



EU Infopoint Brings Women Leaders Together

Nicosia 17 March: “Women and Leadership” is the topic of the first event being organised by the EU Infopoint on Thursday 19 March from 11.00-14.00 at the Merit Hotel which will bring together European and Turkish Cypriot women leaders together, to talk about women in leadership positions and to tackle the issue of why women are still underrepresented in leadership positions across Europe.

Women should be equal participants in all aspects of society, including in leading positions either in businesses or the public sector. According to the latest Eurobarometer a large majority of citizens (76%) believe that tackling inequality between women and men should be a priority for the EU. Despite this belief however, women are still paid on average 16% less than men for the same job and women are still underrepresented in leadership positions in both business and politics. The glass ceiling has not disappeared: there are still too few women in leadership positions. Today they account for an average 20.2% of the members of board of directors in the largest companies, and only 3% become chief executive officer.

The EU Infopoint event will host European and Turkish Cypriot female leaders: The Finnish Ambassador to Cyprus Ambassador Anu Saarela; The Force Commander of UNFICYP Major General Kristin Lund; Turkish Cypriot Politician Doğus Derya; Turkish Cypriot Business Women’s Association President Semral Erel; Educator Carola Lang Howard, News Editor Caroline Perrot, AFP and MEP Ska Keller from the Green Party (video message). The speakers will share their experiences as women in leadership positions. Participants will have a chance to interact with the speakers through a question and answer session and a networking lunch.

The Turkish Cypriot media is kindly invited to cover the event.

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