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### Editorial

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second issue of the ISLANDER project newsletter. For 16 months now, the ISLANDER project's consortium has been working to accelerate the decarbonisation of islands' energy systems and a lot of progress has been made. Time to take a closer look at what has happened in the last months.

In this second issue you will find news about the progress of the project, an overview of the published deliverables so far, newly published communication materials, as well as information on events to come. Finally, learn a few interesting facts about our pilot island Borkum which will make you want to visit this beautiful island soon.

To stay updated about the latest developments of the ISLANDER project you can also check out our website [www.islander-project.eu](http://www.islander-project.eu) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#), where you will find even more news and insights about the ISLANDER project.

Enjoy reading this second issue,

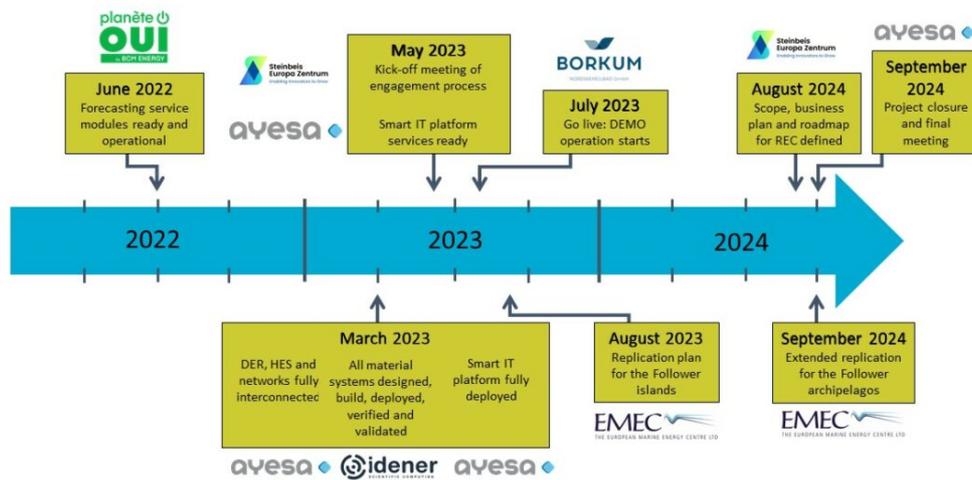
The ISLANDER team



## Development of the project

**What has been happening in the first 16 months of the project, you wonder?**

Our consortium has been working diligently on the success of the ISLANDER project. To get an overview of some exciting progress that has been accomplished and a broad idea on the milestones that are yet to come, click the link below.



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## Published Deliverables

Over the past 8 months a number of interesting public deliverables have been published, that can be downloaded from the ISLANDER website:

- **"SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) report on demand response and consumer behavior"**
- **"Guidelines on gender dimension"**
- **"ISLANDER communication and dissemination plan"**
- **"Action plan for citizen engagement process"**

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## Communication Materials

Check out our new project flyer and roll-up, created to build up awareness and inform about the ISLANDER project's objectives and expected impacts. They will mainly serve for promoting the ISLANDER project during conferences and fairs.



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## Clean Energy Transition of Islands Webinars

Together with 7 other H2020 EU-funded projects, the ISLANDER project participated in a series of webinars organized by RINA Consulting S.p.A. in September 2021, focusing on clean energy transition on islands. The point of views of the different H2020 funded projects were presented and new perspectives discussed through the creation of synergies and the involvement of the different communities to benefit from the lessons learned. The workshop involved projects with more than 160 partners from all over Europe and 95 million Euros of funding.

The results and future approaches among the different areas faced during these webinars were presented in a workshop at the sustainable places event. Click on the link below to find a video of the workshop.



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## NETfficient project

The Horizon2020 NETfficient project is the forerunner project of ISLANDER, which ended in December 2018. It has deployed and demonstrated local energy storage technologies on the island of Borkum and developed smart technologies to exploit the synergies between energy storage, the smart grid, and the citizens.

You can now find information and published deliverables from the NETfficient project on the ISLANDER website. Have a look at the NETfficient project video and learn about the most interesting outcomes in the comprehensive guidebook.



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## Events to look forward to in 2022

### Island Innovation Awards



15 February 2022



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### World Sustainable Energy Days

 6 - 8 April 2022  Wels, Austria  [More information](#)

### **REScoop.eu Annual General Meeting 2022**

 20 - 22 April 2022  Heerlen, Netherlands  [More information](#)

### **IEEE International Energy Conference**

 09 - 12 May 2022  Riga, Latvia  [More information](#)

### **Change NOW summit**

 19 - 21 May 2022  Paris, France  [More information](#)

More events can be found on the website of [BRIDGE](#) and the [Clean Energy for EU Islands Secreteriat](#).

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## **Facts about Borkum**

### **How much do you know about our Pilot Island Borkum?**

Not much at all, probably. We want to change that, as the beautiful island Borkum is not only interesting because of its ambitious goal to become carbon neutral by 2030, but possesses many other qualities:

- 1** Borkum is the largest (31 km<sup>2</sup>) and westernmost of the East Frisian Islands and the only one among them with an oceanic climate. A total of 26 km of beaches await you in Borkum.
- 2** If you suffer from allergies, Borkum is just right for you, as the European Centre for Allergy Research Foundation (ECARF) certified it in 2013 as the first allergy-friendly island in Europe.
- 3** The emblem of Borkum is decorated with 2 whales, which alludes to the whale fishing that was practiced on Borkum until 1782. You can learn more about it in the museum of local history *Dykhuis*.
- 4** 92% of the island area belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea National Park.
- 5** In addition to the approximately 5000 inhabitants, about 1200 seals live on the sandbanks around Borkum.



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