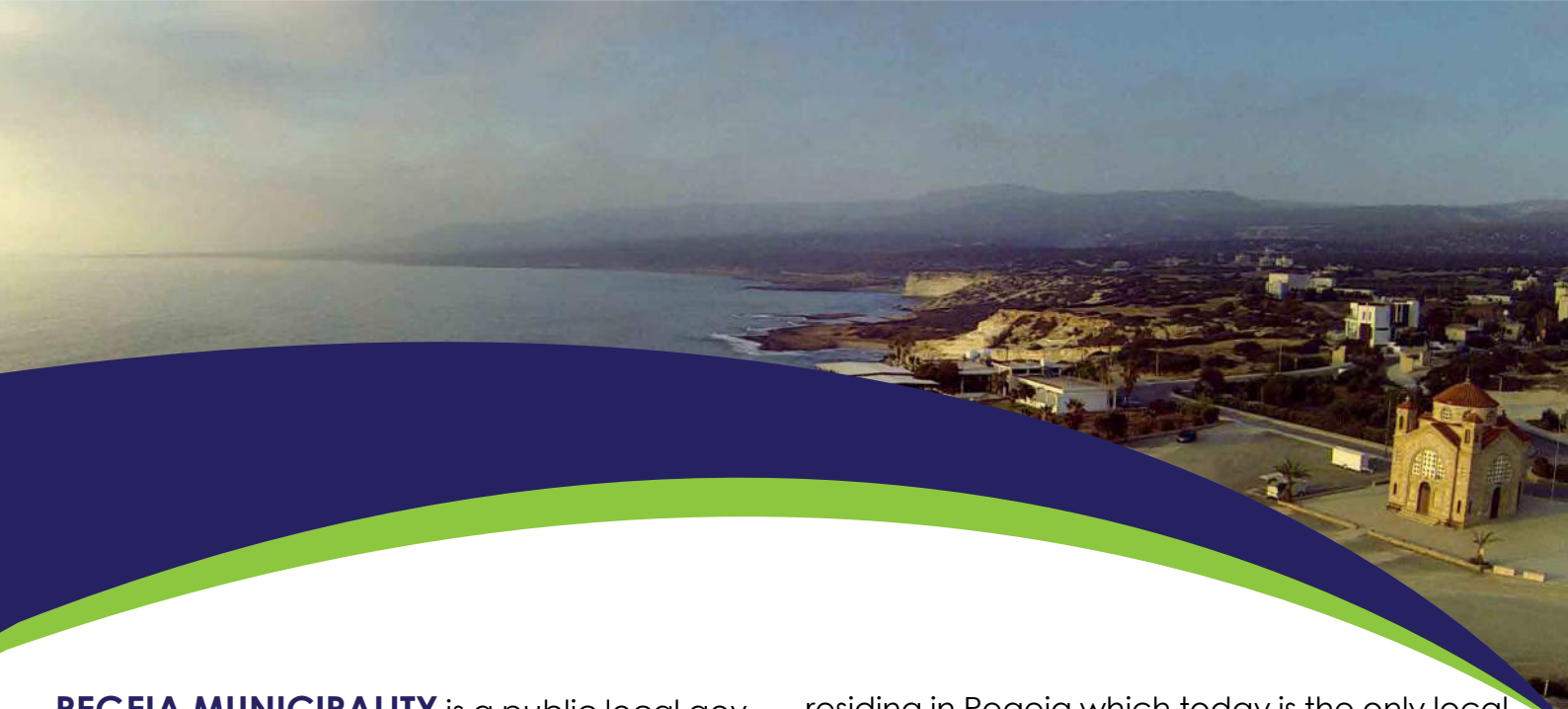


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**PEGEIA MUNICIPALITY** is a public local government body in the district of Pafos. Pegeia's Municipal Council is the policy-making body in its area of jurisdiction for a number of issues and policy areas defined by national law. It has the authority to promote, depending on its finances, a vast range of activities and events including the arts, education, sport and social services.

It is the largest municipality in Cyprus in terms of geographic area as it covers an area of 4,552 hectares- a relatively large area for Cyprus standards. Combining spectacular mountain landscapes with crystal blue beaches, Pegeia has established a strong position in tourism, attracting thousands of international and internal visitors each year. Indeed, most inhabitants work in tourism, while many permanent residents are foreign nationals, giving the area a cosmopolitan flair.

