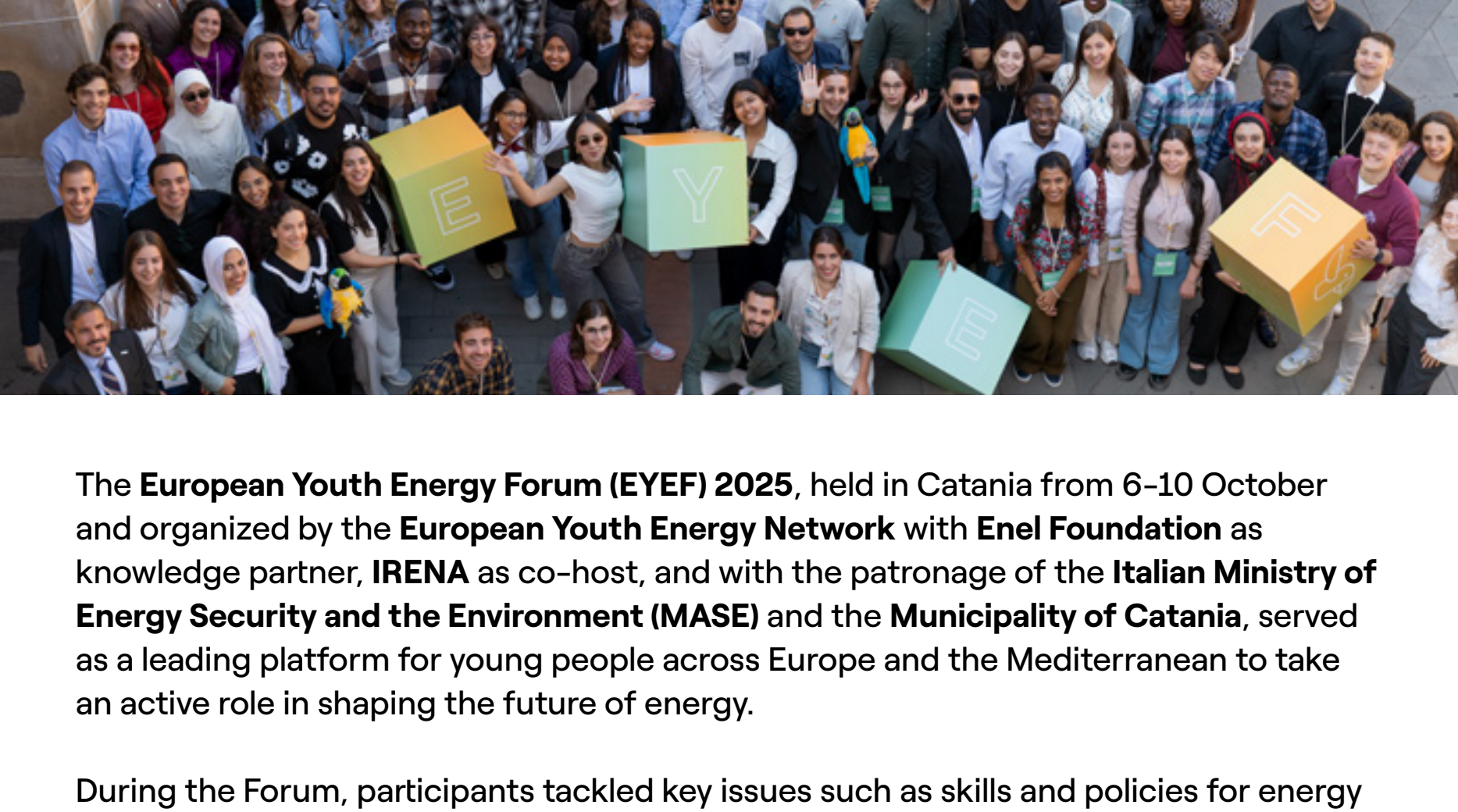


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Youth driving the energy transition at EYEF 2025

