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Welcome to the April-June 2026 edition of our newsletter.

Over the past three months, EU Infopoint has continued to engage with the Turkish Cypriot community through a wide range of activities promoting dialogue, culture, sustainability, digital skills and civic participation. The quarter was marked by the celebration of Europe Day 2026 and the EU Policy Forum, both highlighting the 20th anniversary of the European Union's Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community and reflecting on two decades of partnership and support.

Alongside these milestone events, EU Infopoint organised activities celebrating European culture, raising environmental awareness, promoting road safety, strengthening media literacy, and supporting women entrepreneurs in developing their digital skills. Together, these initiatives reflect the European Union's ongoing commitment to empowering communities, fostering knowledge sharing, and encouraging active participation.

Join us as we look back at the highlights of April to June 2026.



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Europe Day 2026 Celebrated in Selimiye Square, Nicosia



Europe Day 2026 was celebrated on 8 May in Selimiye Square, Nicosia, bringing together the community for an evening of culture, music and family-friendly activities. This year's celebrations focused on the 20th anniversary of the European Union's Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community.

The programme featured live performances by local artists, family and kids activities and cultural workshops. The event opened with a performance by the HASDER Children's Folk Dance Group, followed by a video message from Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms at the European Commission.



Opening remarks were delivered by Giulia Bertezolo, Selçuk Yürükoğulları and Mehmet Harmancı.

As part of the celebrations, awards were presented to the winners of the 20th Anniversary of EU Aid Programme Streetball Tournament organised as part of the 20th Anniversary of EU Aid Programme Campaign. The evening concluded with performances by the Bicommunal Choir for Peace, Lena Melanidou and the Nicosia Academy.

Throughout the day, visitors also enjoyed a variety of interactive workshops, including face painting, marbling, recycling, mask design, origami and jewellery making. Information stands showcased EU-funded projects and offered visitors the opportunity to learn more about the European Union and its Member States.



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EU Policy Forum Marks 20 Years of the EU Aid Programme

With the support of the European Union, an EU Policy Forum was organised on 12 May at the Ledra Palace Hotel in the Buffer Zone to reflect on the 20th anniversary of the implementation of the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community. Bringing together high-level representatives and stakeholders, the forum explored the Programme's achievements, impact and contribution to the community over the past two decades.



The event opened with remarks by Hugo Sobral, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), Khassim Diagne, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, followed by other local and international speakers.

The forum featured three panel discussions focusing on peacebuilding and bicommunal cooperation, strengthening the local economy through EU support, and empowering young people for a shared future. The event concluded with closing remarks by Giulia Bertezolo, Head of the Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, and featured a photo exhibition highlighting projects implemented under the EU Aid Programme over the past 20 years.



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EU Infopoint Celebrates European Day of Music (Fête de la Musique) 2026 in Nicosia

To mark the European Day of Music 2026 (Fête de la Musique), EU Infopoint organised an open-air concert in Nicosia with the support of the European Union, celebrating music as a powerful means of cultural exchange, participation and community engagement.

The event, held in Lefkeliler Hanı Square next to Büyük Han, opened with remarks by Deniz Birinci, Programme Manager responsible for communication at the European Commission's Cyprus Settlement Support Unit.

In her speech, she highlighted the European Union's commitment to supporting culture and the arts, while underlining the importance of encouraging young people to engage in cultural and artistic activities.

The concert featured performances by four bands composed of young musicians from the Turkish Cypriot community, offering the audience an evening of music feast.



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EU Infopoint Launches School Tree Planting Series under the EU's Green Vision Campaign

As part of the EU's Green Vision Campaign, EU Infopoint organised a series of tree-planting events in primary schools across the Turkish Cypriot community during April and May to promote environmental awareness and encourage young people to take an active role in protecting nature.

The initiative supports the objectives of the European Green Deal and the EU's "3 Billion Trees by 2030" pledge, highlighting the importance of reforestation, biodiversity and climate action. In addition to planting trees, the events included interactive discussions with students and teachers on the importance of forests, environmental protection and sustainable living.



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EU Infopoint Organised a Traffic Safety Education Workshop Series

Throughout April and May, EU Infopoint organised a series of Traffic Safety Education workshops aimed at raising awareness of road safety among primary school students from the Turkish Cypriot community. Supported by the European Union, the initiative helped children develop a better understanding of pedestrian safety, safe cycling practices and general road safety principles. Through the programme, participants gained practical knowledge and skills that they can apply in their daily lives.

The series comprised 21 workshops involving students from primary schools across the community. Using a play-based learning approach, the sessions combined interactive activities, practical exercises and visual learning materials to make road safety education engaging and accessible for young participants. The workshops were held at the Nicosia Traffic Education Park in cooperation with the Road Accident Prevention Association.



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Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Workshop for Youth

During June, EU Infopoint organised a Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Workshop for youth from the Turkish Cypriot community. Funded by the European Union, the workshop aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate today's increasingly complex digital information environment.

Through interactive sessions, participants learned how to assess the credibility of information sources, identify misinformation and disinformation, and analyse the influence of social media content.

The programme also introduced practical fact-checking tools and verification techniques, while exploring the role of algorithms, digital manipulation and online influence. Throughout the workshop, participants were encouraged to develop critical thinking skills by questioning information, evaluating evidence and making informed judgments.

The initiative formed part of EU Infopoint's ongoing efforts to promote media literacy, strengthen digital resilience and encourage informed civic engagement among young people.



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Digital Marketing and Social Media Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs

During April, the EU Infopoint launched a Digital Marketing and Social Media Workshop for women entrepreneurs from the Turkish Cypriot community, supporting them in strengthening their digital skills and expanding their online presence.

Delivered with the support of the European Union, the workshop brought together participants in two groups to explore the fundamentals of digital marketing and social media.

Through practical sessions, participants learned how to create more engaging digital content, enhance their communication strategies and make more effective use of online platforms to promote their businesses and products.

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