsibility to provide honest and relevant advice towards full decarbonisation in order to preserve mutual trust. It is expected that business associations, technology providers and consultancies support with a strong corporate social responsibility and in line with the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights](#).
- \* **For Civil Society Organisations this means:** A focus on ensuring that the civil society is well represented within the Transition Teams on the islands and these comprise of as broad a representation as possible. It is expected that Support Organisations from civil society support the decarbonising efforts of the islands building on their expertise with awareness raising, advocacy, and overall mobilisation mechanisms from idea to implementation.
- \* **For research institutions and academia this means:** An active engagement in the local activities of the Transition Teams with the provision of research insights relevant for all aspects of the islands' decarbonisation. It is expected that research institutes and academia directly collaborate with the local Transition Teams in order to develop direct inputs that can strengthen their informed based decisions.

The protocol ensures an EU wide community with a joint vision to decarbonize EU Islands, with different entry points but with a common goal. The Clean Energy for EU Islands holds the mandate to ultimately annul the acceptance of Support Organisations from the Community in case of clear failure to comply with the protocol or in case of reported inappropriate behavior from other members of the Island wide Community.