



Public consultation seminar

Energscapes - PV systems in the Maltese landscape

Friday 15 June 2012, 9:00 - 14:00, Corinthia Palace - Attard

The Maltese landscape is a very sensitive one due to the very small size of the country, high population density, hence built-up area, and the large number of environmentally protected sites. On the other hand, as a country we are bound to consider Renewable Energy Sources (RES) as the most sustainable way to generate energy. Whichever RES option we opt for will have its own environmental impact, but what we have to do is to try to minimise such impact whilst at the same time securing a sustainable energy source.

As the landscape belongs to us all, the energy policy and territorial planning decisions should follow a strong participatory process.

Addressing a wide audience of policy-makers, academics, researchers, professionals, citizens in general, the scope of this seminar organised by the Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) in the context of the EU Sustainable Energy Week, is to present and get feedback on a number of different scenarios related to the installation of PV systems in the Maltese context. The considered scenarios range from full continuation of the current provisions and incentives for PV systems installation, on to the best environmental option and on to the best technical option for the installation of PV systems. This event however will be only the beginning of a public consultation process, feedback aiming to be sought through semi-open questionnaires to be made widely available during the seminar and afterwards.

All this activity is undertaken by MIEMA in the context of the ENERSCAPES transnational project co-funded by the European Commission under the MED programme. The project strives to investigate and evaluate the effects of unregulated use of renewable energy sources on the 'historic', 'social' and 'environmental' value of the landscape. Such analysis is undertaken on distinct but recurring patterns of landscape all over the Mediterranean regions.

Participation in the event is free of charge but subject to registration. This is to be done by sending an email to diane.cassar@miema.org specifying the name, occupation and contact details of the person wishing to attend the event.



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PROGRAMME

- 08:45 – 09:00 *Registration*
- 09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome address**
Jesmond Xuereb – Director, MIEMA
- 09:10 – 09:30 **Introduction to Enerscapes**
Eng. Diane Cassar, MIEMA
- 09:30 – 09.50 **The EU energy policy targets for Malta and local RES strategies for fulfillment**
Eng. Godwin Sant, Malta Resources Authority
- 09:50 – 10:10 **Environmental aspects of locating RES systems**
Alex Camilleri, Malta Environment and Planning Authority
- 10:10 – 10.30 **Socio-economic aspects of RES systems**
Eur. Ing. Charles Yousif, Institute for Sustainable Energy
- 10:30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 11:20 **RES Options – the case for Photovoltaic systems (PVs)**
Prof. Eng. Joseph Cilia, University of Malta
- 11:20 – 11:40 **Technical issues and developments in local PV systems**
Prof. Eng. Cyril Spiteri Staines, University of Malta
- 11:40 – 12:00 **Scenarios for PV effects on the landscape**
Perit Vincent Magri
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Roundtable Discussion on the Scenarios**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Light Lunch*



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