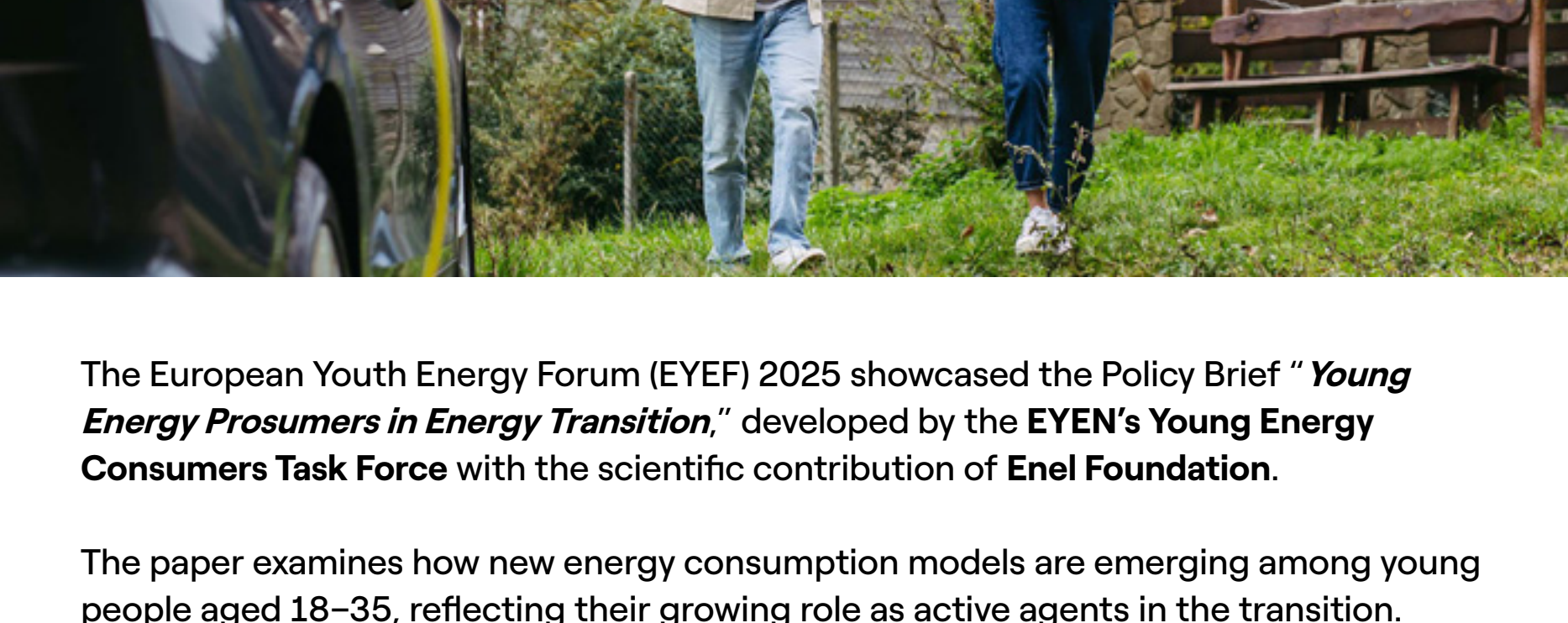


The **European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) 2025**, held in Catania from 6-10 October and organized by the **European Youth Energy Network** with **Enel Foundation** as knowledge partner, **IRENA** as co-host, and with the patronage of the **Italian Ministry of Energy Security and the Environment (MASE)** and the **Municipality of Catania**, served as a leading platform for young people across Europe and the Mediterranean to take an active role in shaping the future of energy.

During the Forum, participants tackled key issues such as skills and policies for energy transition and the importance of dialogue between youth, academia, business, and institutions. Workshops and panels facilitated the exchange of ideas and fostered collaboration aimed at bridging the gap between ambition and implementation. **EYEF 2025 stood out as a concrete example of youth engagement in decision-making processes.** In fact, the Forum concluded with the presentation of policy recommendations, crafted by the young participants through months of collaborative work and four days of intensive sessions in Catania.

[Discover more on the closing event.](#)

