

# NGO Fund in Cyprus

## Compendium of Projects





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# 1. Preface

After the completion of the, first ever, NGO FUND in Cyprus, the present publication demonstrates the overall results of the NGO Fund as well as the impact that the various projects had in Cyprus and the NGO community.

Its purpose is to show the **benefits and achievements of the projects** supported by the NGO Fund, and to give the reader the opportunity to acquire an overall view of the types of projects, which truly represent the wider objectives of promoting civil society dialogue.

This publication illustrates the diversity and quality of the interventions made, and gives concrete examples of **how the resources invested in the promotion of civil society dialogue can be used**. It forms a useful **reference** tool for future interventions and project ideas, thus contributing to the sustainability of the current initiatives. Furthermore, it facilitates the establishment of **future partnerships** between relevant stakeholders and the collaboration among civil society organisations under future possible initiatives aiming to the promotion of civil society dialogue.

The Compendium includes the following information:

- ✓ **Description** of the selected projects
- ✓ **Overview of specific activities**, including photographic presentation material and analysis of their results
- ✓ **Information on the grant beneficiaries** and further relevant stakeholders, including their details and fields of expertise, and
- ✓ **Presentation of “best practices”** identified through the implementation of the selected projects

## 2. Overview of the EEA/NORWAY GRANTS

Following the enlargement of the European Union (EU) and of the European Economic Area (EEA) on 1 May 2004 with ten new member states, including the Republic of Cyprus, the three EEA/EFTA states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have established the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as “the Financial Mechanisms”).

The overall aim of the Financial Mechanisms is to contribute towards the reduction of social and economic disparities in Europe and support the new member states in their efforts to participate fully in the enlarged Internal Market.

The Financial Mechanisms are part of wider initiatives of European integration and emphasis is placed on strengthening political and economic ties between the beneficiary states and the EEA/EFTA states for the mutual benefit of their people, thus contributing towards a more stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe, based on good governance, democratic institutions, the rule of law, respect of human rights and sustainable development.

The grant schemes are related to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, which brings together the EU and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway in the Internal Market. The EEA Agreement includes a goal to reduce social and economic disparities in the European Economic Area, and the EEA EFTA States have contributed to European cohesion efforts ever since the EEA Agreement entered into force in 1994.

In the period 2004-2009, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway made available €1.307 billion in support to the 15 Central and Southern European countries - €672 million through the EEA Grants and €635 through the Norway Grants.

In the period 2009-14, financial support is made available for programmes in 15 European countries. Of the total €1.79 billion, €988.5 million is provided through the EEA Grants and €800 million through the Norway Grants.

The EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and provide funding for social and economic development projects in 15 European countries. Beneficiary states of the EEA Grants are: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

### **Bilateral Cooperation**

Strengthening the bilateral dimension between the beneficiary states and the donor states is an overarching objective of the EEA Grants and Norway Grants equal to the goal of reducing social and economic disparities.

Partnership projects between entities in the donor states and the beneficiary states are encouraged. In addition, donor programme partners will enable long-term strategic programme cooperation between public entities in the beneficiary states and their counterparts in the donor states.

## 3. Overview of the NGO Fund

### 3.1. General provisions

In order to ensure the participation of civil society organizations in the reduction of economic and social disparities within the EEA and in this particular case, the Republic of Cyprus, a special Fund for NGOs was constituted (hereinafter referred to as “the NGO FUND”). The NGO Fund was established in accordance with Article 8 (Specific Forms of Grants Assistance) of the “Memoranda of Understanding on the Implementation of the Financial Mechanisms (2004-2009)” with the Republic of Cyprus.

In respect of the Financial Mechanisms, the EEA/EFTA states use the term “NGO” to include:

- Voluntary, self-governing organizations not subject to direction by public authorities, independent of political control and established under the legal system of the beneficiary state (e.g. foundations, associations, charities, societies, trusts, etc);
- Social partners (employers organizations and trade unions); and
- Certain independent organizations enjoying a specific legal status (e.g. the national Red Cross societies).

The definition does not include political parties. The NGOs were organizations functioning on a not-for-profit basis. The assistance available in the NGO FUND was total €1.667 million. The contribution of the donor countries amounted to €1.50 million representing 35% of the overall net amount committed through the Financial Mechanisms, whereas the contribution of the Republic of Cyprus amounted to €0.167 million. The NGO FUND made its last commitments by 31 December 2009 and final disbursements to end beneficiaries by 31 May 2011.

The NGO FUND was designed to provide assistance to NGOs for the implementation of small-scale projects (hereinafter referred to as NGO-projects) within the priority areas listed in section 3.2. of this document.

The NGO Fund was implemented by a selected NGO Fund Intermediary, which should have relevant expertise and capabilities. The NGO Fund Intermediary would operate in accordance with the Guidelines on Block Grants and NGO Grants as well as the terms and conditions set out in the Implementation Agreement to be made with the National Focal Point.

The intermediary was chosen and approved by the Financial Mechanism and was the consortium of Euroconsultants S.A and First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd.

### 3.2. Priority areas of the NGO FUND

NGOs play a decisive role in the development of an open civil society and have become an indispensable part of every democratic and modern state. Established by citizens to help and mobilize their fellow-citizens and communities, NGOs provide a useful link between those governing and those governed. Their active participation and awareness campaigns enable them to implement public benefit activities that complement and enhance those of the government. Through their effectiveness in reaching different social groups and in defining precisely the needs of society in a number of sensitive areas, NGOs have a significant contribution to progress and the reduction of economic and social disparities as well as for ensuring that the benefits of European integration are made available to as many people as possible.

The NGO Fund aimed at strengthening civil society in the Republic of Cyprus to the benefit of the country and the people of Cyprus as a whole. In order to be eligible for funding support, the NGO-projects conformed to one or both of the priority areas below:

- Health and Childcare (indicative share max. 70%)
- Empowerment of young people in the civil society (indicative share min. 30%)

