

## Annex II: Definition

### WHAT IS AN ISLAND CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION AGENDA?

The Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda is the strategic roadmap for the transition process towards clean energy as desired by the stakeholders on an island. This transition aims to decarbonise the island's energy supply, reduce pollution, strengthen the local economy and improve the quality of life of inhabitants and visitors, while maintaining or improving the quality and security of supply.

The Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda should be developed and agreed upon by the stakeholders on the island in their local language.

### WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?

It contains:

- A strategy section with energy, environmental, and economic targets as compared to a baseline. The targets may be set for several dates in the medium-term future, e.g., in ten to twenty years from now. They should be specific and ambitious, but achievable. The strategy section relates to a broader future vision and does not address concrete projects or approaches to implement them.
- An extensive tactical section, suited to launch this transition process and covering the following aspects:
  - the stakeholder groups involved in the transition process, typically groups representing citizens, local businesses, schools and universities, and local public authorities,
  - the governance of the transition process,
  - opportunities and structural barriers with potential solutions or workarounds,
  - models envisioned for financing,
  - knowledge building and networking with similar initiatives in the region.
- A limited operational section, describing how the targets should be achieved in technical and organisational terms. Examples would be shifting from diesel generation and oil heating to solar generation and heat pump heating; or transforming an informal group to an established cooperative. Exemplary projects may be mentioned.
- A reflexive section on monitoring and pivoting, with particular emphasis on the transient character of any transition process and the need for regular re-adjustment.

The Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat will prescribe a minimal set of key performance indicators to monitor progress consistently for all islands joining the Initiative.

### WHAT IS ITS SCOPE?

Island Clean Energy Transition Agendas should be Island-wide, i.e. cover at least the entire territory of an island. Where this makes sense they may cover an archipelago. They should

address the following energy services, with emphasis on the key sectors contributing to the full decarbonisation of islands:

- Energy generation,
- Heating,
- Cooling,
- Transportation on the island,
- Transportation to and from the island.

### **HOW SHOULD IT EVOLVE?**

Since transition processes are uncertain by nature, the Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda cannot be a static document. It should be revised frequently and adjusted to accommodate changes of circumstances.

### **WHAT CAN THE EU ISLANDS SECRETARIAT DO?**

The EU Island Secretariat can support the local initiatives with preparing an Island Clean Energy Transition Agenda. The Secretariat will provide a guidebook, templates, ad-hoc support and a review for islands who are preparing their Transition Agendas.

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