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Climate Change at Work Panel

The European Commission will underline the importance of climate change and its impact on employment and the labour market during the “**Climate Change at Work**” panel on **Monday 30 April 2018** from **10:30 to 12:30**, at the **Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce in Nicosia**. This event aims to raise awareness about the enormous impact of climate change on the economy particularly on the emergence of new professions in the Turkish Cypriot community.

During the panel Mr. Rifat Ünal Sayman, Regional Director at the Regional Environmental Center in Turkey will present on the EU policy and implementations on employment effects of climate change, the impact on the labour market, and examples from EU Countries and Turkey. Dr Tufan Ekici, Mr Ali Korakan and Dr İbrahim Kahramanoğlu will make presentations about the impact of climate change on the agriculture, energy sectors and on new professions in the Turkish Cypriot community.

The severity of the impacts of climate change varies by region in the EU. The most vulnerable regions in Europe are southern Europe, the Mediterranean basin, outermost regions and the Arctic. Climate change will impact a number of sectors. In agriculture projected climatic changes will affect crop yields, livestock management and the location of production. Climate change will be an added stress for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Effects will also be severe on coasts and marine ecosystems. Coastal erosion rates will increase and existing defences may provide insufficient protection. In this context, islands such as Cyprus and outermost regions deserve special consideration. In the energy sector, climate change will have a direct effect on both the supply and demand of energy.

As part of the EU Aid programme for the Turkish Cypriot community a number of projects have been supported to address climate and environmental challenges. These include environment and infrastructure projects, energy efficiency projects for SMEs and projects funded under the labour market and education sectors.

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