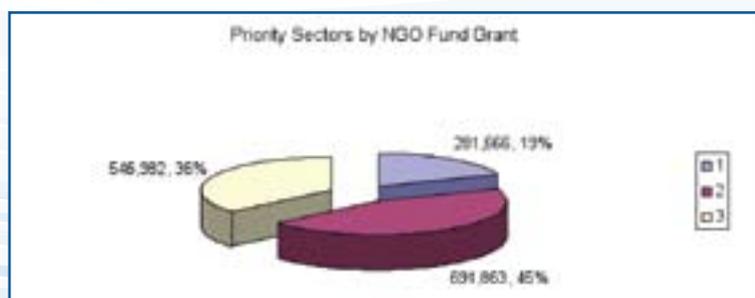
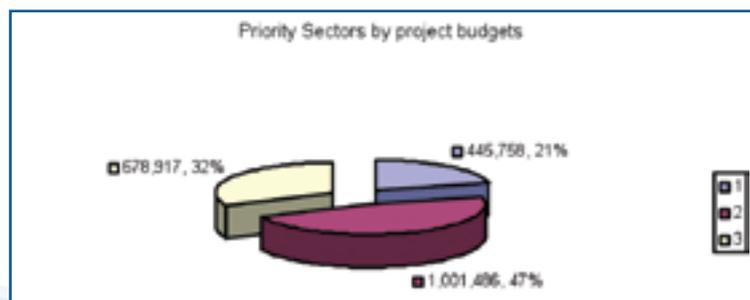
The NGO-projects were expected to support the cross-cutting principles of gender equality, good governance and sustainable development (including environmental, economic and social aspects). One of the aims of the Financial Mechanisms was also to strengthen the bi- and multilateral relations between the Republic of Cyprus and the EEA/EFTA states. In order to increase the overall contribution of citizens, the transfer of know-how etc, the NGO Fund encouraged the sharing of experience and promotion of best practice through networking and partnership between NGOs in the Republic of Cyprus and the EEA/EFTA states.

### 3.3. NGO Fund Intermediary

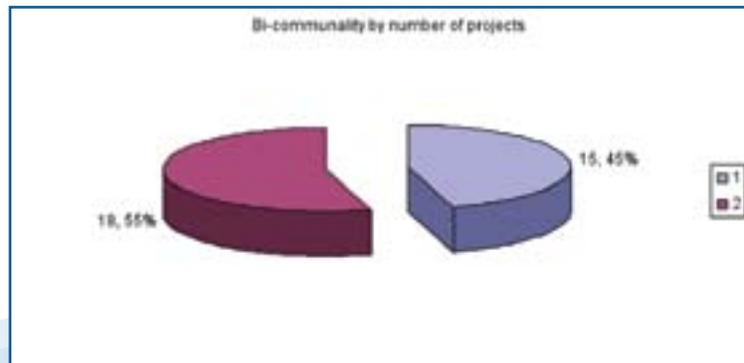
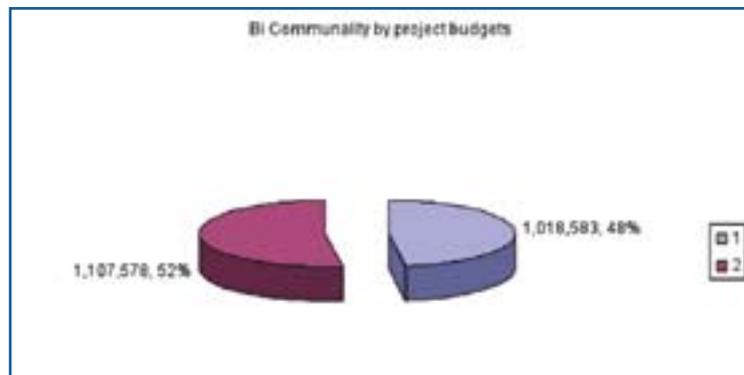
The NGO Fund Intermediary, the First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd/ Euroconsultants SA, was selected following an open public tender procedure in early 2008. The Intermediary was responsible for the management of the NGO Fund Project, starting from the preparation of the Block Grant Application and launching of the open call for the submission of proposals, to the evaluation and selection of applications, signing of Implementation Agreements with end-recipients, verifiable management of the funds, ensuring reporting from end-recipients and evaluating the reports, monitoring of sub-project implementation, performing payments to end recipients, reporting and providing publicity to the Fund and its activities. The Intermediary was responsible to the NFP and the Financial Mechanism Committee and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the implementation of the Fund by applying the rules of transparency, impartiality, accountability and avoidance of conflict of interest.

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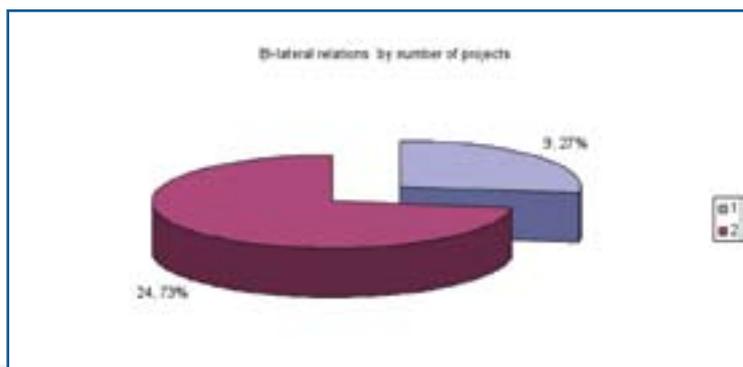
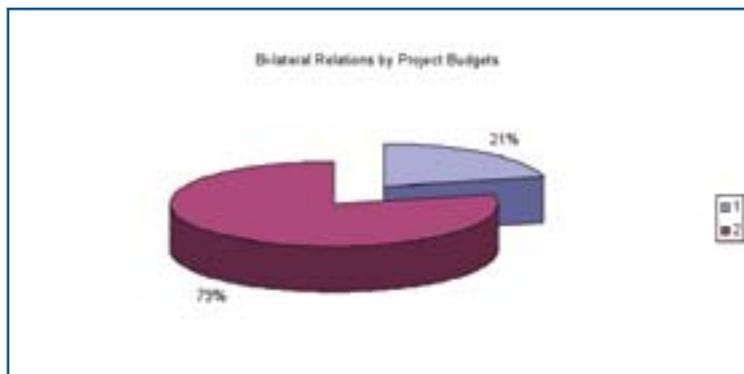
Priority Sectors				
	Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society (1)	Health and Childcare (2)	Both (3)	Totals
By project budgets	445,758	1,001,486	678,917	2,126,161
Percentage%	21%	47%	32%	
By NGO Fund grant	281,666	691,863	546,982	1,520,511
Percentage %	19%	46%	36%	
By number of projects	6	14	13	33
Percentage %	18%	42%	39%	



Bi communality			
	YES (1)	NO (2)	Totals
By project budgets	1,018,583	1,107,578	2,126,161
Percentage %	48%	52%	
By NGO Fund grant	688,955	831,556	1,520,511
Percentage %	45%	55%	
By number of projects	15	18	33
Percentage %	45%	55%	



Bi-laterality			
	YES (1)	NO (2)	Totals
By project budgets	454,308	1,671,853	2,126,161
Percentage %	21%	79%	
By NGO Fund grant	382,667	1,137,844	1,520,511
Percentage %	25%	75%	
By number of projects	9	24	33
Percentage %	27%	73%	



## 4. Overview of Projects

**Theatre Antidote Ltd**  
Antidote Plus

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The main objective of the project was to provide the chance to children and young people to be educated in the sector of theatre and to express and enrich their artistic talent through creative activities. The activities and the secondary objectives of the Antidote Plus project aimed at two different target-groups (children and young people), therefore they meet with several areas of intervention of the NGO Fund from both Priority Sectors (Health & Childcare and Empowerment of young people in civil society).

