



STROVOLOS, Cyprus



Strovolos Municipality, located in Cyprus's Nicosia district, is the island's second-largest, housing a population of over 70,000. Emerging after the 1974 events, refugees settled within its 25 km² area, leading to vulnerability due to low incomes and poor building energy efficiency. Most housing units predate 2006 and **lack energy conservation regulations**. The ongoing energy crisis worsens energy poverty for vulnerable households, impacting living conditions. In comparison with the Nicosia Metropolitan area, Strovolos Municipality exhibits the **highest household energy consumption** (301,320 MWh/year, 2019).

Driven by a commitment to mitigate energy poverty, Strovolos Municipality wishes to address vulnerabilities within its territory, particularly in **refugee settlements housing consisting of 700 households**. This initiative aligns with the Covenant of Mayors and the municipality's strategic development to enhance the living conditions of vulnerable populations through masterplan studies and pilot projects under the framework of the 17 SDGs. The assistance aims to identify local indicators, energy vulnerable households, raise awareness, explore resident participation in **Energy Communities**, assess SDG progress, and disseminate findings.

The Municipality intends to become an **informative hub**, enhancing understanding and awareness of energy consumption's impact, particularly among the **elderly**, fostering equitable housing and sustainable development.