The presence of a large number of non-native EU citizens and third country nationals permanently residing in the city has also contributed to the area's prosperity and has created an additional interest group contesting to influence the public policies. An indication of the size of foreign-born population is that according to the latest census, 50% of Pegeia residents are foreign nationals, with the national average of foreign nationals residing in Cyprus being at 14.5%. There is, therefore, a considerable concentration of foreign born citizens

residing in Pegeia which today is the only local government body in Cyprus with a foreign national being elected as Town Councilor, reflecting the receptivity levels for non-native residents.

In addition to the Municipalities Law, there are several laws giving to Pegeia's administration dept. important powers other than those already mentioned. Such laws are for example: the Streets and Buildings Regulation Law, the Town Planning Law, the Civil Marriages Law and the Sewerage Systems Law, etc.

As the municipal policy-making authority in the recent years, Pegeia has managed to develop a strong administrative and management structure and it is in a position to provide administrative and managerial support for the duration of a wide range of locally funded and European projects.

The Municipal Council has a total of nine members and is organized into various thematic committees including: Management Committee, Executive Committee, Staff Recruitment, Offers Committee, Staff Committee, Cultural Development, Tourist Promotion, Health and Environment, Youth, Public Relations, Town Planning, School Board.

For more information about Pegeia, please check our online brochure at:  
[http://www.pegeiamunicipality.com/pegeia\\_municipality-en.html](http://www.pegeiamunicipality.com/pegeia_municipality-en.html)  
R&D Projects Participation

**Pegeia municipality currently participates in many national and EU funded projects, amongst which the most notable are:**



**FP7** **Future Policy Modelling (FUPOL)** is the only Large-scale integrating project (IP) proposal that received funding from the E.U. under the FP7 ICT Call 7 - Objective ICT-2011.5.6 ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling. FUPOL aims at a completely new approach to traditional politics. Outcomes of the project, include a new governance model to engage all stakeholders in the whole policy design lifecycle, a policy knowledge database, a cloud computing based comprehensive ICT Framework, multilingual training, and multiple pilots. In this project Pegeia will run a pilot focusing on Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development.

