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Welcome to the Latest Edition of the EU Infopoint Newsletter

Welcome to the January-March 2025 edition of our newsletter. In this issue, we highlight several dynamic initiatives and events supported by the European Commission, aimed at enhancing education, fostering economic opportunities, and promoting social inclusion. From the successful launch and conclusion of Green Line Trade Week to the inauguration of the “Champion Angels Sports Complex” and the new multi-purpose sports facility at Serhatköy Primary School, this quarter has been filled with exciting and impactful events and activities.

We also shine a spotlight on a variety of event series, such as the “Let’s Explore an EU Language: French Workshop Series” and the “Shape Your Future with Artificial Intelligence” digital workshop series, both of which are helping to equip the next generation with essential skills for the future. Join us as we reflect on these influential events and initiatives carried out during the first quarter of 2025.



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Green Line Trade Week Launch Event

Green Line Trade Week was officially launched on 20th January 2025 with an event held at Ledra Palace in Nicosia.



Supported by the European Commission, the Green Line Trade Week aimed to encourage greater engagement with Green Line trade and foster wider participation from a diverse group of entrepreneurs. The event saw strong attendance from both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, offering a unique opportunity for

entrepreneurs to explore the benefits of Green Line trade and forge new business connections. The programme featured a presentation on the new B2B matchmaking component of the EU One Stop Shop webpage, followed by an interactive panel discussion where SMEs shared their experiences.



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Green Line Trade Week Closing Reception

Green Line Trade Week officially concluded on 24th January 2025 with a successful event at Garage Deryneia/Derinya.



Supported by the European Commission, this week-long initiative aimed to promote greater engagement with Green Line trade and encourage wider participation from entrepreneurs across both communities. The event saw attendance from both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot entrepreneurs, providing a unique platform to explore the benefits of Green Line trade and establish new business connections. The closing event, titled Trade Opportunities Meeting and Closing Reception, gave businesses the chance to become acquainted with the services of the EU One Stop Shop and receive information about the 2025 Stelios Bicomunal Business Cooperation Awards.



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Inauguration of the EU-funded “Champion Angels Sports Complex” at Türk Maarif Koleji (TMK) in Famagusta

On 19th February 2025, the newly renovated “Champion Angels Sports Complex” was officially inaugurated at Türk Maarif Koleji (TMK) in Famagusta. The European Commission funded the renovation of this facility, which was implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the Local Infrastructure Facility project. The event was organised to honour the memory of the “Champion Angels,” the TMK volleyball team who tragically lost their lives in the earthquake in Turkey

on 6th February 2023. The upgraded sports complex includes high-quality surfaces, futsal goals, basketball and volleyball poles, and renovated fencing, all designed to encourage student participation in sports and physical activities. The opening event gathered students, educators, school administrators, representatives from the European Commission, UNDP, the local body responsible for education, and members of the Champion Angels Association.



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Inauguration of the EU-funded “Multi-Purpose Sports Facility” at Serhatköy Primary School in Fyllia/Serhatköy

The newly completed “Multi-Purpose Sports Facility” at Serhatköy Primary School in Fyllia/Serhatköy was officially opened on 27th February 2025.

This project, funded by the European Commission and implemented by UNDP under the Local Infrastructure Facility project, is part of a broader commitment to strengthening education infrastructure and supporting community development within the Turkish Cypriot community.

The facility was awarded as part of the EU’s “Bilimle Daha İleri” laboratory competition, where Serhatköy Primary School emerged as the winner in

the primary school category. The facility includes high-quality surface flooring, futsal goals, basketball and volleyball posts, and renovated fencing to encourage student participation in various sports activities. The event was attended by students, educators, representatives from the European Commission, UNDP, local Turkish Cypriot community organisations, and the school administration.



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Business Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs Event



The “8 March International Women’s Day Panel on Business Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs,” held on Friday, 13th March 2025, was organised in collaboration with the KTO Women Entrepreneurs Council and the Turkish Cypriot Association of University Women. The event celebrated the achievements of women entrepreneurs in the Turkish Cypriot community while addressing their challenges. It provided a platform to discuss ways to foster a more inclusive and supportive business environment, particularly for young and aspiring women entrepreneurs.



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Combating Racism in the Social and Legal Context Panel Discussion Event

The EU-funded panel on Combating Racism in the Social and Legal Context, held on Wednesday, 26th March 2025, at Rüstem Bookstore in Nicosia, aimed to foster discussions on racism, its societal impacts, and the legal frameworks that address racial discrimination. Organised by the EU Infopoint in collaboration with local experts, the event focused on the

ongoing struggles against racism in Cyprus.

The panel provided a platform for experts to share their insights on the challenges marginalised communities face in legal and social contexts. It also examined EU legislation and local frameworks designed to combat racial discrimination.



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Let's Explore an EU Language: French Workshop Series

February 2025

Since 2001, the European Day of Languages has been celebrated annually on 26th September to promote linguistic diversity and multiculturalism across Europe. In alignment with this initiative, a series of events was held in February 2025 during the school holidays,

focusing on introducing the basics of the French language to participants from the Turkish Cypriot community. The program consisted of three groups, each attending three workshops, culminating in a total of nine sessions throughout the event period.



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“Shape Your Future with Artificial Intelligence” Digital Workshop Series

March 2025

The “Preparing for the Future with Artificial Intelligence and Digital Tools” and “Digital Literacy and Creative Content Production” training sessions, part of the “Shape Your Future with Artificial Intelligence” digital workshop series, were designed for young people aged 15–18 and adults. Participants engaged in two workshops each, resulting in a total of four sessions during the event period.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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