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Welcome to the July - September 2025 edition of our newsletter

This quarter has been filled with dynamic activities that highlight the European Union's continued engagement with the Turkish Cypriot community—focusing on youth empowerment, sustainability, culture, and innovation. From celebrating International Youth Day through a series of inspiring events under the 16th Nicosia Youth Days, to raising environmental awareness during the EU Beach Clean-Up Event in Famagusta, the EU Infopoint has continued to bring people together around shared values and common goals.

The period also featured hands-on workshops that encouraged learning and creativity—from recycled paper making and German language sessions to Artificial Intelligence and digital tools training for adults—reflecting the EU's support for lifelong education and sustainable living. Meanwhile, participation in the Akanthou/Tatlısu Carob Festival offered another opportunity to connect directly with citizens and showcase the tangible impact of EU-funded projects across the island.

Join us as we look back at the highlights of July to September 2025—three months of meaningful dialogue, creativity, and community action.



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Film Screening and Discussion Event



As part of the 16th Nicosia Youth Days and in celebration of International Youth Day—the EU Infopoint, in partnership with HASDER, organised a Film Screening and Discussion Event in the EUIP garden on 6 August 2025.

The event encouraged reflection on the everyday realities faced by young people, particularly in a divided city like Nicosia,



and explored how cultural activities, collaboration, and creative participation can help bridge divides and foster dialogue.

The evening featured the screening of *Smuggling Hendrix*, a thought-provoking film about a Nicosian musician's attempt to retrieve his dog, Hendrix, after it crosses the Green Line—offering a light yet meaningful take on life in a divided city.



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Treasure Hunt by Bicycle within the Walled City

As part of the 16th Nicosia Youth Days and in celebration of International Youth Day—the EU Infopoint, in partnership with HASDER, organised the Treasure Hunt by Bicycle within the Walled City.



The competition encouraged young participants to discover Nicosia's cultural treasures while promoting teamwork, problem-solving, and a healthy lifestyle. Competing in pairs, participants cycled through the walled city, using maps and photographs to locate key cultural heritage monuments. The event successfully combined exploration, learning, and fun, inspiring participants to appreciate the city's rich heritage while engaging in an active and sustainable activity.



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Music and Dance Night

As part of the 16th Nicosia Youth Days, the bicomunal folk dance show and concert, titled Music and Dance Night, brought together young people through the universal language of music and dance.

The event aimed to engage a wide audience—especially youth—and highlight their essential role as active partners in shaping the future of Cyprus.

The evening featured vibrant performances by three youth bands from the Turkish Cypriot community—Melatonin, Alasya, and Grup Altüst—alongside bicomunal folk dance performances by HASDER and the Klirou Culture and Sports Association | PAOK.

The event created a lively atmosphere of cultural exchange, unity, and celebration of youth creativity.



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EU Beach Cleanup Event

The EU Beach Cleanup Event was organised as part of the global #EUBeachCleanup2025 campaign, a joint initiative of the European Union and the United Nations that seeks to raise awareness about marine pollution—particularly plastic waste—and inspire communities to take concrete action for cleaner seas.

Held in the Famagusta region, the event engaged local civil society organisations, environmental activists, and citizens in a collective effort to protect marine life and biodiversity.

The activity served as a powerful reminder that safeguarding the environment begins with small, everyday actions that contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable future.



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Let's Explore EU Languages: German Language Workshop

As part of ongoing efforts to promote multilingualism and cultural awareness in line with the European Day of Languages—celebrated annually on 26th September—a German language workshop series was organised in July 2025. The initiative aimed to introduce basic German language skills to members of the Turkish Cypriot community. The program was structured into three separate groups, with each group attending three workshops.

In total, nine sessions were conducted. These fun and interactive workshops introduced children to the basics of the German language, including everyday words, simple conversations, and aspects of German culture. The sessions also helped encourage cultural exchange and understanding among young participants.



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Shape Your Future with AI: Coding the Future: An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Digital Tools Workshop

The Shape Your Future with AI: Coding the Future: An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Digital Tools workshop series offered adult participants training sessions focused on future-oriented skills.

Each participant attended a total of three sessions during the event period.



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Roundtable for the Youth

To mark International Youth Day on 12 August, the EU Infopoint, in collaboration with HASDER, organised a roundtable discussion titled “Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Future.”

The event brought together youth organisations, activists, and representatives from the youth branches of various political parties to exchange views on sustainability,

climate action, digital transformation, and social change.

Moderated by Müesser Nat, the session concluded with participants identifying concrete steps to strengthen youth leadership and promote collective action towards a more sustainable and inclusive future.



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Recycled Paper Making: Recycled Paper and Art Workshop

The EU Infopoint organised a three-day workshop on the Recycled Paper Making: Recycled Paper and Art Workshop, offering participants a creative, hands-on experience focused on sustainability.

Throughout the workshop, participants enthusiastically explored every stage of the process—from sorting paper and preparing pulp to designing objects using the material they created.

On the final day, they added personal touches to their artworks using eco-friendly materials.

The activity provided an inspiring and educational experience, demonstrating how waste paper can be transformed into art while fostering environmental awareness among participants of all ages.



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EU Aid Programme Info Day at Akanthou/ Tatlısu Carob Festival

Several EU-funded projects, including the EU Infopoint, participated in the Akanthou/Tatlısu Carob Festival, a popular event that attracts strong interest from the local community. The participation aimed to engage directly with the public and highlight the European Union's long-term support for the Turkish Cypriot community.

An EU Corner was set up at the festival, featuring stands from a range of EU-funded Technical Assistance projects. These showcased the EU's contributions across key areas such as education, business development, environmental protection, and cultural heritage. Visitors had the chance to learn more about ongoing and completed initiatives, as well as future projects designed to bring tangible benefits to the community.

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