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Welcome to the July–September 2026 edition of our newsletter.

Over the past three months, EU Infopoint has continued to engage with the Turkish Cypriot community through a diverse programme of activities promoting youth participation, social inclusion, sustainable mobility and bicommunal cooperation. From celebrating International Youth Day through the 17th Nicosia Youth Days to bringing communities together on and off the football pitch, the quarter reflected the European Union's continued commitment to fostering dialogue, shared experiences and mutual understanding.

The period also featured events encouraging informed discussion on key social and policy issues, including equal opportunities in the labour market, while workshops on media literacy and critical thinking helped young people develop essential skills for navigating today's digital information environment. European Mobility Week further highlighted the importance of sustainable and accessible transport through community events in Famagusta and Nicosia, culminating in a panel discussion on the future of urban mobility.

Join us as we look back at the highlights of July to September 2026, three months of learning, cooperation and community engagement.



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Panel discussion event on Equal Opportunities in the Labour Market



With the support of the European Union and in cooperation with the Centre for Social Policy Research (ESPA), EU Infopoint organised a panel discussion entitled "Equal Opportunities in the Labour Market." The event examined how European Union social policies and legislation can contribute to building more inclusive labour markets, while also exploring current trends and future developments shaping the world of work.

The panel featured Prof. Dr Fatma Güven Lisaniler (Economist), Mete Hatay (Researcher and Author), and Davide Monaco (Researcher at the Centre for European Policy Studies – CEPS), who joined online.



The speakers discussed the topic from a multidimensional perspective, addressing socioeconomic dynamics, cultural factors and the impact of technological transformation on employment. They also shared insights into emerging trends, key challenges and possible approaches to fostering more inclusive labour markets.

The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, providing participants with the opportunity to engage directly with the panellists.



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17th Nicosia Youth Days: Music and Dance Night

The EU funded 17th Nicosia Youth Days kicked off on the evening of 30 July with an open-air concert and traditional folk dance performances in İplik Pazarı Street.



Organised by EU Infopoint in cooperation with HASDER to mark International Youth Day, the event celebrated the valuable contributions of young people to society and highlighted the importance of their active participation in community life.

Throughout the evening, popular Nicosia-based youth bands Küçük Balkondaki Büyük Hayaller, NDN, Intimo and NOKS entertained the audience with live performances. HASDER's folk dance groups also took to the stage, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Cyprus through vibrant traditional dance performances and adding colour and energy to the evening.



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17th Nicosia Youth Days: Film Screening and Discussion

As part of the 17th Nicosia Youth Days on 4 August, the EU Infopoint hosted an evening of film and discussion, bringing together audiences for a thought-provoking cultural event supported by the European Union.

The event featured a screening of *Sofoklis*, directed by Evren Maner. The film tells the moving story of Sofoklis, an 87-year-old man who left his homeland in the 1950s and, more than half a century later, hopes to return to the village where he was born and raised.

Following the screening, participants took part in a discussion with the film's director, producer and screenwriter, Evren Maner.

The event concluded with an interactive question and answer session, giving the audience the opportunity to engage directly with the filmmaker and discuss the themes explored in the film.



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Bicommunal Football Match

A friendly football match bringing together Yenikent Perçinci Football Club from the Turkish Cypriot community, a member of the BTM amateur football league, and APOLLON Geriou from the Greek Cypriot community, a member of the POEL amateur football league, took place at Latsia Stadium, Nicosia, on Saturday, 19 September 2026. The friendly game was supported by the European Union through the EU Infopoint as a confidence-building initiative aimed at fostering trust, teamwork, mutual respect and reconciliation between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities. Rather than competing as separate clubs, the players formed two mixed teams comprising members of both sides.

Following the match, the members of the two clubs, fans, players and their families came together at a networking event, providing an opportunity to continue building connections and new friendships off the pitch. The event was supported by the European Union and organised by EU Infopoint.



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European Mobility Week in Famagusta

The European Mobility Week programme, supported by the European Union, got underway on 18 September, in Famagusta with the "Yavaş, Yavaş Walled City, Famagusta" event. Bringing together people of all ages, the event featured information stands and a range of activities promoting sustainable and active mobility. Participants took part in a walking tour of the Walled City of Famagusta, led by the Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER), as well as a cycling tour through the city. The activities encouraged participants to explore Famagusta's rich cultural heritage while highlighting the benefits of walking and cycling as sustainable modes of transport.



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European Mobility Week in Nicosia

The European Mobility Week programme, supported by the European Union, continued in Nicosia with the "Yavaş, Yavaş Walled City" event on 20 September. The programme featured information stands alongside a variety of activities for both children and adults.

The event continued with a bicommunal walking and cycling route, starting at İplik Pazarı and concluding at the Laou Laou event in Agio Omologites. The activity was organised in cooperation with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Institut français de Chypre, and the Organisation for Positive Urbanism (OPU).



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Mobility for Everyone: The Future of Urban Mobility Panel

The European Mobility Week programme, supported by the European Union, concluded in Nicosia on 22 September, with the panel discussion "Mobility for Everyone: The Future of Urban Mobility."

The event explored the future of urban mobility, focusing on the development of accessible transport options for everyone and the importance of multimodal transport, which enables people to combine different modes of transport to travel more efficiently and sustainably.

The panel featured Assoc. Prof. Dr Semra Sema Uzunoğlu, Ali Furkan Çetiner, and international experts Prof. Paolo Malighetti and Michael Glotz-Richter. The speakers discussed how mobility in cities can be reimagined to meet future needs, highlighting the importance of designing transport systems that are accessible, inclusive and responsive to the needs of people of all ages and backgrounds.

The event concluded with an interactive question and answer session, providing participants with the opportunity to engage directly with the panellists.



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17th Nicosia Youth Days: Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Workshop

As part of the 17th Nicosia Youth Days, EU Infopoint organised a Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Workshop on 5, 6 and 7 August, for young people from the Turkish Cypriot community.

Supported by the European Union, the workshop equipped participants with practical skills 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, analyse the influence of social media content, and use fact-checking tools and verification techniques.

The workshop also explored the impact of algorithms, digital manipulation and online influence, while encouraging participants to think critically, evaluate evidence and make informed decisions when engaging with information online.



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17th Nicosia Youth Days: Youth Roundtable

To mark International Youth Day on 12 August, EU Infopoint, in cooperation with HASDER, organised a youth roundtable entitled “Different Realities, Shared Goals”. The event brought together young people, youth organisations and activists to exchange ideas on sustainability, climate action, digital transformation and social change.

Moderated by Müesser Nat, the discussion encouraged participants to share experiences, explore common challenges and identify practical ways to strengthen youth leadership. The event concluded with a lively exchange of ideas on how young people can work together to contribute to a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future.

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