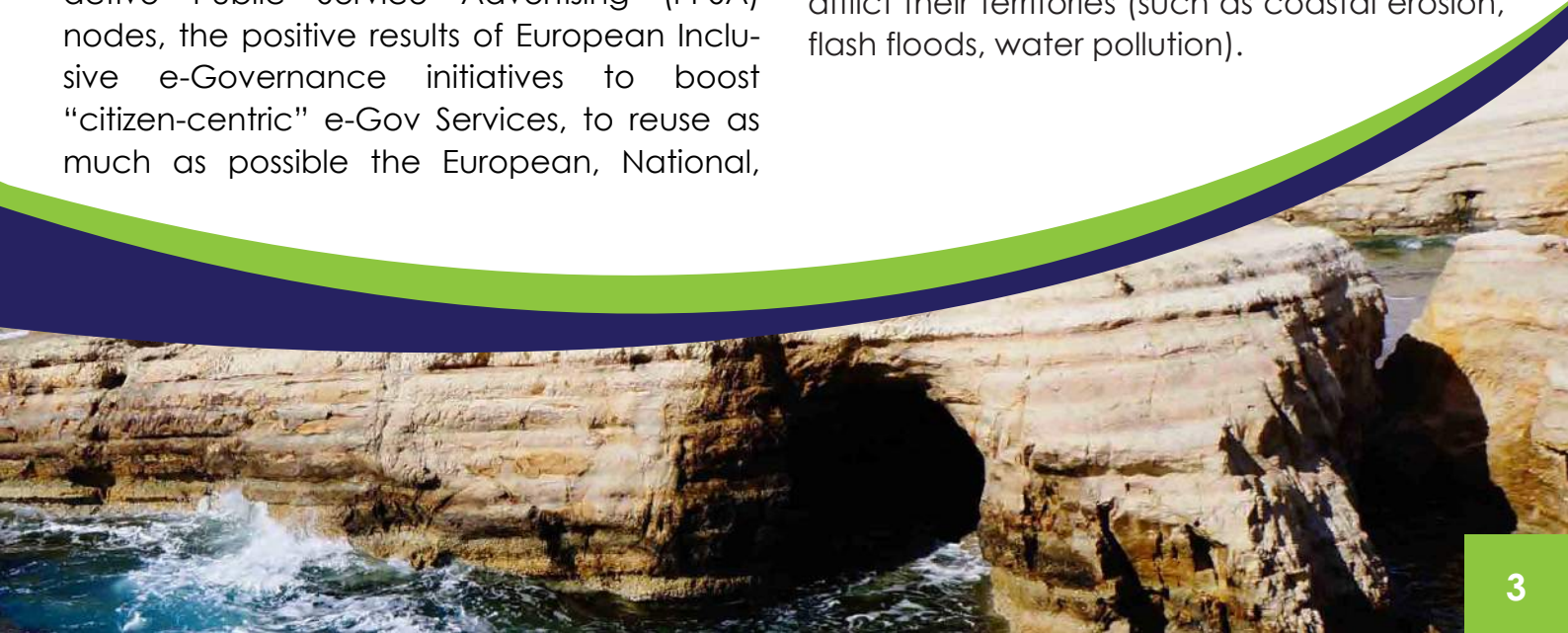


**CIP** **Speeding Every European Digital (SEED)** is a CIP-ICT-PSP-2011-5 project with target to expand, through "cloud computing" approach and a very cheap network of Interactive Public Service Advertising (i-PSA) nodes, the positive results of European Inclusive e-Governance initiatives to boost "citizen-centric" e-Gov Services, to reuse as much as possible the European, National,

Regional and Local stocks of Public Sector Information (PSI) and to leverage saving costs of e-Government and e-Governance deployments. Pegeia's role in this project is to use all of its available infrastructure including the Town Hall building, the Municipal Library, the local Football Stadium, and the Community Centre, as well as, where necessary, public roads in order to raise awareness among its population of the available e-Gov services on offer, and the advantages of using them.



**Europe for Citizens Programme European Union Fishing Network (EU-FIN)** is a project financed by the Europe for Citizens Programme Axis 2 "Democratic engagement and civic participation measures - Network of Towns". It is oriented to establish a well-structured network among the Municipalities situated on the coasts that will be able to create the basis for a long-lasting cooperation and a useful interchange among the actors involved regarding the tourism and the common fishing heritage. The project aims to develop a shared strategy that will involve several and different European countries in order to strengthen and connect their own peculiarities and endorse their capacity. Thanks to the network created the partners will be able to exchange opinions and practices on the common issues that afflict their territories (such as coastal erosion, flash floods, water pollution).



## Applied Research & Areas of Expertise:

Our interests involve research in policy and program development and evaluation, communications, public consultation, service delivery and long-term strategic planning. The purpose is to provide the necessary data, the critical insights and the strategic direction that support effective management of crucial issues facing the municipality of Pegeia.

The municipality's R&D personnel understand the challenges that communities face today. The work done in this specific area seeks to provide valuable insight and guidance in a variety of areas:

### **Citizen and Customer Satisfaction Research:**

Tracking overall satisfaction with municipal services, programs and facilities, identifying key drivers to determine what actions should be taken.

**Municipal Issue Management:** Examining citizens' perceptions regarding important issues facing their community (e.g., transportation, crime, urban planning and development, environmental concerns).

**Quality of Life Measurement:** Measuring citizens' opinions, attitudes, perceptions and expectations with respect to the quality of life in the community, including benchmarking

with other municipalities and Cyprus as a whole.

**Spending Priorities:** Detailing citizens' preferences regarding municipal spending priorities, efficiencies and budgetary planning.

**Employee Satisfaction / Performance:** Providing in-depth and actionable assessments of municipal staff and government.

**Future Visioning:** Offering a unique approach that provides greater insight into citizens' perspectives, expectations, social values and priorities related to the future vision of their community.

**Public Policy Research:** Providing a feedback loop between citizens and policy-makers.

**Strategic Planning / Performance Measurement:** Collecting and interpreting information that can be used to help guide future planning processes, as well as serve as a benchmark to evaluate the effectiveness of the municipality's efforts.

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