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# OPEN EVENT ON ENERGY COMMUNITIES

**Creating the First Energy Community in Trikala**



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On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the first informative meeting for the establishment of an Open Energy Community in Trikala was held at the Tsitsanis Museum Event Hall. The event brought together representatives from local organizations, businesses, and the academic sector to discuss collaborative approaches to energy production and management. It was organized by e-Trikala S.A. and the Municipality of Trikala, with the support of Electra Energy, under the Energy4All project.





In his welcome address, Mayor Nikos Sakkas highlighted that the initiative aligned fully with the Municipality's participation in the European Mission for 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030. He emphasized that the project extended beyond its technical and energy aspects, serving as a call for collective action that would place both citizens and local businesses at the forefront of the city's energy transition. According to the Mayor, the Energy Community was designed to be inclusive, open to citizens, professionals, and local organizations, with the goal not only of producing clean energy but also of distributing it fairly and reducing energy costs for all.



George Chrysomallos, CEO of e-Trikala S.A., stressed that the initiative aimed to inform and prepare citizens for the “next day in energy,” building on the lessons learned during the energy crisis. He noted the availability of skilled personnel and the structured implementation plan, ensuring that citizens would be supported throughout the energy transition.



The event was coordinated by Konstantina Zachari, Special Advisor to the Mayor, who introduced the keynote speakers from Electra Energy, Ioanna Angelaki and Ioanna-Myrto Chatzigeorgiou. The speakers guided participants through the key aspects of the Energy Community, covering both administrative and technical topics. Presentations included:

- The process for establishing and operating the Energy Community,
- Financial and administrative considerations,
- Lessons learned from other operational communities in Greece, highlighting similarities and differences,
- Installation procedures and technical aspects to ensure effective project performance,
- Innovative initiatives implemented in Greece.



The discussion was lively and interactive, with participants raising questions that enriched the dialogue and generated useful insights on project implementation. Areas of particular interest included energy performance, synergies, governance, citizen participation, data management, and assurances for project success.



The importance of the initiative was reflected in the participation of notable figures, including Christos Blougouras, President of the Trikala Commercial Association (and former President of DEYAT), Vagelis Angelakis, President of the Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises, Apostolos Batavanis, President of the Technical Chamber of Trikala, several members of the Chamber of Commerce administration, former President V. Gagiakou, engineers, e-Trikala staff, and engaged citizens. From the Municipality, Efi Leventi, Councilor for Public Relations, and Loren Kassopoulou, Municipal Councilor of the opposition, were also in attendance.

Overall, the event marked a significant first step in the establishment of Trikala's first Open Energy Community, combining citizen engagement, technical expertise, and collaborative planning to promote sustainable energy practices in the city.





 **May 20, 2025**

 **17:30-19:30**

 **Event Hall of the Tsitsanis Museum, Trikala**



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