Young prosumers at the core of Europe's energy transition



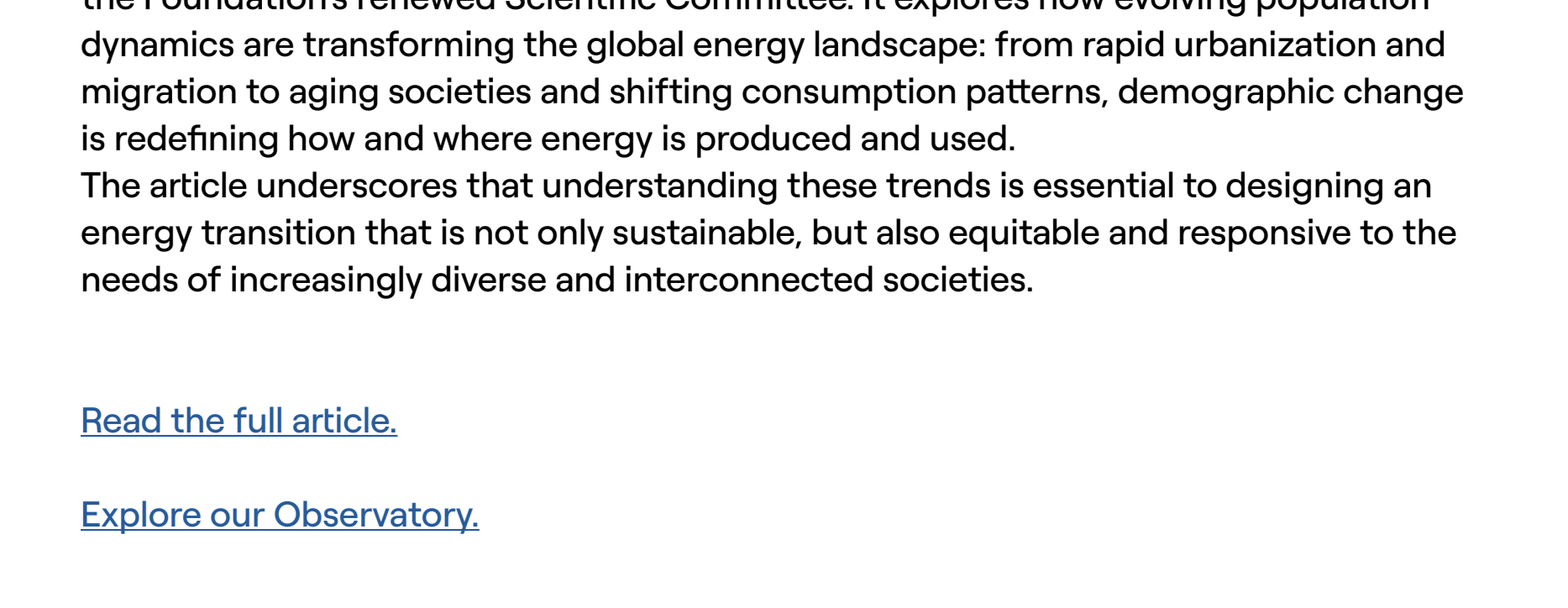
The European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) 2025 showcased the Policy Brief "*Young Energy Prosumers in Energy Transition*," developed by the **EYEN's Young Energy Consumers Task Force** with the scientific contribution of **Enel Foundation**.

The paper examines how new energy consumption models are emerging among young people aged 18-35, reflecting their growing role as active agents in the transition.

Drawing on these insights, the study elaborates seven forward-looking recommendations for Europe's energy future, emphasizing the need to **better understand evolving consumption patterns** and to strengthen intergenerational dialogue. Presented in a dedicated panel, the Brief demonstrates how research, innovation, and youth advocacy can come together to shape policy and unlock the full potential of young generations as drivers of change.

[Discover more on the policy brief.](#)

The Scientific Committee editorials - Demography and Global Energy: Fast and Slow



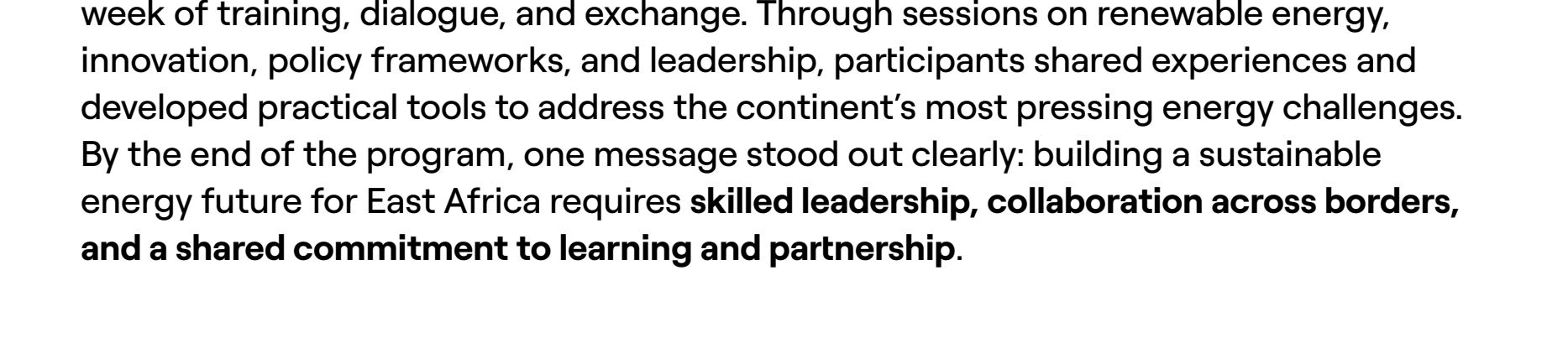
As part of Enel Foundation's **Observatory editorial series**, this article by Professor **Francesco Billari**, Rector of Bocconi University, marks the first contribution from the Foundation's renewed Scientific Committee. It explores how evolving population dynamics are transforming the global energy landscape: from rapid urbanization and migration to aging societies and shifting consumption patterns, demographic change is redefining how and where energy is produced and used.