**BENEFICIARY**

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**PARTNER**

Larnaca District Development Agency

**PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

**BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

**BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

**TOTAL COST**

€59.781

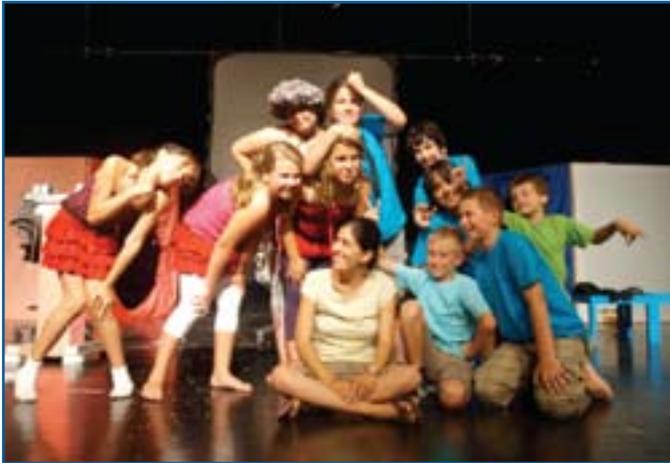
**GRANT AMOUNT**

€52.667

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

In order to achieve the objectives of the project, the following activities took place:

- Seminars were offered to children after school hours by the personnel of the Antidote Theatre. More specifically, three workshop groups were created through which young people had the opportunity to be involved in theatre games and basic training and were also able to bond and learn to work as a team. These workshops were designed by a team of facilitators, artists and technicians. Additionally, through these workshops, the participants had the chance to devise exciting ways to become involved in the “backstage” process of creating a theatrical production.



- As part of the dissemination activities of the project, a theatrical production was also performed by all the participants of the project.
- Improvement works in the new building of the Antidote Theatre were also carried out. These included building structure improvements, such as creation of a ramp for handicapped children and improvement and upgrading of the Theatre Equipment (video projector, speakers for the workshops, etc).



## **Larnaca District Development Agency** Youth & Family Support Centre

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed to establish a Youth & Family Support Centre which would provide guidance, supportive, consulting and information services to young people and young parents assisting their social, professional, educational and family life.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Larnaca District Development Agency, 1, Laras Street, Voroklini, 7040 Larnaca  
Email: [anetel@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:anetel@cytanet.com.cy)  
Website: [www.anetel.com](http://www.anetel.com)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Michalis Zanos

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare  
Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€59.047

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€51.666

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

In order to achieve the objectives of the project, the following activities took place:

- A brochure and a poster were created including relevant information regarding the project's aims, target groups and services offered by the Centre. The brochure was disseminated to the public, to local authorities and to potential beneficiaries.
- Seven information seminars were organized in order to inform people on the services offered by the Youth and Family Support Centre.
- A website for the project was created.
- The necessary tools for use by the personnel of the Centre were created such as
  - (a) the Manual for Consultants, (b) the Personal Details Document, (c) the Personal Action Plan, (d) the Follow Up Document and (e) the Catalogue of beneficiaries. Additionally, a two days training session was organized for the consultants who offered career guidance to the target group.
- The Centre offered information and supportive services to 231 beneficiaries (175 young people and 56 young parents). The consultants provided information, guidance and supportive services to the interested beneficiaries, through the individualized approach method.

The establishment of the Centre provides the opportunity to young people and their family members to benefit from the services offered in order to improve the conditions of their social, family and professional life.

## ***PanCyprian Association of Parents of Children with Hearing Loss***

Evaluation of the development of hearing-impaired children after cochlear implantation and training parents and educators by specialised tutors on supporting the development and inclusion of deaf children in the general educational system and the society

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at providing expert services and support to hearing-impaired children and their families, and at promoting their integration in the general educational system of Cyprus.

### **BENEFICIARY**

PanCyprian Association of Parents of Children with Hearing Loss  
P.O. Box 27984, 2434 Nicosia

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Demetres Papachristodoulou

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€52.296

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€47.064

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

- The evaluation of 38 children with hearing problems was successfully undertaken by a team of experts and the evaluation reports with detailed explanation of the tests performed, the results for each test and the evaluators' recommendations were delivered and discussed with the parents of the children.
- The experts had meetings with the parents, the staff of the school for the deaf, local universities and officials from the Ministry of Education responsible for special education. The purpose of these meetings was to increase the awareness of parents and the people responsible for the education of hearing impaired children of the problems involved in the teaching process, in the socialization of the deaf children etc.
- A seminar was delivered by the experts which was attended by parents, teachers, language pathologists and therapists and representatives of the adult deaf organisations in Cyprus. The seminar presentations were taped on video, DVDs were produced and copies were distributed to all parties concerned.

## **Sports and cultural union Promitheas**

Promitheas Multi-purpose Youth Centre

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project's objective was to reconstruct the Youth Centre's premises for the benefit of the young people of the area. The upgrading of the Youth Centre will offer many opportunities for cultural, educational and sports activities.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Sports and Cultural Union "Promitheas", 1, Militou Street, 6035 Larnaca

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Christos Christou

### **PARTNERS**

United Democratic Youth Organisation

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€83.780

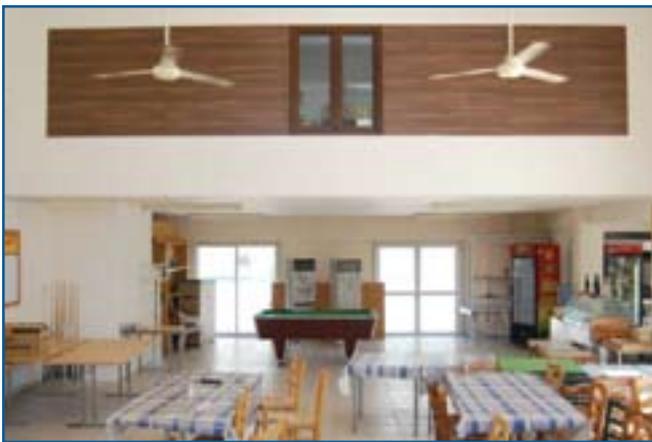
### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€52.027

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

In order to obtain the project’s objectives, the following activities took place:

- Renovation (reconstruction of two floors) of the multipurpose youth centre. The two floors include rooms for recreation, backstage for cultural and other events, for seminars, for lessons (dancing classes, sports classes, and rehearsing) and for studying. A computer centre was also created with free internet access.
- New equipment and furniture were installed in the renovated building.



