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# SAÇ VE GÜZELLİK HİZMETLERİ SEKTÖRÜNE **"CAN SUYU - II"** DESTEĞİ



As part of the €3 million "LIFELINE SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES" to reduce the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Turkish Cypriot community, Phase II supporting the Hair and Beauty service sector was launched in November. The call for applications for phase 2 remained open between 6-23 November.

The EU-funded financial support scheme for self-employed, micro and small businesses was first launched on 1 September 2020 to help address cash flow problems due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The budget for the EU-financed scheme is  $\in$ 3 million for phases one and two and the scheme provides eligible businesses with financial support of up to 18,000 TL.

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almost 850 businesses. Phase 2 was then made available to eligible businesses in the Hair and Beauty service sector.

The EU-financed scheme is implemented by Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas (NI-CO) under the 'Innovative Entrepreneurship and Dialogue' Project, in cooperation with Cyprus Investment Agency (YAGA), Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Shopkeepers and Artizans (KTEZO), and Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (KTTO).



# Impact of Veterinary Medicine on Public Health and Environment Highlighted

The European Commission highlighted the importance of setting standards to ensure adequate public health and environmental protection from the use of antimicrobials and antibiotics as veterinary medicine during a webinar on Wednesday, 28 October. The importance of controlling antibiotic use for better animal and public health was discussed at the webinar, which was organised as part of the European Green Deal campaign.

During the webinar, Professor DVM Jeroen Dewulf from Ghent University explained how the use of antimicrobials and antibiotics could result in resistance and how this can be remedied. Dr. Ankica Labrovic from the EU Programme Support Office presented the EU action on antimicrobial resistance, provided an overview and presented EU strategies on how to turn a plan into action. Frederik Leen from the Disseminating Innovative Solutions for Antibiotic Resistance Management (DISARM) project highlighted innovative developments and good practices for better animal health and lower antibiotic use in Europe, while Burak Toksoy from the Veterinary Department presented

Click here to watch the webinar recording.

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#### **Campaign Prizes Delivered to the Winners**

With the support of the European Commission, the EU Infopoint organised an online campaign to highlight both European Mobility Week and the European Week of Sport that was marked between 23-30 September. During the campaign, the Turkish Cypriot community was encouraged to contribute photos on social media depicting sports activities or forms of mobility with zero emissions. The photos were then placed in a draw and participants had the chance to win a variety of prizes. The winners of the photo campaign recently received their prizes at the EU Infopoint under COVID-19 safety measures.

The European Commission highlighted the impact of climate on life and biodiversity around the world with European Green Week in October. Following the 2030 Biodiversity Strategy adopted in May, the European Green Week focused on the contribution that biodiversity can make to society and the economy, and the role it can play in supporting and stimulating recovery after the



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transformative change is possible.

Check out the factsheets on <u>this link</u> for more information about the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030.



#### EU Anti-trafficking Day Highlighted on 18 October

To pay tribute to the victims and to remind the need of eradication of the crime, the EU has set the 18 October as the EU Anti-Trafficking Day. This day serves as a reminder for all the victims of trafficking in human beings, as well as the need to assume a joint and coordinated approach to break the chains of modern slavery. Contrary to what we should expect nowadays, human trafficking is still a reality. More than 20 million people around the globe fall victims to modern slavery. Victims are often entangled in forced labour, seen a source of human organs or for sexual exploitation.

As part of the Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community, the EU provided support through technical assistance projects, grants and TAEIX to contribute to the efforts of combatting trafficking in human beings. In 2019, the EU signed four grant contracts with a total budget of €770,000 under the call for proposal "Together Against Human Trafficking". The COMMIT project implemented by Refugee Rights Association aimed to introduce a comprehensive anti-trafficking response through a multi stakeholder platform which has been actively involved in contributing to the legal process for the criminalisation of human trafficking in the Turkish Cypriot community. The Turkish Cypriot Bar Association project provides legal analysis on trafficking in human beings and a pilot legal aid programme to lobby for a sustainable aid mechanism. KAYAD's project aims to raise awareness particularly on the

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situation mapping for trafficked LGBTI+ individuals and aims to advocate for a coordinated response and provide social welfare services to LGBTI+ victims and those at risk.



### Civic Space Organised Trainings for Youth and CSOs

In October, Civic Space organised two online trainings for youth and CSOs which took place on Zoom platform. Youth and Sustainable Development Goals training, which took place on 22 October, invited all young activists to learn and increase awareness about 17 SDGs in order to tackle extreme poverty, climate change, inequality and injustice globally.

The Digital Activism training, which took place on 28,29, 30 September and 2 October, aimed to focus on how the constantly evolving internet, media and technology world can support the policy making and participation processes of civil society organisations.

Please visit the <u>Civic Space Facebook page</u> for more information about the upcoming trainings.



# GİGEM Organised Four Workshops in October to Support Young People

Under the Young Entrepreneurs Technical Assistance Project funded by the European Union as part of the Private Sector Development Grant Scheme, Kyrenia Youth and Development Centre (GİGEM) continued its activities with online workshops in October. The first event which focused on financial foresight for sustainability took place on 2 October with the participation of two guest financial experts. The second online event, which was organised on 6 October on the topic of domestic production process and branding, focused on a success story of a local brand. The other two workshops were held on 13 and 30 October on the Past Issues

You can visit <u>GIGEM's Facebook Page</u> for upcoming webinars and online training programmes.

**Online Activities and Themes in December** 

European Green Deal Campaign - Farm to Fork Strategy Webinar on "Sustainable Agriculture and the Role of Farm Advisory Services" 4 December, 16:00 - 18:00 @ Zoom Platform & Facebook Live

European Green Deal Campaign Webinar on Biodiversity

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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