The article underscores that understanding these trends is essential to designing an energy transition that is not only sustainable, but also equitable and responsive to the needs of increasingly diverse and interconnected societies.

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Nurturing energy leaders: the East Africa Executive School

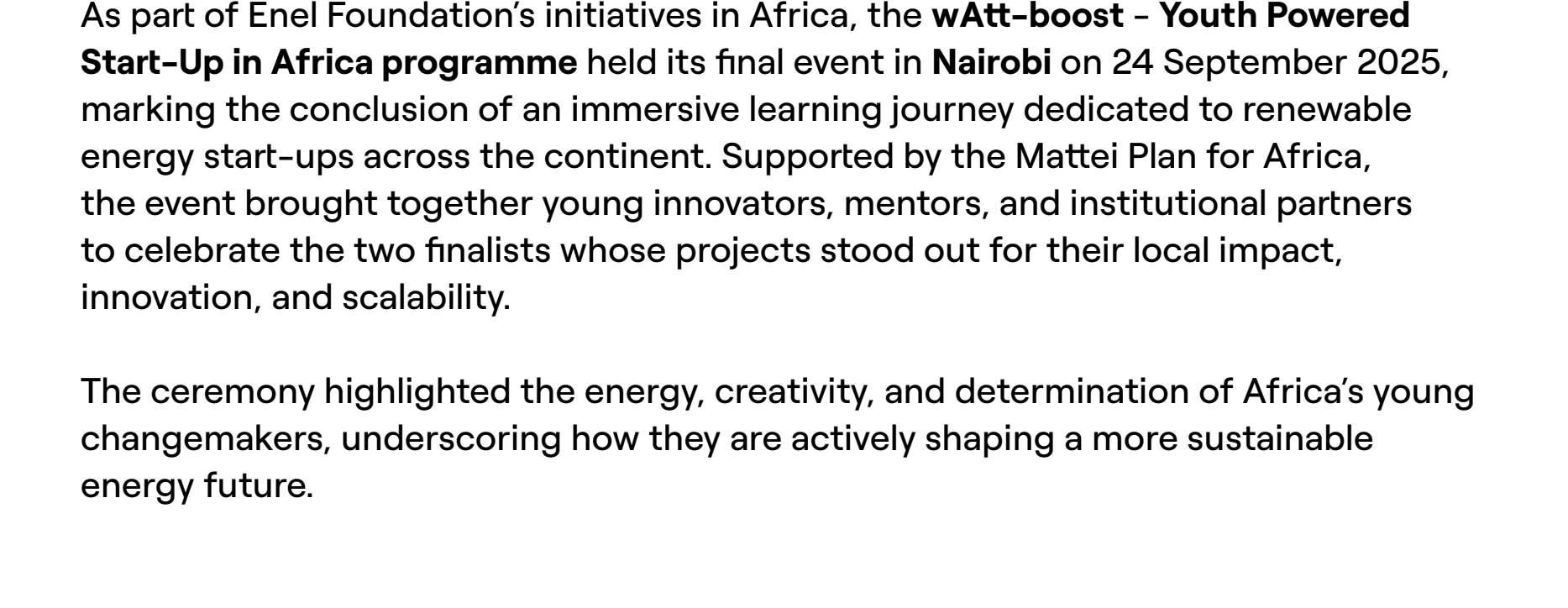


Launched in Nairobi in September 2025 as part of Enel Foundation's educational framework and supported by the Italian Government's **Mattei Plan for Africa**, the East Africa Executive School was created to empower senior professionals driving the region's energy transition.