As a result, the new renovated and equipped centre has become a multicultural multipurpose centre, where young people of different backgrounds are able to carry out various events, organise classes, play games or use the centre as a place to meet friends.



## **Cyprus Institute of Church and State Relations**

### Multicultural Policy in Child Caring and Adoption

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at providing scientific policy and judicial guidelines, which aim at the modification of the current legislation and to raise awareness in Cypriot society for the need for a multicultural system of child caring and adoption. The organisers should undertake the organization of a series of lectures, seminars and conferences, as well as disseminate a number of publications and materials concerning multiculturalism in child caring and adoption, in order to inform Cypriot society about the principles and the significance of a multicultural approach with respect to child caring and adoption.

#### **BENEFICIARY**

Cyprus Institute of Church and State Relations, 74, Arsinoe street, 1010 Nicosia

#### **CONTACT PERSON**

Achilles Emilianides

#### **PARTNER**

Cyprus Centre of European  
International Affairs

#### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

#### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

#### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

#### **TOTAL COST**

€49.786

#### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€44.658

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

- A seminar was held on the jurisdiction of Courts in the Republic of Cyprus to grant a decree of adaption with respect to Turkish Cypriots so that the principles of multiculturalism and mutual respect are adhered to through amendment of the legislation.
- An International Conference was organised to analyse the principles involved with respect to blood transfusion and religious beliefs and their implications, to members of the medical profession, the legal community, judges, policy makers and the public.
- A second International Conference was held aiming to provide a framework for the interpretation of the principle of the welfare of the child on custody/ adoption issues. A number of Papers were delivered from some of the most well-known international authorities on the subject. In addition a draft legislative proposal was prepared and disseminated to all Members of the House of Representatives and political parties. The proceedings of the two International Conferences were published by the University of Nicosia Press.
- A seminar was held with respect to the problems caused out of the lack of legislation concerning the issue of surrogacy. Two well-known academics presented papers on the topic whereas a draft legislative proposal was prepared and disseminated after the seminar to all Members of the House of Representatives and political parties. The findings of the seminar were published in the form of a booklet entitled 'A New Framework for Surrogacy in Cyprus' and a scientific article was published in the 'Cyprus and European Law Review'.

## **Mendel Center for Biomedical Sciences**

Cervical Cancer Prevention

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project aimed to raise awareness of this public health issue affecting young women.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Mendel Center for Biomedical Sciences, 5, Kimonos street, Engomi, 2406 Nicosia  
Website: [www.mendelcenter.org](http://www.mendelcenter.org)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Dr Pavlos Neophytou

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€54.443

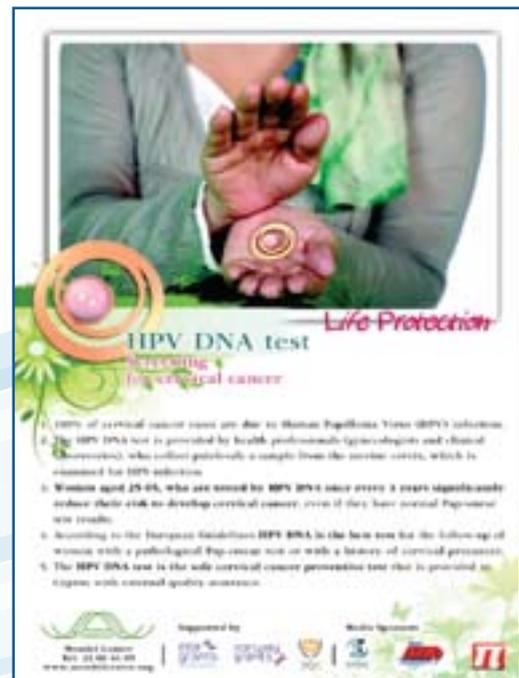
### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€48.998

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

Several events were organised to increase public and stakeholders awareness of Cervical Cancer Prevention including, a lecture to doctors and other stakeholders, a conference to launch the Cervical Cancer Prevention Month, a Public information event and an International Conference at which a Committee of European Experts discussed with Cypriot experts and stakeholders the current situation in Cyprus regarding cervical cancer prevention. The conference concluded with the proposal that all Cypriot women aged 30-65 should undertake an HPV DNA test once every 5 years.

An intensive public awareness campaign took place and included the publication of adverts on TV, Radio, newspapers and magazines. A leaflet was also distributed by post to 52,500 houses in the Nicosia District. Furthermore, this leaflet and other more detailed leaflets in Greek and Turkish were also distributed through public events and via health professional officers.



## **KIVOTOS Foundation**

Upgrading of the Services provided and Methods used at «Kivotos»  
Foundation for Children with Special Needs

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at improving the services offered by KIVOTOS for empowerment and integration of children with special needs.

### **BENEFICIARY**

KIVOTOS FOUNDATION, 8A, Navpliou street, 8035 Paphos  
Email: kivotoscenter@cytanet.com.cy

### **CONTACT PERSON**

OLGA SOPHOCLEOUS

### **PARTNER**

Paphos Municipality

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€73.352

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€55.014

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

An event called “Universal Day of People with Special Needs” was organized where parents and children of all ages along with the children of “Kivotos” Foundation, had the chance to spend time together.

A newly highly advanced “sensory room”, was installed and used in order to encourage communication and interaction, to help the children listen, interpret and understand.

Professional staff and parents of these children had the chance to be trained in new methods applied overseas and thus work with the children and achieve high results.

By implementing this project, the quality of life for all children with special needs and their families in the area of Paphos has been improved.

## **Center for Preventive Paediatrics** Unit for Early Hearing Diagnosis

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at establishing a diagnostic unit for immediate hearing diagnostic services and offer training to professionals and families in both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities in order to better help an infant with hearing loss acquire speech, communication skills, and at a later stage literacy.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Center for Preventive Paediatrics, 13, Stratigou Makrygianni street, 3309 Limassol  
Website: [www.cpp.org.cy](http://www.cpp.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Marios Vogazianos

### **PARTNER**

Hearing Health Professionals

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€67.460

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€60.512

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The Centre for Preventive Paediatrics carried out the following activities:

- A three day seminar focusing on Neonatal Hearing Loss and evidence of early communication development for infants. The seminar provided training material for early communication intervention for professionals and parents.
- A presentation in Turkish about neonatal hearing screening and early intervention for the public and interested professionals. It shared the existing screening experience and data from the Greek Cypriot community with the Turkish Cypriot community. It was attended by parents and health professionals.
- A production of a booklet and leaflet addressed to parents in both Greek and Turkish languages with information on infant hearing, screening, diagnosis and follow-up of hearing impaired infants. The materials are available to members of both communities (parents and professionals).
- The Unit for Early Diagnosis was set up, consisting of an Audiology booth equipped with specialized screening and diagnostic hardware and software. The unit is fully functional and is used to screen and evaluate infants.
- Translation of protocols and questionnaires providing a common assessment methodology to evaluate hearing and communication skills in infants and children. The publications are available in both communities.

