



EU support to the Turkish Cypriot community in response to COVID-19 pandemic

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Union has supported the Turkish Cypriot community financially and technically to help fight the health and economic consequences of the pandemic.

Immediately after the COVID-19 pandemic started, the European Union had foreseen a budget of €5 million for emergency medical equipment and supply needs, in response to the request from the Turkish Cypriot community. The European Commission has coordinated its COVID-19 emergency response in close partnership with UNDP, securing the delivery of emergency equipment and supplies starting from April 2020.



EU experts also provided technical support helping the Turkish Cypriot community to respond more quickly to the challenges of the pandemic and more recently helped to prepare a comprehensive and inclusive vaccination deployment plan.



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Forest Fire Prevention Workshop

The Forest Fire Prevention Workshop was held on 28 January on Zoom platform with the participation of representatives from various institutions and NGOs. During the workshop, which was moderated by Forest Engineer Assoc. Prof. Hamit Ayberk, the causes of forest fires in the Turkish Cypriot community, the importance of cooperation and coordination in preventing fires, and what more can be done to increase public awareness were among the topics discussed.



Cultural Heritage Projects Completed in 2020 with European Union funding

In January, UNDP Cyprus offered various virtual tours and shared updates from the visits for the unveiling ceremonies of the completed cultural heritage projects in the presence of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, UNDP and the European Union.

The virtual tours showcased the conservation works carried out in various sites as follows:

Agios Artemon in Afanteia/Gazikoy

Agios Andronicos in Kythrea/Degirmenlik

Agios Sergios and Vakos in Agios Sergios/Yenibogazici

Panagia Church in Askeia/Pasakoy

Emergency works for three (3) fountains in Nicosia

Vegetation Removal between Mula Bastion to Kyrenia Gate

Afendrika Archeological Site; Panagia Church, Asomatos Church, and Agios Georgios Church



Furthermore, a total of eleven (11) sites benefitted from emergency works through European Union funding. The interventions carried out for these sites comprised emergency support measures in order to preserve their current status and prevent collapse.

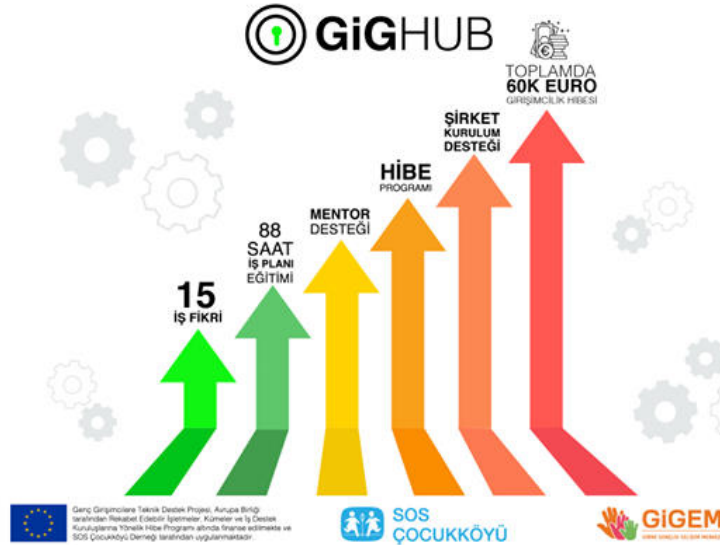
The emergency works were completed at the following sites:

- Agia Anastasia church in the Kyrenia area – bell tower
- Agios Georgios church in the Mesaoria/Mesaria area – bell tower
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- Agios Georgios church in the Famagusta area – bell tower
- Agios Georgios church in the Karpasia/Karpaz area – bell tower
- Panagia Evangelistria church in the Morphou area
- Improvement of a cemetery in the Kyrenia area
- Improvement of a cemetery in the Paphos area
- Agios Evlalios church in the Kyrenia area
- Collapsed Part between Mula Bastion to Roccas Bastion
- Collapsed Part at Quirini Bastion

These projects are funded by the European Union and carried out through a partnership between Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage and UNDP Cyprus.

You may visit the [UNDP Cyprus Facebook page](#) and [UNDP Cyprus website](#) for more information.

PROGRAMI



The “Acceleration Programme” organised within the framework of the GIGHUB "Technical and Economic Support for Young Entrepreneurs Project" implemented by GIGEM with EU funding is starting soon.

The main purpose of the Acceleration Programme is to support a total of 15 innovative business ideas with mentoring service, business plan training and financial planning, and to support them in the active labour market with grants. Throughout the Acceleration Programme, the participants will be evaluated according to their performance using different criteria, and their competencies for the Small Grant Programme will be evaluated by the jury and the project team consisting of experts. With the completion of the Acceleration Programme, it is anticipated that the participants reach the required competency level to realise their marketable products and services.

The Small Grant Programme with an overall total budget of €60,000 will take place after the completion of the Acceleration Programme and constitutes an important step for the participants to take the next steps for their new business idea. Under the Small Grant Programme, 4 to 8 projects will be awarded a maximum of €8,000 each, to contribute to their products, services, and competitiveness.

The general purpose of the Small Grant Programme, in line with the overall project objective, is to pave the way for young people who have difficulties in joining the business field to participate in economic life as entrepreneurs.

You may visit the [Acceleration Programme application page](#) (Turkish language only) for more information on the application process.

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