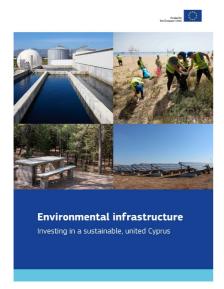
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Through the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community, the EU has set a specific objective to develop and upgrade infrastructure and improve the environment in the Turkish Cypriot community. These projects are bringing infrastructure and environmental protection closer to European standards, which is essential for the reunification of the island.

To read more about EU's investment in the environmental infrastructure for a sustainable and united Cyprus, click <u>here</u>.



ÇEVRE DOSTU EKONOMILERDE GENÇLER İÇİN İŞ FIRSATLARI

Beceri ve Yetkinliklerin Artırılmasının Önemi ve Dijital Geçiş konulu webinara davetlisiniz.

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11 Eylül 2020, Cuma

15:00 - 17:00 | Zoom Etkinliği

Job Opportunities for Youth in Environmentally Friendly Economies

The European Commission highlighted job opportunities for youth and addressed the importance of improving skills and competences and digital transition during a webinar on "Job Opportunities for Youth in Environmentally

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During the webinar Reka Soos, from Romania talked about emerging ecofriendly and digital job opportunities for youth in circular economies where recycling and reuse is a priority and the impact of the European Green Deal on jobs. Margaret Eleftheriou from Greece highlighted the importance of improving skills and competences and the European Skills Agenda, while Rıfat Ünal Sayman from the Regional Environment Centre in Turkey drew attention to climate change and its implications on job opportunities as well as presenting good practices from EU member states.

Click here to watch the webinar.



Impact of Pesticides on Public Health and the Environment

The European Commission highlighted the impact of pesticides on public health and the environment during a webinar organised on 15 September as part of the European Green Deal Campaign.

During the webinar, Associate Professor Wayne Grant Carter from Nottingham University, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences talked about the impact of pesticides on public health and environment as well as control procedures and reduction strategies of pesticide use. Hans Muilerman from Pesticide Action Network Europe highlighted the impact of pesticides on the environment and actions for the reduction of pesticide use by 2030 as part of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, while Reşat Değirmenci from the Department of Agriculture presented the current local situation and recommendations in the sector.

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Used Packaging – A Waste or a Resource?

The European Commission highlighted the importance of a modernised approach to packaging waste management during a webinar where discussion took place on how this dynamic new sector of the economy is emerging and the related opportunities and good practices in the sector. The webinar took place on 29 September as part of the European Green Deal Campaign.

During the webinar Andy Whiteman, Team Leader of the EU-funded Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste Sector Capacity Building Project talked about the European Union Framework for Packaging Waste Management. Kyriakos Parpounas, who is an expert in the same project, discussed European Union Packaging Waste Management Systems, and shared some examples of good practices. Ahmet Gürtuna from the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry drew attention to the roles and responsibilities of local packaging producers and provided some suggestions. Ali Şah, from the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, highlighted the employment and trade opportunities in the circular economy, EU compliant packaging waste management, and examples of good practices.

Click here to watch the webinar.

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This year, the European Commission marked European Mobility Week between 16-22 September with an emphasis on promoting zero-emission mobility for all.

EU Infopoint raised awareness on this theme by sharing a new infographic and a factsheet which presents the lessons learnt during lockdown for better urban mobility.

Please click here to check out the factsheet.

With the support of the European Commission, the EU Infopoint also 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 activities and 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.





EU Scholarship Programme

In line with the objective of bringing the Turkish Cypriot community closer to the European Union, the European Commission has been providing scholarship grants to Turkish Cypriot students, graduates, and professionals under the EU Scholarship Programme since 2007.

For the academic year 2020/21, a total of 632 people applied for the EU Scholarship Programme. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the written tests for the selection process took place in July-August 2020 under strict health & safety measures.

The two rounds of placement were carried out at the end of August 2020 and beginning of October 2020. After the second-round placement, it is expected that a total of 138 people will receive an EU scholarship this year.

For more information, please $\underline{\text{visit}}$ the EU Scholarship Programme website.

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Campaign to Highlight the Rights of Human Trafficking Victims

In the Turkish Cypriot community, individuals are still victims of trafficking in human beings in sectors such as agriculture, construction, domestic services, and retail sales regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

With a wide-reaching social media campaign in September, the Refugee Rights Association invited the public to raise their voice to protect the rights of the people who are abused by false promises of better living conditions or a better future.

Please click <u>here</u> to visit the Refugee Rights Association Facebook page and for more information about the social media campaign which is implemented within the scope of "Grow Civic" programme funded by the European Union.

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Billboard Campaign Announcing the Help Line for Victims of Human Trafficking

A billboard campaign was organised in September aiming to assist victims of human trafficking by announcing a legal help line (0542 862 00 60) as part of the *Justice for the Victims of Human Trafficking Project*, which is funded by the European Union within the scope of the Together Against Human Trafficking Grant Scheme and carried out in cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot Bar Association and the Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Foundation.

Anyone living in the Turkish Cypriot community who is a potential victim of human trafficking can contact the legal help line to obtain information about their rights or request legal aid in their own language or in another language they would like to communicate. Lawyers responding the help line are trained on human trafficking and human rights.

Online Activities and Themes in October and November

European Green Deal Campaign - Farm to Fork Strategy
Webinar on "Impact of Veterinary Medicines on Public Health and the
Environment"

28 October, 14:00 - 16:00 @ Zoom Platform & Facebook Live

European Green Deal Campaign Webinar on Biodiversity

EU Anti-Trafficking Day Webinar on Human Trafficking

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Online Training Series for Vocational School Students

The European Vocational Skills Week

European Researchers Night

European SME Week

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