## ***Athletic and cultural association Kavazoglu and Misiaoulis***

Research on the relation of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot  
community between 1920-1974

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at a fully-fledged investigation regarding the historical relations of the two big communities of Cyprus, especially before 1974's Turkish invasion that resulted to the illegal separation of the island and its people. The aim was to benefit from the knowledge and context of common life of the two communities in the island that are currently unable to live and create together in a reunified island.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Athletic and Cultural Association Kavazoglu and Misiaoulis 24, Kotinthiou street,  
Acropolis, Strovolos, 2008 Nicosia  
Website: [www.cyprusbicomunalresearch.com](http://www.cyprusbicomunalresearch.com)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

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### **PARTNER**

United Democratic Youth Organisation

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€61.000

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€53.253

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The project activities included the compilation of the bibliographical reference list on the issue as well as communication with personalities that had participated in the various events and meetings in person so as to collect information and data. 35 interviews with Greek and Turkish Cypriot personalities were conducted and all the material collected was edited and archived on a database.

Furthermore, a website was developed, using both Greek and Turkish languages, where all the information collected was uploaded. Additionally, a short film/documentary was produced with selected archival pieces of the project. This historical research provides information and undocumented data for the benefit of the young generation of today as well as for the future generations.

More specifically the Association implemented a wide dissemination of the project in the media prior to the initiation, during and after the completion of the project and press and published multimedia announcements before the undertaking of the project, during the conducting of the research mainly through article writing and final dissemination of the results of the project through the Presentation Event of the launching of the site.

Regarding the research, the digitisation of the research results and uploading on the internet took place, and was followed by a bibliography catalogue which concerns the bi-communal relations



of Greek and Turkish Cypriots from 1920-1974 with specific reference to pages that develop the issue at hand. The bibliography was collected, indexed, classified material from state archives and private archives where a list of Greek and Turkish speaking newspapers of Cyprus in the period 1920-1974 was formulated in parallel to indexing articles which relate to the bi-communal relations of Greek and Turkish Cypriots divided into general thematic categories, such as politics, labor relations, conflicts,

cultural activities etc. The relevant photographic and audio-visual material was collected, scanned and classified into a digital database together with the compilation of interviews questionnaires after a sound interviews round.

For the internet database and search engine the creation of an electronic-digital web information bank was necessary with pilot opening of the data for initial testing beforehand and followed by the official opening of the link to the public for free use. Additionally a film production was performed having a documentary form which promotes the project with selected material of the project.



## **NGO Support Centre**

Civil Society Growth, Strengthening and Empowerment Project

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The aim of the project was to support the development of NGOs in Cyprus through Capacity Building, which will help them grow, strengthen and develop and ultimately empower them to better serve the needs of their constituency.

### **BENEFICIARY**

NGO Support Centre, 27, Ezekia Papaioannou Street, 1621 Nicosia  
Website: [www.ngo-sc.org](http://www.ngo-sc.org)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Lorraine Marriott

### **PARTNERS**

The Management Centre of the Mediterranean

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€56.723

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€47.761

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The project helped to encourage greater cross border cooperation between NGO's and individuals who had not before taken part in bi-communal activities. The project also helped to link NGO's together to collaborate on joint activities to contribute to greater advocacy and lobbying in the respective communities in Cyprus.

For the development of the NGOs in Cyprus, the following activities took place:

- Organisational capacity enhancement for NGOs who participated in the NGO Fund, in both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities, who serve Health, Childcare and Youth community.
- Needs assessment report of NGOs, developed from 6 NGOs involved in Health, Childcare and Young People.
- Training materials produced for NGOs on fundraising and project management
- Mentoring toolkits produced for NGOs.
- Encouragement of cooperation in bi-communal activities between NGOs
- Promotion of cooperation between NGOs on joint thematic issues.

## Cyprus Mediation Services

### Mediation and Negotiation Skills as Forces of Development the Health and Youth Sectors in Cyprus

#### PROJECT SUMMARY

The project aimed at introducing mediation and negotiation skills in the health and youth sectors as a way of preventing conflict among the various groups. The project brought knowledge and expertise from Norway through a partnership with the National Mediation Services. The existing sporadic tools and knowledge of the two Mediation Associations in Cyprus were enriched with the accredited tools of the Norwegian body based on a research conducted in Cyprus among the youth and health sectors. This aimed to contribute to the development of a joint curriculum on mediation. In addition the local organizations aimed to work on sustainability and credibility of the course through promotion of the course and fulfilling of accreditation requirement from local bodies.

#### BENEFICIARY

Cyprus Mediation Services, 7, Gravias street, Engomi, 2401 Nicosia  
Website: [www.cymedas.com](http://www.cymedas.com)

#### CONTACT PERSON

Niki Mavrokordatou

#### PARTNERS

Uzlasim Dernegi  
National Mediation Service

#### PRIORITY AREAS

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society, Health and Childcare

#### BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION

Yes

#### BILATERAL DIMENSION

Yes

#### TOTAL COST

€48.363

#### GRANT AMOUNT

€43.430

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The project activities included the development of a training toolkit in Mediation and Conflict Resolution for NGOs with concrete examples from youth and health organisations.

Another outcome was the development of a pool of trainers in mediation. The pool was trained by the Norwegian Mediation Centre and practiced mediation tools during a study visit in youth and health organisations in Norway. The team had the opportunity to work on the drafting of the toolkit and on using it in three trainings; one in English as co-trainers with Norwegian trainers, one in Greek and one in Turkish. All trainers are ready to work on training on mediation together.

The 3 trainings that took place during the duration of the project hosted more than 100 people from different backgrounds: youth and health NGOs, other NGOs and trainers. All participants noted the importance of mediation for their work and the need for more promotion and training on the subject.

## **Pachna Community Volunteerism Council**

Pachna Childcare facility

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The aim of this project was to develop a childcare facility in the premises of the old Pachna Elementary School in order for children of the Krasoxwria region to benefit from improved services and their families to rest assured that their children are occupied and assisted in doing their homework as well as participate in constructive activities. The secondary aim of the project was also to develop an exploitation plan of the facility in order to ensure its viability and explore its possible shared use by the Pachna Community Volunteerism Council and other organizations for the benefit of children.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Pachna Community Volunteerism Council, 10, Evagora Pallikaridi street, 4700 Pachna, Limassol District

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Panikos Ioannou

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€59.602

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€53.642

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The main outcome of the project was the provision of improved services to the children of Pachna and of the surrounding villages, by the childcare facility. Further, the dissemination activity enabled the communities of Pachna and of the surrounding areas to become familiar with the improved infrastructures and with the provision of lunch and food to the children and the programme of the childcare facility is already running with more children than before, therefore indicating the direct impact from the project.

