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Traffic Safety Trainings

The European Commission is supporting a series of traffic safety trainings targeting grade 6 students at six (6) schools in the Turkish Cypriot community, including Canbulat Özgürlük Ortaokulu, Şehit Zeka Çorba Ortaokulu, Demokrasi Ortaokulu, Lefke Gazi Lisesi, Şehit Turgut Ortaokulu, and Mehmetçik Ortaokulu. The trainings, organised by the EU Infopoint in partnership with TRAKAYAD, started on *Monday, 19 February 2018, at Canbulat Özgürlük Ortaokulu and Şehit Zeka Çorba Ortaokulu*. The aim of the trainings is to raise awareness on the importance of traffic safety and the impact of traffic users' behaviour on traffic crashes. A total of 500 students will be participating in the trainings and learning about how to be safe in traffic. Information will also be provided on what actions are being taken by the EU to reduce traffic crashes in Europe.

The EU has provided a total of €3 million in funds and technical assistance for the improvement of traffic infrastructure and traffic safety between 2009 and 2013 in the Turkish Cypriot community. The programme has helped improve the standards of vehicle inspection, the collection and treatment of data in case of collision and the operational management of traffic. It also enabled the development of a highway plan to address current and future mobility needs and to eliminate some of the traffic accident "black spots". The EU is planning to provide further technical assistance to support the implementation of actions aiming to align the rules and the practices with international and EU standards in the domains of vehicle registration, driving licensing and vehicle inspection in the Turkish Cypriot community.

Background:

The European Commission has adopted an ambitious Road Safety Programme which aims to cut road deaths in Europe between 2011 and 2020. The programme sets out a mix of initiatives, at European and national level, focusing on improving vehicle safety, the safety of infrastructure and road users' behavior.

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