SmartPV and ELECTRA projects continued their networking activities in Cyprus

Workshop on Islands or weakly linked grids with high potential for market mature Renewable Energy Sources (RES)

On the 11th-13th May 2016 the SmartPV consortium and the FOSS Research Centre for Sustainable Energy, hosted the 24th Steering Committee of the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) Joint Programme (JP) on Smart Grids in Cyprus together with the progress meeting of the ELECTRA EU project. The meetings were further combined with a workshop addressing the very interesting theme of Islands and / or weakly linked grids with high potential of market mature RES. The events in Cyprus were well attended by members of the ELECTRA consortium coming from 16 countries and aiming to enrich the networking experience with Cypriot researchers and especially with the consortium members of the LIFE+ project SmartPV.

Through the support of FOSS Research Centre for Sustainable Energy, which is a full member of EERA JP on Smart Grids, the International Workshop was organized on the 11th May 2016 at the new Campus of the University of Cyprus. The Vice Rector for International Affairs, Finance and Administration of the University of Cyprus, Professor Constantinos P. Constantinou, welcomed the participants and underlined the importance of promoting sustainable technologies in the energy mix of Cyprus. He concluded with the strong message that the University of Cyprus aims to be a fully green campus supported by locally generated PV energy and complemented with storage and smart grid systems for optimal energy use. All relevant stakeholders from Cyprus such as the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority, the Distribution System Operator and the Cyprus Transmission System Operator together with the private sector predominantly represented by Deloitte, actively contributed to the success of the event. The workshop participants also had the opportunity to be updated on the progress of the SmartPV project and in particular on the dynamic tariffs to be shortly applied to

the electricity bills of the 300 prosumers participating in the project in an attempt to promote demand side management and energy efficiency.