The renovation of the facility and the creation of a kitchen room enables the PCVC to provide more enriched services to children, from the time they are out of school till late in the afternoon, when their parents are finishing work. These services vary according to the age of school children, i.e. sleeping room for younger ages, and the development of activities such as theatre groups, dance groups, small group discussions, computers, language classes etc. The facility also provides space for study room in order for children to receive professional assistance in doing their homework.

The above activities enhance the creative occupation of children and keep them away from outside dangers while their parents are working and not available to attend them. Further, this program enables the children to socialise and learn to be part of a group, in order for them to become social beings when they grow up.

Last but not least, the operation of the childcare facility in a village which operates as a regional rural center (i.e. with the regional elementary school), where families from surrounding villages are able to receive assistance for their children to this program.

## **SKE Avgorou**

Council of Community of volunteerism of Avgorou - PEGASUS

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project "Pegasus" involved the community of Avgorou and especially children aged 9-18 years old in addressing various issues of interest to the youth and the parents of Avgorou.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Council of Community of volunteerism of Avgorou, 10, Agios Georgios street,  
5510 Avgorou  
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Website: www.skeavgorou.org.cy

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Petros Karyos

### **PARTNER**

Hoyenhall School, Norway

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€27.106

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€18.974

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The project had as target group young people aged 9-18 and their parents. The project used seminars and other actions as tools so as to meet its objectives. Various seminars took place on the following issues which resulted in transferring to children and young people the theoretical knowledge on the various subjects:

- 1) Improvement of public health and social wellbeing of young people,
- 2) Awareness of road safety of young people,
- 3) Correct use of Internet from students and knowledge about its dangers,
- 4) Multicultural respect in young ages,
- 5) Respect the Environment through Recycling and growth of environmental consciousness,
- 6) Sports Injuries and nutrition for athletes,
- 7) Prevention and confrontation of violence in athletic places,
- 8) Domestic violence in Cyprus Society,
- 9) Character strengthening to avoid drugs, alcohol etc.,
- 10) Sexual Education and how to avoid unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and
- 11) Strengthening communication skills between parents and children.

Further to these seminars, other actions took place in addressing the above issues such as the participation in sports tournaments, cleaning of public places, glass, aluminum and paper collection for recycling and tree planting. All the above actions resulted in empowering children aged 9-18 in the social and political life with energetic participation, increased voluntarism, awareness raising of the local society on issues related to the environment, domestic violence, children's well being, racism, etc.

Furthermore, a trip by 7 people to Norway contributed to better communication with young people from Norway, through the exchange of views about related subjects.



## **Greek Lyceum of Famagusta**

A Roof for Tradition and Culture

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The aims of this project were to complete the construction of Greek Lyceum of Famagusta building, as well as funding the Lyceum's numerous cultural activities to be housed in the new building.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Greek Lyceum of Famagusta, 8, Leontios A´ street, apt.1, 6021 Larnaca  
Website: [www.lykioellinidonammochostou-lca.com](http://www.lykioellinidonammochostou-lca.com)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Maro Charalambidi

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **PROJECT BUDGET**

€65.400

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€58.860

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

- The construction works to the building, which was already under construction, were completed with the delivery of two new rooms for use for the various activities of the Lyceum. Furthermore other building infrastructure works were completed for the improvement of the whole building.
- Two press conferences were held.

Printed materials (leaflets, invitations to events) were designed and prepared in accordance with the progress of the activities. A website was assigned and launched in July 2010. Various ads and notifications were posted to daily newspapers informing the general public both for the project contents and aims and the upcoming cultural events included in its implementation.

- A website was launched.
- Notifications were posted to daily newspapers for upcoming cultural events.
- A total of nine main activities in cultural subjects were undertaken during the one year period of the project, including two pottery workshops, a lecture on traditional dances, a traditional culinary workshop, a bi-communal piano concert, two tea-receptions with cultural presentations and a final artistic concert by GLF's students. Various relevant materials such as photos, PowerPoint presentations of the lectures and examples of stakeholder participation are deliverables of these events.
- Music and dance classes are accommodated throughout the year.

The new modern building has greatly upgraded the facilities offered to students and young people and has also positively contributed to the cultural and social life of the people in the Larnaca area. The impact on target groups (GLF personnel, students and their families, local people of Larnaca and surrounding areas, general public of Cyprus) was significant, as more than 3000 people directly participated in the various cultural events, with many more approached directly or indirectly through the dissemination and results exploitation activities undertaken at various stages. Printed materials, such as leaflets and invitations, as well as newspaper postings reached the general public during the whole course of the project.

## **Mediterranean Institute of gender studies**

Theatre in the promotion of gender equality awareness for young people

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project aimed at raising awareness and the critical thinking of young people in relation to the different forms through which gender inequality is perpetuated in our society. This would be done through their participation in a series of training workshops that would appropriate themes on gender issues and gender-based violence.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, 46, Makedoitissas Avenue,  
1703 Nicosia

Email: [info@medinstgenderstudies.org](mailto:info@medinstgenderstudies.org)

Website: [www.medinstgenderstudies.org](http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Georgina Christou

### **PARTNERS**

Rooftop Theatre Group,  
Cyprus Family Planning Association

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€23.425

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€20.731

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The following activities took place:

- Four training workshops on issues relating to gender socialization, sexuality, gender inequality and gender-based violence were organized. Participants in the workshops were people of various professional and educational backgrounds.
- A workshop report was prepared on the series of training workshops on gender equality, sexuality and theatrical methods.
- A number of meetings took place between representatives from partners' organisations and interested participants for development of the script for the final theatrical play. This script was created by adaptation of the material produced by young participants during the training workshops.
- A theatrical play was given on the experiences of the participants as to being male or female within the Cypriot context.
- In terms of dissemination, there were three performances of the play in Nicosia one in Limassol and one in Athens with the support of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The play was viewed by 550 people. Furthermore, there was press coverage. All results were uploaded on the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) website, and published in the bi-annual newsletters and Annual Report 2009 which were disseminated widely in Cyprus and abroad.
- A final outcome of the project was the publication of the results of the project in a booklet with additional funding acquired by MIGS through the Youth Board Cyprus.
- The impact of the training workshops on the participants was significant and this was indicated by the very positive results of the evaluation questionnaires distributed at the end of the training workshops.



