

**PRESS RELEASE:**  
**EDSO's Smart Grids expertise in support of Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative**

Chania (Greece) - On 22 September, the European Commission officially launched in Chania (Island of Crete, Greece) its initiative on "Clean Energy for EU Islands" that was agreed upon in Malta on 18 May. This program aims to gather best practices and foster access to energy technology and funding for Europe's over 2700 islands.

Christian Buchel, Chairman of EDSO, Enedis Deputy CEO and Chief Digital Officer along with Nikos Chatziargyriou, Member of EDSO Board of Directors and CEO of HEDNO participated in this event and stated EDSO's willingness to support European islands in making the most of the undergoing energy transition.

Mr Buchel stated that: "European islands bear a tremendous potential in terms of energy from renewable sources and smart solutions. But they will also face specific challenges; EDSO is therefore committed to provide opportunities brought by the energy transition to address them by rendering fully available the expertise and commitment EDSO members have developed and already deployed on smart grids".

The high-level conference also saw the participation of prominent figures as Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of Greece, the Greek Minister for Environment and Energy, George Stathakis and Dominique Ristori, Director-General of the European Commission's DG Energy. All of them thoroughly exchanged views with EDSO representatives at this occasion.

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