

Decarbonising Coastal Shipping and Promoting Sustainable Tourism in Larnaka

Larnaka - Cyprus

Short description

The Local Green Deal (LGD) between Larnaka Municipality and the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute (CMMI) promotes the decarbonisation of coastal and short-sea shipping through electrification and supports the development of sustainable coastal tourism. The initiative includes establishing charging infrastructure for electric vessels along the Larnaka coastline and exploring eco-friendly water taxi services. This partnership aligns with the EU's Green Deal, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and the "Larnaka, Blue City" strategy, positioning Larnaka as a Regional Blue Economy Hub.



Industry/Sector

- Mobility & Transport
- Tourism

Parties of LGD/Participating parties

- Larnaka Municipality (Public Administration/Local Government)
- Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute (CMMI) (Research and Technical Partner)
- Larnaka Tourism Board (Tourism Development Partner)

Scope of LGD

- This LGD supports the decarbonisation of coastal fleets and promotes sustainable tourism by developing a network of charging stations for electric vessels and introducing eco-friendly water taxi services. The initiative addresses gaps in infrastructure and fosters innovation in vessel electrification and battery technology, directly contributing to the reduction of maritime emissions and enhancing Larnaka's green tourism offer.

Concrete measures/commitments

Larnaka Municipality commits to:

- Overseeing infrastructure development, including the deployment of charging stations
- Coordinating with national authorities to secure regulatory approvals
- Facilitating stakeholder engagement and project management
- Funding source: To be secured through national and EU funding instruments (not explicitly stated in the agreement)

Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute (CMMI) commits to:

- Providing technical expertise, research capacity, and the EVPLIOIA APHRODITE electric vessel as a research and demonstration platform
- Supporting infrastructure planning, battery technology assessment, and charging network optimisation

Larnaka Tourism Board commits to:

- Linking the LGD with local tourism strategies and eco-friendly transport initiatives
- Promoting water taxi services and raising public awareness of sustainable transport options.

Connecting Larnaka's Urban and Rural Tourism through Sustainable Mobility and Local Experiences

Larnaka - Cyprus

Short description

The Local Green Deal (LGD) between Larnaka Municipality and the Larnaka Tourism Board focuses on enhancing sustainable tourism by improving accessibility between Larnaka's urban centre and its rural and mountainous regions. The initiative aims to reduce carbon emissions, promote local experiences, and support rural communities through the development of green transport solutions, cycling infrastructure, and environmentally responsible tourism practices. The project contributes to the city's broader goals of environmental stewardship, social equity, and cultural preservation.



Industry/Sector

- Mobility & Transport, and Tourism

Parties of LGD/Participating parties

- Larnaka Municipality (Public Administration/Local Government)
- Larnaka Tourism Board (Tourism Development Partner)
- Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Works (National Authority)
- Lefkara Municipality and Local Authorities of Rural Larnaka (Local Partners)

Scope of LGD

- This LGD seeks to position Larnaka as a model of sustainable tourism by connecting the city centre with its rural and mountainous areas through eco-friendly transport links, dedicated cycling routes, and the promotion of local cultural experiences. The initiative addresses current barriers to rural tourism accessibility, promotes alternative transport modes, and supports the livelihoods of rural communities, artisans, and small businesses.

Concrete measures/commitments

Larnaka Municipality commits to:

- Designing and creating cycling paths connecting the urban centre with rural areas
- Implementing regulations and incentives for green business practices
- Overseeing the development of eco-friendly mobility solutions

Larnaka Tourism Board commits to:

- Promoting new transport routes and rural destinations through campaigns
- Collaborating with rural communities to formalise unique cultural and agrotourism experiences
- Developing a centralised platform for booking local experiences
- Training stakeholders on sustainable tourism and certifying eco-friendly services

Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Works commits to:

- Allocating resources for green transport infrastructure
- Conducting studies and securing funding for electric buses and cycle paths
- Supporting the introduction of electric vehicles and policy frameworks

Lefkara Municipality and Local Authorities of Rural Larnaka commit to:

- Supporting experiential tourism and local heritage preservation
- Organising cultural festivals and events
- Providing input on local needs and tourism opportunities.