

## Traffic Safety Trainings for 1,915 Grade 6 students completed

The European Commission supported a series of traffic safety trainings targeting grade 6 students at all secondary schools in the Turkish Cypriot community. The trainings, organised in partnership with TRAKAYAD, involved a total of 1,915 students from 14 secondary schools started in February 2018 and were completed in December 2018. The aim of the trainings was to raise awareness on the importance of traffic safety and the impact of traffic users' behaviour on traffic crashes. Information was also provided on what actions are being taken by the EU to reduce traffic crashes in Europe.

At the end of the trainings, a short quiz was completed by the students aiming to help them recall the information provided at the trainings. A draw took place amongst the students answering all the questions correctly and six students were awarded a safe cycling kit. The winners are:

1. Arda İnci, Çanakkale Secondary School
2. Osman Oran, Esentepe Secondary School
3. Damla Güngör, Dipkarpaz RTE Secondary School
4. Cemal Coşkun, Mehmetçik Secondary School
5. Fatoş İrmak Çakır, Şht. Turgut Secondary School
6. Aleyna Çelik, Atleks Sanverler Secondary School

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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