The inaugural edition gathered a diverse group of local energy leaders for an immersive week of training, dialogue, and exchange. Through sessions on renewable energy, innovation, policy frameworks, and leadership, participants shared experiences and developed practical tools to address the continent's most pressing energy challenges. By the end of the program, one message stood out clearly: **building a sustainable energy future for East Africa requires skilled leadership, collaboration across borders, and a shared commitment to learning and partnership.**

[Find out more on the initiative.](#)

Celebrating the closing of wAtt-boost - Youth Powered Start-Up in Africa

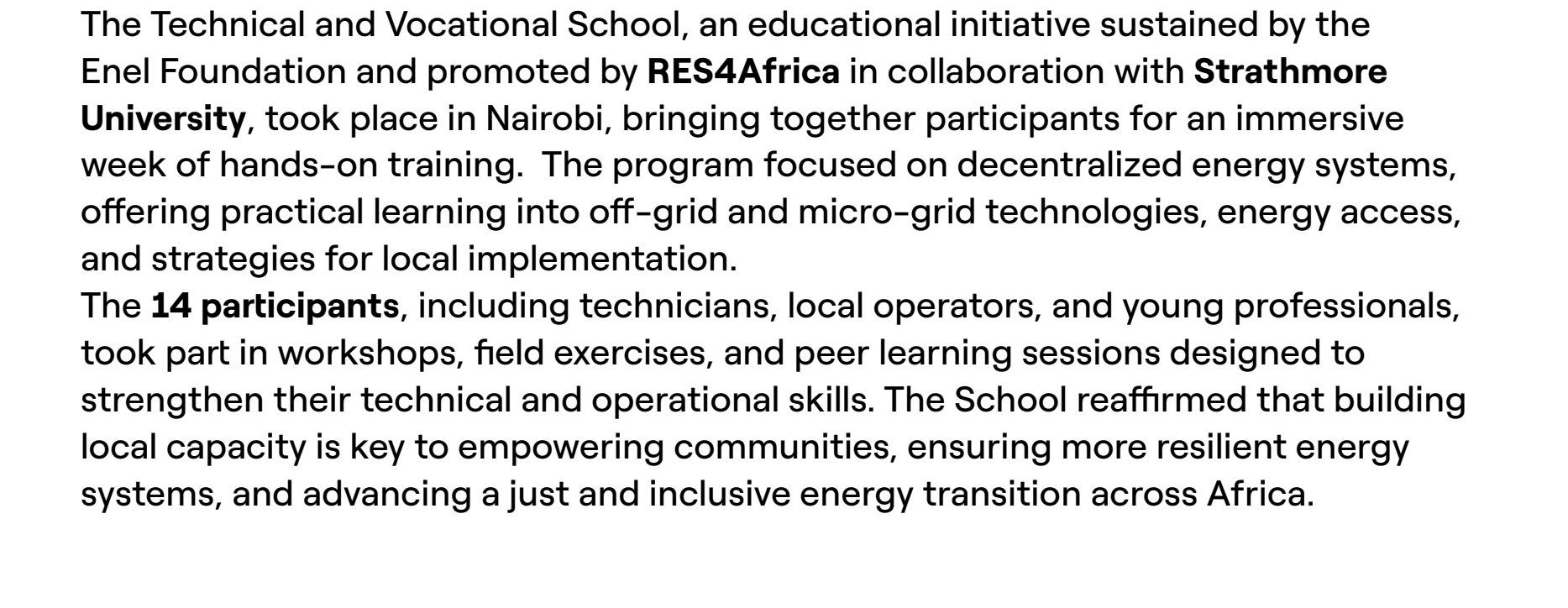


As part of Enel Foundation's initiatives in Africa, the **wAtt-boost - Youth Powered Start-Up in Africa programme** held its final event in **Nairobi** on 24 September 2025, marking the conclusion of an immersive learning journey dedicated to renewable energy start-ups across the continent. Supported by the Mattei Plan for Africa, the event brought together young innovators, mentors, and institutional partners to celebrate the two finalists whose projects stood out for their local impact, innovation, and scalability.

The ceremony highlighted the energy, creativity, and determination of Africa's young changemakers, underscoring how they are actively shaping a more sustainable energy future.

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Hands-On training for decentralized energy: Technical & Vocational School Nairobi



The Technical and Vocational School, an educational initiative sustained by the Enel Foundation and promoted by **RES4Africa** in collaboration with **Strathmore University**, took place in Nairobi, bringing together participants for an immersive week of hands-on training. The program focused on decentralized energy systems, offering practical learning into off-grid and micro-grid technologies, energy access, and strategies for local implementation.

The **14 participants**, including technicians, local operators, and young professionals, took part in workshops, field exercises, and peer learning sessions designed to strengthen their technical and operational skills. The School reaffirmed that building local capacity is key to empowering communities, ensuring more resilient energy systems, and advancing a just and inclusive energy transition across Africa.

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