



## EU Infopoint Film Screening and Debate on Freedom of Movement

**18 May 2015, NICOSIA:** As part of the Europe Day celebrations, the EU Infopoint is organising a film screening and debate on the free movement of people in Europe with the participation of European speaker Kristine Dupate on 20<sup>th</sup> of May, from 19:00 to 21:00 at the EU Infopoint premises.

As the freedom of movement is one of the benefits the European Union offers to its members, on this Europe Day celebration event, the topic will be addressed starting with the screening of the film “Almanya” in collaboration with Goethe Institut. This will be followed by a presentation with European guest speaker Kristine Dupate, who will discuss the policies and values underlying freedom of movement and answer questions from the participants.

Freedom of movement allows citizens of the European Union (EU) to move to, live in, and in certain circumstances access the welfare system of the EU country to which they have moved. Freedom of movement is one of the founding principles of the EU. It is designed to support the economies of EU countries by providing a mobile work force.

Each year 9 May is celebrated by EU member states as the birthday of the European Union, which is built on the fundamental values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and respect for human rights. Throughout May, there will be two more events related to EU themes and policies: a gender equality and social media networking event in collaboration with the European Commission Representation in Cyprus and the European Parliament Office in Cyprus; and a children’s storytelling session on the story of Europe.

Europe Day celebrations will culminate on the 13th of June with a large scale outdoor event at Selimiye Square involving EU Embassy representatives and NGOs who will provide information about EU member states and on projects funded for environmental projects with financial support of the European Commission.

**About the film:** The German/Turkish film “Almanya” covers the story of three generations of a Turkish immigrant family in Germany. It is about the experience of moving from Eastern Turkey to Germany, with funny anecdotes regarding new places, a new language, different food, a different culture, and how to relate to them. Beyond the anecdotes, the objective is also to show that EU values are shared and converge, and are a needed ingredient for freedom of movements.

**About the speaker:** Kristine Dupate is the current Deputy Head of Department of International and European Law, Faculty of Law, University of Latvia. Her main areas of research include EU labour law, EU law on free movement of workers, Human rights and EU law, Gender equality law, and EU law non-discrimination.

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