BEST PRACTICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY TRANSITION

TYPE OF BEST PRACTICE:	**GOVERNANCE PRACTICES AND STRUCTURES**
TITLE:	**Establishment of Minoan Energy Community in Crete.**
Keywords: *Please select from dropdown lists (cells B5-B9), up to 5 representative **keywords** that best describe the features of the best practice.*	Multi-level governance Renewable energy Governance structure Public authorities' cooperation Energy communities
Country: *Please select from dropdown list (cell B10), the country where the best practice was implemented. If in more than one countries, select "multiple countries" and describe in cell B11.*	Greece
Region / Municipality / location: *Please provide further details on the territory where the best practice was implemented, as applicable (e.g. Region and/or Municipality and/or location of individual building).*	Region of Crete / Municipality of Minoa Pediadas / Arkalohori
Short description: *(Up to **150** characters)*	Minoan Energy is a cooperative made up of private individuals and local businesses, which with the support of the Region of Crete and Municipalities-members of it, contests to be part of the energy transition from fossil fuels to RES, promoting at the same time the sustainability and socially inclusive economy.
Long description: *(Up to **1000** characters)* *Describe a best practice in the field of **Governance practices & structures** [e.g. a good example of a tool/method used for effective multi-level governance coordination between a Region and its Municipalities, as regards regional and local energy action plans; a good example of a permanent multi-level governance structure / figure coordinating energy transition at local/regional level; a good example of a public authority that demonstrates novel / effective implementation of multi-level governance; etc.].*	Minoan Energy Community has implemented already some very important projects towards energy transition. Among them is the project Sustainable Actions for Viable Energy (SAVE) funded by the Horizon 2020 project New Energy Solutions Optimised for Islands (NESOI) . The main tasks of the SAVE project are: a) the design of the technical solution, including geographical topology, for a smart grid within the geographical boundaries of the three Municipalities which had already become members of the Community at the moment of the proposal's submission (Municipalities of Minoa Pediadas, Archanon Asterousion and Viannou) and b) the final studies for the implementation of energy performance upgrade measures of the Municipal Sports Centre and the Indoor Sports Hall of Arkalochori. It has been nominated the first prize for LOCAL ENERGY ACTION for the European Sustainable Energy Awards of 2022 for its initiative to provide free energy to 200 households affected by the devastating earthquake of Sept 27, 2021. Recently, it announced one more excellence with a big project called Crete Valley submited under the framwork of the call for Energy Valleys of Horizon 2020, which forcess the implementation of 13mil euro investment in RES projects in Crete.
Project full title / acronym: *The title of the Best Practice is inserted in cell B4. Please only fill in this field (cell B19) if the Best Practice was implemented as part of a "Project". The "Project" can be an EU project or a local / national initiative, a private initiative etc.*	Sustainable Actions for Viable Energy (SAVE) funded by the Horizon 2020
Funding Programme: *(If applicable)*	Private and public funding
Project website: *(If applicable)*	https://minoanenergy.com/
Relevant images: *Photos, project logo etc.*	
Progress status - Start date: **End date:** *If relevant, please include any futher information as regards progress of the case study.*	*10/2019* *Ongoing*
Key benefits / outcomes: *Describe key benefits - key outputs from this best practice. Where available and relevant, use users' testimonies.*	Minoan Energy Community has developed a dynamic and evolving network of collaborators, recognising the importance of networking towards the attainment of its objectives. Key stakeholders of the energy community represent 4 different actors: Local Government (Municipalities and Regional) Academic Bodies, other Energy Communities and International Grids.
References: *Provide relevant links or documentation (reports / photos / videos etc.) that relate to the described case study (Note: please only provide where it is acceptable to*	https://compose.interreg-med.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Sites/Renewable_Energy/Projects/COMPOSE/What_we_achieve/WP5_Captalisation/5.2.5_Policy_recommendations/5.2.5_PolicyRecommendations.pdf https://minoanenergy.com/en/#1615980779668-080178d3-eff4 https://nesoi.eu/system/files/private/nesoi/Brochures/nesoi_-_save_-_z-056_c.pdf https://minoanenergy.com/en/crete-valley/