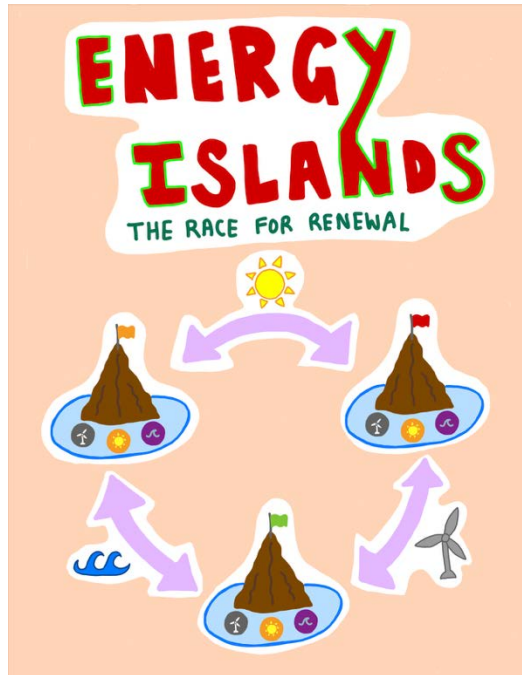


Energy Islands Game Rulebook



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Energy Island is a board game where players work both together and against each other to manage an energy transition on their own island. Players must reduce their dependence on fossil fuels by making strategic decisions and investing in renewable energy.

In many isolated communities, relying on imported fossil fuels is a real issue. Rising prices, conflict, and geography can make energy expensive and unreliable. Fossil fuels can also create environmental problems that affect communities and ecosystems. While renewable energy is often seen as an obvious solution, transitioning away from fossil fuels is more complex than it seems. Energy Island moves beyond textbook explanations and lets players experience these challenges themselves. Players must react to random events, manage money, and make important choices under pressure. Through Energy Island, players will learn that energy transitions involve difficult decisions and real-world trade-offs in a fun and competitive setting.

Players

- Age range: 14+
- Number of players: 4
- Hybrid cooperative and competitive game

Duration of Play

- Set-up time: 2 minutes
- Play time: 30-40 minutes

Components

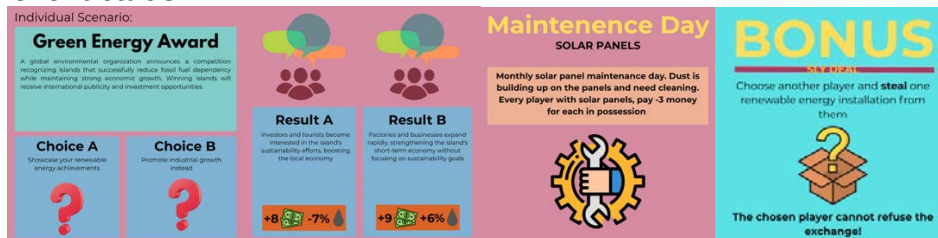
- 4x islands



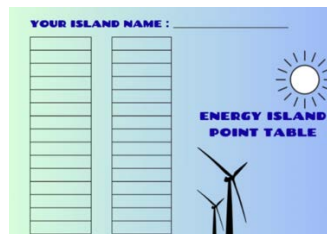
- 4x information cards for each renewable energy (16 total)



- 24x event cards



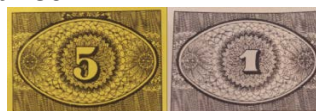
- 4x score keeping sheets



- 18x solar energy chips
- 18xx wind energy chips
- 8x hydro energy chips



- 35x money banknotes marked 5
- 35x money banknotes marked 1



- 4x pencils/pens

Objective

Welcome to Energy Island! In this game, each player becomes the mayor of their own island nation. Your islands are located close to one another within the EU.

At the start of the game, all islands rely on imported fossil fuels (mainly oil) for 100% of their energy production. However, rising costs, environmental concerns, and the risk of depending too heavily on a single energy source have encouraged your island to begin an energy transition.

Your task is to reduce fossil fuel use by investing in renewable energy. You can choose from three renewable energy options:

- Solar Panels
- Wind Turbines
- Hydroelectric Dams

By making smart decisions and investing wisely, you can reduce your island's dependence on fossil fuels.

Goal: Be the first player to reduce your island's fossil fuel reliance from 100% to 50%.

The first player to reach 50% wins the game!

Set-Up

1. Each player chooses an island board and places it in front of them.
2. Shuffle the Event Card Deck and place it in the centre of the table face down (so players cannot see the results on the back).
3. Place the Renewable Energy Information Cards into three face-up piles based on energy type:
 - o Solar
 - o Wind
 - o Hydroelectric
4. Place the renewable energy tokens/chips in the centre of the table, sorted by energy type.
5. Give each player:
 - o 1 Point Sheet
 - o 1 Pencil
6. Each player starts with 10 money.
7. Place the remaining money in a bank pile at the centre of the table.

Game Play

The youngest player goes first. On each turn, a player must draw an event card and optionally purchase a renewable energy source.

1. *Draw an event card*
 - o Take the top card from the Event Deck and read the front of the card aloud.
 - o Do not look at the result on the back yet. The card will present a situation or decision that affects your (or the other players') island's energy transition. Choose your response.
 - o After making your decision, turn the card over and read the outcome aloud.
 - o Apply any effects listed on the card, such as:

- Gaining or losing money
- Increasing or reducing fossil fuel dependence
- Receiving bonuses or penalties
- o Update your Point Sheet if your fossil fuel reliance changes.
- o Discard the card into the discard pile after resolving it.

2. *Purchase Renewable Energy (Optional)*

After resolving the event card, players may choose to purchase renewable energy for their island.

- o Before buying, players may read the Information Cards to learn about:
 - Background information
 - Advantages and disadvantages
 - Cost
 - Fossil fuel dependence reduction value
- o Players may buy as many renewable energy projects as they can afford during their turn.

When purchasing renewable energy:

- Pay the required amount to the bank pile.
- Take the matching renewable energy token.
- Place the token on your island board in the correct section marked by the same renewable energy symbol.
- If you buy multiple of the same type, stack the tokens together. Note that some renewable energies can only be purchased once; read the info cards to understand when special rules may apply.
- Update your Point Sheet to reduce your fossil fuel reliance.

3. *Continue playing*

- After the first player finishes their turn, play continues clockwise.
- Players continue taking turns until one player reaches 50% fossil fuel dependence, making them the winner.
- If all Event Cards are used before a player wins, shuffle the discard pile to create a new Event Deck and continue playing.