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## SHOREWINNER: initiative for skills development in the sector Renewable Energy Sources

The SHOREWINNER project, aligned with the European Green Deal, is launching a new initiative to enhance skills and promote growth in wind energy. This project supports the EU's targets of 60 GW of wind power and 1 GW of marine power by 2030, increasing to 300 GW and 40 GW respectively by 2050.

Wind energy, particularly from offshore sources, offers stable energy production due to stable offshore wind conditions, reducing power fluctuations. Offshore installations also minimize visual disturbance and take advantage of favorable temperature conditions, especially in floating photovoltaics. This leads to greater energy independence and opportunities for investment and innovation.

The SHOREWINNER initiative focuses on **upskilling and reskilling of the workforce in the wind energy sector in particular and renewable energy** in general, addressing critical skills gaps through the development of integrated training programmes. The project brings together five Centres of Vocational Excellence in Southern Europe, including Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Italy and Portugal, which will offer free vocational training in the renewable energy sector in general and wind energy in particular, business networking in these sectors, as well as support for their further development.

In Cyprus, the SHOREWINNER Community of Practice includes the following organisations:

- University of Cyprus (UCY)
- CARDET Centre for Research and Education
- Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI)
- INTERCOLLEGE School of Vocational Education and Training

At this stage, the CCCI invites trainers, academics, professionals, entrepreneurs, consultants and students to participate in the survey for the identification of skills gaps, by completing the corresponding questionnaires by clicking on the links below:

- <u>Trainers & Academics</u>
- Professionals (Businesses & Consultants)
- <u>Students</u>

Interested parties are kindly requested to submit their contributions by 30 August 2024. All data collected during the conduct of the survey will remain confidential.

## In addition to the survey, those interested in joining the SHOREWINNER Community of Practice can express their interest <u>here</u>.

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