



‘Safeguarding & Creating Employment SME Grant Scheme’ support industry, manufacturing, and business to business services in the Turkish Cypriot community

A significant €7.2 million Safeguarding & Creating Employment Support Package will be funded by the European Union. This follows the successful completion of the €3 million ‘Lifeline Support’ scheme which supported more than 1,500 businesses in the food & beverage and hair & beauty service sectors in the Turkish Cypriot community.

The new scheme aims to contribute to the stabilisation of the economy, prevent further loss of employment, ensure the sustainability of viable SMEs, create new jobs and encourage growth by providing financial and technical support to SMEs that meet the scheme criteria across the TCc.

The support will consist of two phases: Phase I will provide €1,500 to around 1,000 eligible SMEs in the industry, manufacturing and business to business services sectors that are employing between 6 and 10 employees.

Phase II will support around 100 SMEs in the industry, manufacturing and business to business services sectors employing 6 to 49 employees. Eligible SMEs will be required to demonstrate that they meet the scheme criteria and their potential to retain staff, engage new staff, develop new market/products for growth, develop and/or diversify and be mindful of the EU investment priorities for employment in innovation, digitalisation and the green economy. The maximum support available to eligible SMEs in phase II will be €60,000.

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The call for applications for Phase I will be open between 25 February 2021 and 16 April 2021 (15:00 Cyprus time). Applications will only be accepted through an Online Application Form available at [this link](#) where further information is also available. A call for Phase II applications will be announced at a later date.

Check [the video](#) to get information about the detailed application process.

The scheme is being managed by Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas (NI-CO), in cooperation with Cyprus Investment Agency (YAGA), Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry (KTSO), Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Shopkeepers and Artisans (KTEZO) and Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (KTTO) within the scope of the 'Innovative Entrepreneurship and Dialogue' Project implemented by NI-CO and financed by the European Union.



The European Commission announced the launch of the “EU Scholarship Programme” for the Turkish Cypriot community

The European Commission announced the launch of the “EU Scholarship Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the Academic Year 2021/22” funded under the EU Aid Programme.

In this round, the EU Scholarship Programme will award grants to approximately 140 Turkish Cypriot students, graduates, and professionals. This comes in addition to more than 1,600 individuals, who have already benefited from EU Scholarship grants since 2007. As usual, this year's programme is addressed to undergraduate and postgraduate studies, as well as short-term programmes including internships and language courses in EU Member States. The priority areas have been revised, including COVID-19 related subjects. Applicants in these areas will receive additional points during the evaluation, with better chances to win the scholarship.

All interested applicants are invited to apply online through the EU Scholarships [application portal](#).

The deadline to submit applications (online only) is **29 April 2021 at 23:59 Cyprus time**.

[Click here](#) to watch the online launch event which was held live on **10 March** at [ABBurs Facebook page](#) and ABBurs Youtube channel.

The EU Scholarship Programme is fully funded by the EU and is implemented by the British Council.

For more information, please visit the EU Scholarship Programme [webpage](#).

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Working Together to Combat COVID-19

You are cordially invited to the online event where experts will be talking about COVID-19 measures and answering questions on vaccinations.

Friday, 12 February 2021 17:00 – 18:00

Zoom Event | <http://bit.ly/2YWG6uQ>
EUIP Facebook live | [facebook.com/ABBilgi](https://www.facebook.com/ABBilgi)

The event will be in English and Turkish and simultaneous translation will be made available.
To join the webinar and to benefit from the simultaneous translation services please fill in the event registration form at <http://bit.ly/2YWG6uQ>

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Working Together to Combat COVID-19

The European Commission organised an online event held on Zoom platform on 12 February to highlight COVID-19 measures, provide information about vaccinations, and increase awareness in the Turkish Cypriot community.

During the online event, Dr. Cenk Soydan, Co-Chair of the Bicomunal Technical Committee on Health, Dr. Figen Gülen İnce, Member of the Communicable Diseases Subcommittee of the Bi-communal Technical Committee on Health, TAIEX Experts Elisabeth Kanitz, Specialist in Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Dr. Jeannette de Boer, Medical Specialist in Public Health discussed COVID-19 measures and answered questions on vaccinations. The event was broadcasted live also on the EUIP Facebook page and members of the community had the chance to ask questions to the speakers.

[Click here](#) to watch the online event.



The EU support to the Turkish Cypriot community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Since March 2020, EU experts have been helping the Turkish Cypriot community to respond more quickly to the challenges of the pandemic.

SAFE FOOD FOR ALL

You are cordially invited to the webinar focusing on the importance of food safety standards and how the European Union helps make food safer.

Friday, 26 February 2021
14:00 – 15:30 | Zoom Event

The presentations will be in English and Turkish and simultaneous translation will be made available.
To join the webinar, please fill in the event registration form at <http://bit.ly/2MTX7TY>

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The EU highlighted the importance of food safety standards

The European Commission highlighted the importance of food safety standards and how the European Union helps make food safer during a webinar held on 26 February.

During the webinar, Mehmet Demirpençe from the Veterinary Department presented the progress made so far on food safety and provide recommendations for the way forward. Donald Aquilina, the team leader of the EU funded Farm Advisory Services project, outlined the EU funded activities contributing to food safety, within the scope of their project. Kemal Öztürk from the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry talked about the challenges for food businesses in establishing food safety standards.

production chain of food of animal origin.

The EU is standing by to support the Turkish Cypriot community and improve the food safety chain. As part of the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community, since 2007, the EU has spent over €15 million on several projects supporting animal health in the Turkish Cypriot community. This year the EU will sign a new three-year, €3 million project on food safety and crisis-preparedness in the Turkish Cypriot community. Food safety is about safeguarding the food production and supply chain from hazardous organisms, chemical agents, non-approved food additives or food-contact materials, or physical items. The new EU funded Food Safety project will develop and implement core components of the food safety system and support the effective implementation of EU standards all along the production chain of animal origin.



Linguistic Support Project Organised its First Workshop

The EU-funded Linguistic Support Project aims to improve the capacity of translation and interpretation services in the Turkish Cypriot community. With this aim in mind, the project organises activities for the professional development of translators and interpreters while introducing tools for coherent and consistent terminology use.

To this end, the project organised an online professional development workshop on 27 February, Saturday, titled "Internationally accepted concepts, practices and terminology in interpreting". A total of 26 individuals including 14 professionals and 12 observer students participated in the event which focused on having a common understanding of internationally accepted concepts, practices and terminology in interpreting with a view to having a consistent and uniform foundation in the sector where all players agree on the fundamentals of the profession.

Visit the [Facebook page](#) for further information about the project activities.



Within the framework of bi-communal cooperation in Cyprus, the European Union has provided €900k of funding for the restoration of the Othello Castle which was undertaken by the bi-communal Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage with technical assistance from UNDP Cyprus. The Castle, built 700 years ago, takes its modern name from Shakespeare's famous play and proudly stands today as one of the most precious cultural and historical heritage sites on the island. You can now marvel at this masterpiece with a 360-degree virtual tour from wherever you are via computers, smartphones, and tablets by following the [link](#) for an unforgettable experience!

Upcoming Activities and Themes

World Theatre Day

Online Discussion on "Theatre as a Tool for the Promotion of Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue in Cyprus"

27 March 20:00-21:00 @ Zoom Platform and Facebook Live

Online Workshop on "Fighting Against Racism" for High School Students

5 & 6 April 16:00 - 17:30 @ Zoom Platform

Webinar on "Raising Awareness against Online Disinformation"

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