## **SANNA - Association "Hki Fi Sanna"**

The SANNA Project: Empowering Children and Youth through  
Language Revival

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The dual purpose of the SANNA project was to provide childcare and youth empowerment for the Maronite community of Cyprus while simultaneously protecting and reviving its seriously endangered language, known to its speakers as sanna and officially as Cypriot Maronite Arabic (CMA). The SANNA Project also aimed to establish and run a multipurpose cultural/language centre for Cypriot Maronite children and youth (the Bait el Sanna - "House of Sanna") and organize a practitioners' workshop for educators, activists and youth leaders interested in protecting and reviving CMA.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Association "Hki Fi Sanna", 6, Petraki Yialourou street, flat 1,  
Ayios Dhometios, 2373 Nicosia  
Website: [www.sana.squarespace.com](http://www.sana.squarespace.com)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Georgios Skordis

### **PARTNERS**

Peace Research Institute  
Várdobáiki Sami Centre, Norway  
Kormakitis Club

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€60.829

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€49.940

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The following activities took place:

- The construction works for the renovation of the building of Kormakitis Cultural Centre in order to become the “House of Sanna” were completed.
- One workshop on Language Revitalization Programs for Children and Youth and a publication and dissemination of the workshop proceedings by PRIO Cyprus Centre.
- Creation of the SANNA project website.
- Training of teachers in language teaching techniques.
- A language playgroup established with weekly classes for children.
- Materials for teaching CMA to young learners to be used in House of Sanna playgroup were developed.
- A multimedia Greek to CMA dictionary and phrasebook was developed and delivered to all Maronite households and was also made available on the Hki Fi Sanna website.
- CMA language lessons through theatre and music.
- Performance of a theatrical play and music in CMA by the children and youth participating in the programs.
- Development of a music CD performed by youth.
- Development of appropriate teaching strategies to be used in the context of theatre and music CMA lessons.

## **Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council**

Software application development for the creation of an equal opportunity environment for the vulnerable social groups

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project aimed to develop a state of the art internet based software application that would be able to store in structured databases the requirements of all the members of the disadvantaged groups listed under the Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council (PVCC) and match them with the profiles of registered volunteers.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council, 9, Andreas Avraamides street, office 301, 3rd floor, Strovolos, 2024 Nicosia  
Email: [info@volunteerism-cc.org.cy](mailto:info@volunteerism-cc.org.cy)  
Website: [www.volunteerism-cc.org.cy](http://www.volunteerism-cc.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Olivia Patsalidou

### **PARTNERS**

Itanos Consulting Organization

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€60.186

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€51.158

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The development of the internet application tool that can host the needs of vulnerable social groups and volunteer offering, under an innovative procedure optimizing the match between the profile of the volunteer and the specifications of the need. In addition the internet application tool offers a database of profiles of volunteers their log book of activities and evaluation log for their work with high security systems. The tool is a part of the volunteer portal [www.ethelontis.net](http://www.ethelontis.net)

With the completion of the project a number of volunteers (their details, their interest areas of voluntary work and availability as well as their relative knowledge and experience) have been registered in the database. All the volunteers were existing volunteers of PVCC providing permission to the system operators to enter their details to the system receiving passwords to their private page. The formation of the infrastructure of a database complies with the European regulations for private information.

The dissemination activities included information campaigns with information kiosks in Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Pafos in September 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>., a radio campaign in three stations for the dates and a press conference on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September followed by press and TV placements. Currently there are more than 200 volunteers, 25 volunteer groups and during the first week of operating there were almost 100 needs input and 25 matches.

## **“Hope for Children” Office for Children’s Rights** Children of Cyprus and Human Rights

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Children of Cyprus and Human Rights Project aimed at facilitating the process of bringing human rights education to Cypriot children by using the Composito Manual. The purpose of the project was to make human right training more easily and accessible to Cypriot children therefore, the manual would be translated into Greek. Teachers from both communities in Cyprus would be trained on how to use the manual in their classrooms, and pilot sessions would be conducted in order to assess the effectiveness and attitudes that children have towards the non-formal educational approach of the manual.

### **BENEFICIARY**

HFC: “Hope for Children” Office for Children’s Rights, 43, 28th October street, Makedonitissa, Engomi, 2414 Nicosia  
Website: [www.hfc-ocr.org.cy](http://www.hfc-ocr.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Joseph Varughese

### **PARTNER**

Commissioner for Children’s Rights

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€40.611

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€33.017

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The project helped to strengthen the skills, abilities, processes and resources of teachers, social workers, NGO workers, Parents and Childcare takers within the Fund's Priority Sectors of Health, Childcare and Youth, through participatory learning and Training and through the sharing of knowledge between both community in the southern part of Cyprus, the northern part of Cyprus. The project helped to encourage greater cross border cooperation between organizations and individuals who had not before taken part in bi-communal activities and to link organizations and individuals together to collaborate on joint activities to contribute to the non-formal education HR using Compasito in the respective communities in Cyprus.

Some of the results were:

- The increase in organizational partnerships and networks in Cyprus in both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities, who serve Health, Childcare and Youth community;
- The increase of the number of the trainers who are trained to use Compasito Manual in school level to promote HRE through non Formal Manner.
- The increase in instances of Organization and individuals working across the divide in Cyprus and a building of trust between individuals

## **Cyprus Red Cross Society**

Development and Improvement of the Services of the Red Cross Home  
for Children with Disabilities

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed to develop and improve the operation and services of the Cyprus Red Cross Home for Children with Severe and Multiple Disabilities.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Cyprus Red Cross Society, Kypriakou Erythrou Stravrou street, Strovolos, 2063 Nicosia, Email: director@cytanet.com.cy

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Demetrios Neophytou

### **PARTNERS**

SOR Foundation, Norway

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€59.613

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€53.652

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The CRCS implemented a training seminar to thirty four (34) health care professionals. The implementation of the training seminar lead to direct and indirect benefits for the target groups which were children with severe disabilities, parents of the children, health care professionals, and teachers of the children, and contributed to the reorganization and upgrading of the services of the Home, which have definitely lead to its survival and also the increase of number of children and families that the Home can accommodate. The upgrading of the staff's efficiency and professionalism, as well as that of the teachers from the other facilities, and the consequent long term multiplying effects, have benefit more children and teachers in the wider community.

In addition to above, printed training material was developed and provided to the participants for further information of the subjects of professional interest.

The CRCS carried out a Survey on the evaluation of participant satisfaction levels) on the basis on the methods and the tools used by the trainers. Finally, a press conference was organised where the results of the project and the results from participants' satisfaction level survey were presented to its members, to the Board of Directors of the CRCS and the general public.

