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Beach Clean-Up and Recycling Workshop in Vasileia/Karşıyaka

With the support of the European Commission, the "Beach Clean-up and Recycling Workshop" event was held on 3 July Saturday at Güzelyalı Beach, Vasileia/Karşıyaka with the participation of several NGOs.

The event also marked that, as of 3 July 2021 as part of EU's Directive on single-use plastics, the EU banned certain single-use plastic products, which are polluting our environment and seas, endangering marine life, and harming our health.

Check out the related press release here.

Check out the photo album here.

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Bicommunal Cooperation in Wastewater Treatment

The European Commission organised a webinar on Thursday, July 29, 2021 on the topic of "Bicommunal Cooperation in Wastewater Management" where wastewater management in Nicosia from the past to the present was discussed. During the Zoom webinar, the importance of bicommunal efforts and the EU's support in protecting the environment in Cyprus were highlighted. It was also broadcasted live on EU Infopoint Facebook Page.

In his opening remarks, Alain Joaris, Head of Cooperation, European Union Programme Support Office, expressed the importance of wastewater management for protection of environment and said: "Modern environmental infrastructure is very important. Developing and strengthening the environmental infrastructure is among

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the community's water and wastewater infrastructure. Within the scope of this support, there are many successful project implementation examples in the fields of wastewater and water supply. Environment will continue to be a key sector under the EU Aid Programme, also in line with the overall priorities of the European Union."

In Cyprus, wastewater management has been at the core of bicommunal cooperation between the two communities of Nicosia since 1960s. During the webinar, Faik Özkaynak, the former head of sewerage department and Savvas Hadjineocleous, the technical director of Nicosia sewerage board, who were actively involved in the sewerage project that connects the two halves of Nicosia, talked about their experience throughout the process. As part of his speech Mr. Özkaynak said, "the foundations of working together on sewage was laid in late 1970s based on mutual understanding, yielding many successful projects and setting a great example of bicommunal cooperation. Since we share the same environment, all environmental problems affect both communities of Nicosia. Although it is a mandatory task to solve environmental problems, the sewerage organisations of both communities have been fulfilling this task with a wholehearted team spirit".

Mr. Hadjineocleous reiterated the importance of cooperation and stated that "despite the difficulties of our situation, we are committed to finding solutions for the benefit of both communities and the environment. Since late 1970s, the sewerage entities in the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities of Nicosia are cooperating, with the support of the European Union and the United Nations, in addressing everyday needs, solving problems and building a better and healthier future for Nicosia's inhabitants."

Following the Q&A section in which questions of the audience were answered by the speakers, the webinar ended with a general assessment made by the environmental engineer Doğuç Veysioğlu, who served as the moderator.

Click here to watch the webinar recording.



European Jazz Workshop 2021

The European Jazz Workshop, organised for the fifth year in a row with the cooperation of the European Commission and Jazz Education Abroad (JEA), was held online with the participation of 18 students on 5, 6, 8, and 9 July. The four-day online workshop opened its doors to music teachers, students, and musicians of all ages, playing all kinds of musical instruments and at all levels. The European Jazz Workshop 2021 ended with an online music performance of students working in different groups during the workshop.

The Jazz workshop was held together with jazz masters Mariano Abello (Saxophone/Flute), Deborah Carter (Vocal), Loizos Paphitis (Guitar), Andreas Panteli (Piano), Cahit Kutrafalı (Bass), Gonzalo Maestre (Drum), Miguel Blanco (Arrangement), and Rosario Giuliani (Jazz Artist/Master Class Lecturer) with parallel workshops held for four days. The participants received a digital certificate at the end of the workshop.





Online Composting Workshop

With the support of the European Commission, a Composting Workshop was organised by the EU Infopoint on 15 July for all family members. The workshop, in which Environmental Engineers Sibel Paralik and Vijdan Şengör contributed as trainers, was held with the participation of 52 people and consisted of various presentations and interactive sessions.



"Safeguarding & Creating Employment SME Grant Scheme" Phase II

Call for "Safeguarding & Creating Employment SME Grant Scheme" Phase II to support industry, manufacturing, and business to business services in the Turkish Cypriot community are open for applications.

The Phase II of the 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.

Phase II will support around 100 SMEs in the industry, manufacturing and business to business services sectors, and 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 up to the maximum value of €60,000.

The call for applications for Phase II will be open until **6 September 2021 (15:00 Cyprus time).** Applications will only be accepted through an Online Application Form available at <u>this link</u> where further information is also available. Guidance documents related to the call are also available at the link.

The scheme is being managed by Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas (NI-CO), in cooperation with EU Coordination Centre, 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.



Translation Workshop from the Linguistic Support Project

The Linguistic Support Project which is financed by the European Union with the aim to increase the translation services capacity in the Turkish Cypriot community organises activities in the field of professional development, professional standards, and consistent terminology use. The fourth activity of the project, "Translation workshop with a focus on complex sentence structures" took place online on 10 July, Saturday. Eight translators attended the workshop, where exercises were carried out on complex sentences in written text. As in the previous event, information on tools and resources that translators can improve themselves and practice with was shared at the end of this workshop.

Please visit the project's <u>Facebook page</u> for more information and any upcoming activities within the scope of the project.

Upcoming Activities and Themes

"World Alzheimer's Month" Event - "Still Alice" film screening 8 September Wednesday 18:30 – 22:30

European Mobility Week

European Week of Sport

European Researchers Night

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for the Turkish Cypriot community. The EU Infopoint is a project funded by the European Union under the Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community with the aim to bring the Turkish Cypriot community closer to the EU.



