#### The Cyprus Employers & Industrialists Federation (OEB) at a glance



The Cyprus Employers & Industrialist Federation is located in Nicosia and has 28 permanent staff members.

The following Departments Divisions are functioning under OEB:

- Industrial Relations & Social Policy
- Business Development and Economic Affairs
- Market Research, Training, European
   Programmes and HR advisory Services
- Energy & Environmental Policies
- International Entrepreneurship Affairs and Event Management







# The Cyprus Employers & Industrialist Federation at a glance



- The Cyprus Federation of Employers & Industrialist (OEB) is the most representative national employer organization, politically independent, with a mission to promote and support the benefits of Cypriot businesses in Cyprus, in the European Union (EU) and internationally.
- OEB is recognized by all official bodies, committees, councils, forums and institutions, as the leading institution and voice of Cypriot businesses.
- OEB was founded in 1960 by 19 pioneering entrepreneurs. Today, its members are active in all sectors of the economy and employ more than 60% of the private sector's workforce.
- OEB is a pancyprian independent organisation comprising of 41 of the main professional/ sectoral Associations as well as hundreds of companies from the Manufacturing, Services, Commercial, Construction and Agricultural Sectors. In total, OEB has more than 4.500 Member/Enterprises.



### Goals and objectives of OEB's Energy & Environment Division

Provide up to date information to OEB members on the developments at national, European, and international level, in the fields of energy and environment.

Grant technical and administrative support to the Energy Committee of OEB, as well as to individual members and Professional Associations registered with OEB.

Collect, process and publish specific statistical data in the relevant fields of interest.

Organize training seminars, events, lectures, thematic days related to energy and the environment.

Provide technical advisory support on sector related issues.

Develop/implement/participate in national and other European co-funded projects in the fields of energy and the environment.

Promote cooperation between academia and industry in the fields of energy and environment and in the development of research and innovation.

Promote the development of new standards and their implementation.

**Lobby the Government and the House of Representatives** 



Comminicate OEB's positions and submit relevant demands to all interested parties and stakeholders.

#### Activities of the Energy & Environment Division of OEB

Improve the competitiveness of renewable energy sources and remove administrative or other barriers

Support Cypriot manufacturers to maintain their global position in the installation of domestic solar thermal systems and ensure their competitiveness

Promote clean technologies for environmental protection and the 2030 targets for circular economy and climate change Provide education and training to ensure the high level of knowledge of OEB members dealing with energy issues

Organize conferences, informative lectures, B2B and B2G meetings and inform Members about new legal, technological or other developments

Assist and develop actions that ensure safe, undisturbed and affordable energy for consumers

Participate in programs that promote research and development in energy and environmental issues

Provide services, technical assistance and support to OEB members on energy and environment issues

Promote efficient use of energy and proposals to the Government and House of Representatives aiming at enhancing competitiveness in the field

Provide timely information to Members on all new legislative initiatives Facilitate access to information, opportunities to participate in working groups, dialogue, consultation, etc.

Develop new private initiatives for energy and the environment



## Professional Associations under the responsibility of Energy & Environment Division of OEB

The professional
Associations related
with energy and
environmental
activities receive
support by the
Energy &
Environment
Division of OEB, thus
they function under
the umbrella, the
technical and
administrative
support of OEB. They
are the following:

<u>Association of Biofuels Production</u>

Union of Solar Water Heaters Manufacturers (EBHEK)

Cyprus Association of Renewable Energy Enterprises (SEAPEK)

Cyprus Association of ESCOs and Energy Efficiency companies (PASEEXE)

<u>Association of Energy Intensive Industries</u>

Cyprus Association of Biogas producers

**Cyprus Wind Energy Production Association** 

Cyprus Association of Energy Consultants Engineers

**Cyprus Recycling Association** 



#### The Energy and Environment Division Team

Head of the Division



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Energy & Environment Officer



Panayiotis Kastanias is a Mechanical Engineer, graduated of the University of Cyprus and holds a Master's degree in Environmental and Energy Engineering from the University of Sheffield. More than 4 years of experience on energy and environmental issues. He is qualified energy auditor, energy manager, and energy assessor.

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Elena Gregoriou holds an Electrical Engineering Degree graduated from the University of Cyprus (2016) and MEng on Energy Technologies and Sustainable Design from the University of Cyprus (2017). She started working since July 2017 in a private company that deploys fully engineered complete solutions and provides Design, Project Management, Commissioning and Support services. She joined the workforce of OEB in May 2018.

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