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The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Keve) on Thursday announced that the Shorewinner project, a pioneering effort to advance skills in the offshore renewable energy sector, is set for its official launch in Cyprus.

According to the chamber, the gathering is expected to draw key figures from across Southern Europe, all focused on strengthening the region's expertise in renewable energy sources.

"The Shorewinner project is an ambitious collaboration under the Erasmus+ programme, uniting 22 partners from five Southern European countries--Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Cyprus," the chamber said in its announcement.

"Our goal is to establish a robust Community of Practice (CoP) dedicated to offshore renewable energies, focusing on upskilling and reskilling the workforce to meet the increasing demand for specialists in this vital industry," it added.

The launch event itself promises several key moments. It will give attendees the chance to engage directly with industry experts, academics, and policymakers, with discussions focusing on the skills required to shape the future of the offshore renewable energy sector.

The event also provides ample opportunities for networking--bringing together a wide range of stakeholders to foster collaboration and drive innovation in what is increasingly becoming a central pillar of the blue economy.

Of particular interest to those already working in the field will be the introduction of educational resources and training programmes aimed at addressing the skills gaps that have been identified in offshore energy.

"Co-organised by the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Keve), the University of Cyprus (UCY), CARDET - Centre for Research and Education, and Intercollege, this event promises to be a milestone in the journey toward a sustainable and innovative offshore energy sector in Southern Europe," the chamber stated.

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For many Europeans, Cyprus and Malta represent a distant Mediterranean paradise. But despite their sunny climate, the two are less able to capitalise on their wealth of sunshine and potential clean energy than one may expect.



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One solution has been for these small island nations to partner up with expert research partners from bigger EU countries, which are largely ahead in moving toward a low-carbon economy and clean mobility.

Professor George Georghiou and his team at the FOSS Research Centre for Sustainable Energy at the University of Cyprus have been working since 2016 alongside fellow researchers from the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT) and the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) - both established experts in the field of photovoltaic (PV) and smart energy grids - as part of an EU-funded research initiative called TwinPV.

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