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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the January-March 2026 edition of our newsletter

This period featured a diverse range of activities highlighting the European Union's continued engagement with the Turkish Cypriot community. Panel discussions on data protection, the future of professions, and artificial intelligence in science, alongside public information sessions, provided platforms for dialogue and knowledge sharing on key EU priorities.

The EU Infopoint also continued to promote digital literacy, professional skills, and cultural exchange through investigative journalism workshops, cybersecurity trainings, and EU language activities for young participants.

Join us as we look back at the highlights of January to March 2026.



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Panel Discussion on “Data Protection Policies and Practices” Held on EU Data Protection Day



The EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion titled “Data Protection Policies and Practices” in the framework of EU Data Protection Day. Held with the support of the European Union, the event explored the EU’s policy and legislative framework on data protection, alongside practical examples of its implementation. Local experiences and practices were also discussed with contributions from experts.



The panel featured Dr. Dara Hallinan, Senior Researcher at FIZ Karlsruhe, Leibniz Institute for Information Infrastructure and an expert on EU data protection and GDPR; Dr. Elşen Mülazimoğlu, representative of the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association at the Personal Data Protection Authority; and lawyer Cemre İpçiler, representative of the Turkish Cypriot Bar Association. The speakers provided comprehensive insights into data protection policies and practices from different perspectives. The event concluded with a Q&A session.



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EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion event on “The Future of Professions”

The EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion titled “The Future of Professions” with the support of the European Union.



The event explored the evolving labour market through the lenses of technology, skills, and economic transformation. Experts assessed the impact of digitalisation, technological advancement, and structural changes on professions and skill sets, drawing on relevant EU policy frameworks. The local implications of these transformations were also discussed.

The panel featured Dr. Mertkan Hamit, Economic Development Specialist at the World Bank; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çağrı Yalkın, Marketing Strategy Expert; and Mustafa Yanaroğlu, alumni of the EU Scholarship Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community. The speakers offered valuable insights into the future of professions from a multidimensional perspective in the context of digital and technological transformation. The event concluded with a Q&A session.



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EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion event on “Artificial Intelligence in Science”

The EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion titled “Artificial Intelligence in Science”. The EU funded event explored the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence, as well as its impact on academic research practices and processes, in line with the European Commission’s strategy on AI in science. Future trends were also examined, alongside discussions on the boundaries and ethical framework of AI use in education.

The panel featured Prof. Dr. Gülsüm Aşıksoy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Didem İşlek, and Prof. Dr. Yeliz Yeşilada Yılmaz. The speakers provided valuable insights into the impact of AI from a multidimensional perspective in an era of rapid technological transformation in science and education. The event concluded with a Q&A session.



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Let's Explore an EU Language: Greek

The European Day of Languages has been celebrated annually since 2001 on 26th September, with the aim of promoting linguistic diversity and multiculturalism across Europe.

In line with this initiative, a series of events were organised in February and March 2026, focusing on teaching the basics of the Greek language to children from the Turkish Cypriot community. These fun and interactive workshops introduced children to the basics of the Greek language, including everyday words and simple conversations.



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Public Information Session on the European Commission and the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community

On 11 February 2026, the EU Infopoint organised a public information session to inform the Turkish Cypriot community about the structure and activities of the European Commission, as well as the impact of the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community. The event featured Giulia Bertezolo, Head of the Cyprus Settlement Support Unit at the European Commission, as the main speaker. She provided insights into the work of the European Commission and its support to the Turkish Cypriot community. The session concluded with a Q&A, giving participants the opportunity to ask questions and receive further information about the European Commission and the EU Aid Programme.



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Workshops on Investigative Journalism

In March 2026, the EU Infopoint organised a series of workshops on investigative journalism for journalists from the Turkish Cypriot community, with the support of the European Union. Throughout the workshops, participants had an opportunity to upgrade their skills for high-quality investigative reporting. These included creating evidence maps for their research topics, identifying relevant sources to support their findings, developing strategies for collecting data and documents, and applying cross-checking methods to verify information. A total of four workshops were delivered as part of the series.



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Cyber Security Workshops for elderly and local communities

A series of events aimed at raising awareness of the online environment among staff of local communities and elderly continued in March 2026. These sessions provided participants with practical guidance on how to protect themselves in the digital space and recognise common online threats.

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