

Green Week 2017: Green Jobs for a Greener Future Seminar

The European Commission will highlight the concept of green jobs with a “Green Jobs for a Greener Future” seminar as part of Green Week 2017 on Friday, 7 July from 10:30 to 13:00 at Merit Hotel, Nicosia. The event aims to generate discussion about opportunities, implementation and policies in the EU and in the Turkish Cypriot community on green jobs and green skills. The EU policy and examples from Europe, as well as local initiatives will be presented at the event. The event is organised by the EU Infopoint in partnership with Chamber of Civil Engineers, Chamber of Environmental Engineers, Chamber of Mechanical Engineers, and Union of Chamber of Architects and Engineers.

The event will host an EU speaker, Bela Galgoczi from Hungary, to highlight the EU’s environmental policies and how they are creating green jobs with best examples from EU countries. In addition to this, Ms. Gülcan Yalınca, from the Chamber of Civil Engineers will deliver a presentation on EU-funded Awareness Raising on Green Economy for Civil Engineers Project. Mr. Tamer Zaim, from the Chamber of Mechanical Engineers, will do a presentation on local green job opportunities in the energy sector and green skills. Mr. Bahri Özel, from the Turkish Society of HVAC & Sanitary Engineers (TTMD) will present an EU funded Project in Turkey on education of young people on energy efficient buildings and provision of employment opportunities. In addition to these, Ms. Yasemin Çobanoğlu, from the Chamber of Environmental Engineers, will deliver a presentation on local green job opportunities and green skills.

Background:

Green Week 2017:

EU Green Week is an annual opportunity to debate and discuss European environmental policy. Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment, this key event in the environment policy calendar attracts policymakers, leading environmentalists, stakeholders and other interested parties from across Europe and the globe.

EU Green Week 2017 with the theme of 'Green jobs for a greener future' will focus on how EU environmental policies are creating green jobs and contributing to economic, sustainable and socially responsible growth in the EU. It will also highlight the demand for new types of green skills in many professional sectors.

EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot Community:

As part of the EU’s Financial Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community, a budget of €32,5 million was allocated for important project such as the construction of a central sanitary non-hazardous landfill in Koutsoventis/Güngör which also includes a small-scale hazardous waste storage facility, the construction of a waste transfer station in Famagusta and the restoration of the Dikomo/Dikmen dumpsite. The projects covered short-term priority measures foreseen in the solid waste master plan adopted by the Turkish Cypriot community in 2008.

In addition to these, the EU has been supporting various projects aimed at the protection of environment and raising environmental awareness among Turkish Cypriot community through its portfolios with respect to the schools and strengthening civil society. Strengthening civil society in the northern part of Cyprus is a key actor in the development of a culture of dialogue; participation in community life; and the promotion of values of tolerance, peace, active citizenship. During the period 2007-2015 for a total amount of €9.5 million was



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allocated for civil society. The European Union, through 7 calls for proposals have allocated a total amount of €8.6 million to schools and lifelong learning centres. Up to 2016, a total of 97 schools and 31 businesses (with the aim of increasing their employee's skills) benefited from such grants. Since 2008 the European Union has allocated a total of €14 million for the human resources sector.

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