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Food Safety in the EU for You!

The European Commission will mark the importance of food safety with a panel on Wednesday, 24 February at the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Architects and Engineers (KTMMOB), Nicosia from 11:00 to 13:00. The EU policy on food safety and best practices in the EU, food safety in veterinary and agricultural practices will be examined by local experts, an EU expert and local authorities.

Every European citizen has the right to know how the food s/he eats is produced, processed, packaged, labelled and sold. The central goal of the European Commission's Food Safety policy is to ensure a high level of protection of human health regarding the food industry. The Commission's guiding principle, primarily set out in its White Paper on Food Safety - is to apply an integrated approach from farm to fork covering all sectors of the food chain.

“My priority is to ensure that European citizens continue to enjoy the safest food in the world. We need safe food to keep citizens in good health..... Healthy food is one of the factors on which people's health depends. Everybody has a role to play in this, from the individual producers and operators to the European legislator; and everybody benefits,” said Vytenis Andriukaitis, EU Commissioner on Health and Food Safety.

Background:

Protecting the health of humans, animals and plants at every stage of the food production process is a key public health and economic priority. The European Union's (EU's) food safety policy aims to ensure that EU citizens enjoy safe and nutritious food produced from healthy plants and animals, whilst enabling the food industry — Europe's largest manufacturing and employment sector — to operate in the best possible conditions.

EU policy safeguards health along the whole 'agro-food chain' — every part of the food production process from farming to consumption — by preventing food contamination and promoting food hygiene, food information, plant health and animal health and welfare. Its three general objectives are:

- to ensure that food and animal feed are safe and nutritious;
- to ensure a high level of animal health, welfare and plant protection;
- to ensure adequate and transparent information about the origin, content/labelling and use of food.

Interested individuals can get more information on this event on the EU Infopoint Facebook page [f/abbilgi](https://www.facebook.com/abbilgi) or by contacting the EU Infopoint: info@abbilgi.eu, 228 2577 and 11A Hasene Ilgaz Street, Köşklüçiftlik Nicosia.

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