## **Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Heart Disease**

### Pregnancy in Congenital Heart Disease

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project refers to the implementation of two professional meetings/ workshops in Nicosia and three public awareness activities, one in Nicosia, one in Limassol and one in Larnaka on the topic of pregnancy in Congenital Heart Disease

#### **BENEFICIARY**

Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Heart Disease,  
11 Grammou street, apt.5, Strovolos, 2006 Nicosia  
Email: [pediheart@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:pediheart@cytanet.com.cy)  
Website: [www.pediheart.org.cy](http://www.pediheart.org.cy)

#### **CONTACT PERSON**

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#### **PARTNER**

Thallo Foundation for Specialized Pediatrics

#### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

#### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

#### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

#### **TOTAL COST**

€46.560

#### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€39.576

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Congenital Heart Disease has implemented the two professional meetings / workshops. Specifically, the first professional meeting was carried out on Saturday 21/11/2009 and the second one was carried out on Saturday and Sunday 08-09/05/2010. The four (4) foreign lecturers, one Pediatric Cardiologist specializing in Congenital Heart Disease, one Gynecologist with experience in Pregnancy in Congenital Heart disease, one Anesthesiologist specializing in Pregnancy in Congenital Heart disease, and one Pediatric Cardiologist specializing in fetal medicine) provided the latest information and good practices in relation to pregnancy in congenital heart disease. During the events eighty one doctors, received training regarding pregnancy and CHD, and they exchanged experiences and information on good practices with the foreign experts. Further, a newly local team of professionals was formed.

Additionally, the Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Congenital Heart Disease has implemented three public awareness activities. Particularly, the first public awareness activity/ seminar was carried out on Saturday 07/03/2010 in Limassol, the second public awareness activity/ seminar was carried out on Sunday 11/04/2010 in Larnaka and the third one on Sunday 16/05/2010 in Nicosia. Specifically it developed questionnaires (400 copies), for the elaboration of the evaluation of participants' satisfaction by the actualization of the public awareness activities and provided information to one hundred and fifty two women with CHD, which are considering pregnancy.

The Association developed and distributed printed material to the participants and other interested people from the general public for further information (400 folders, 400 copies of informational material for the attendants, 400 notepads A4, 400 pens).

Finally, the Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Congenital Heart Disease has implemented one Press Conference. The press conference was covered by local broadcasting channels, which projected video clips of the conference in the evening news.



## **Association for the prevention and handling of violence in the family**

Educators and parents against domestic violence

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project referred to the implementation of public awareness activities. It consisted of educational seminars/ workshops and lectures for the educators and the parents respectively, concerning domestic violence issues.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Association for the prevention and handling of violence in the family,  
53, Aglantzias Avenue, 2108 Nicosia  
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Website: [www.domciolence.org.cy](http://www.domciolence.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Marios Nicolaou

### **PARTNER**

Cyprus Family Planning Association,  
Pancyprian Federation of Parents Association of Primary Education

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€46.000

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€41.400

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family implemented five training seminars/workshops for educators and another five seminars for parents on “domestic violence and children”. 250 educators and 200 parents participated in the seminars and workshops.

For the training seminars/workshops for both the educators and the parents, informative printed material was developed and distributed to the participants, whereas questionnaires were developed for evaluation of the needs of the participants and the level of satisfaction from their participation in the workshops.

Furthermore, through the implemented public awareness activities on the topic of “domestic violence and children”, the project addressed the following issues successfully:

- Awareness raising concerning issues of domestic violence, child abuse and the well-being of children; provision of information regarding the ways of identifying abused children, the ways of handling such cases, the ways of approaching the abused child, and the prevention measures of domestic violence.
- Improvement and coordination of the Association’s actions for the benefit of the abused children.
- Provision of services from the Association to families suffering from domestic violence.
- Increase of public awareness on social well-being of the abused children.
- Training of educators and parents in ways to encourage children’s participation in the social, cultural and political life of the country.
- Promotion of dialogue between parents and their children as well as educators and children in need.
- Exchange of experiences and information on good practices and strengthening of cooperation between the attendants and the Association.
- Dissemination of the project results to the general public.
- Training of professionals, both from the private and the public sector, in identifying and handling incidents of domestic violence.
- Education of young parents on the topic of domestic violence and provision of after-project guidance and support on how to handle such incidents.

## **Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation**

Ouranio Toxo

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project concerned the creation of a day care center (running in the after-school hours and during the school holidays) for 20 children aged 5 to 12 years old who reside within the Nicosia Municipality (especially within the walled city) and come from all nationalities, Cypriot and foreign. Priority was given to children coming from lower and lower middle income families with additional priority to children coming from single-parent families and families of more than 3 children.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation, 40, Nikiforou Foka, 1016 Nicosia

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Stavroula Georgopoulou

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€67.464

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€49.560

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The activities carried out during the implementation of the program and the results obtained were the following:

- Organization and implementation of an information event as well as a final event regarding the Program where the members of the two associations, the Single Parents and the Pancyprian Organisation of Large Families, as well as the public, were invited.
- Publication of an information leaflet in English and Greek languages regarding the Program on its overall objectives, goals, targets, activities, outcomes, etc.
- A programme of services and activities in the after-school hours was established, as well as during school holidays was implemented and provided to the children. These activities include theatre, sports, physical education, swimming lessons, homework support, excursions and outdoor activities. Furthermore, a pick-up service is provided for children from their school to the Centre during school period and from their homes during school holidays.



## **Foundation of Social and Political Sciences**

Empowerment Through Political Participation

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at increasing political participation of young Cypriots aged 18-35. The European Elections of 2009 would be used as a case study. The reasons leading to active participation (eg voting) as well as the reasons for abstention would be identified through qualitative and quantitative research methodologies such as telephone survey and focus groups. The consortium would first conduct a telephone survey to find out what young people think about politics in general and the European elections in particular what their plans are in terms of participating or not in the European elections, how much informed they are on the issue, what are their reservations towards taking part in elections etc.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Foundation of Social and Political Sciences, 6, Diogenous street, 1516 Nicosia  
Website: [www.fesps.org](http://www.fesps.org)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Bambos Papageorgiou

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€47.805

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€42.546

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The following products were derived from the project:

- A literature review highlighting the most recent and important research on the political participation of youth.
- A radio campaign consisting of two spots urging young people to vote in the European Elections.
- A quantitative study assessing the attitudes and intentions of young Greek Cypriots (18-35) towards the European Elections, but also towards voting and political participation in general.
- A qualitative study examining in depth the reasons behind abstention and evaluating the radio campaign.
- A quantitative study assessing the attitudes of young Turkish Cypriots (18-35) towards the European Elections and political participation in general.
- A report providing suggestions/best practices for increasing the political participation of youth.
- A final seminar targeting young political leaders, where the researchers presented the main project outcomes and findings.

## ***Lions Infant and Childcare***

Centre of Strovolos Industrial Estate - Extension of capacity  
of Lion's Child Care Centre

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The aim of the project was to expand Lions Childcare Centre facilities to accommodate 34 more children of age 2 months to 4 years.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Lions Infant and Childcare Centre of Strovolos Industrial Estate  
22 Athineou street, Strovolos, 2035 Nicosia

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Constantinos Papadopoulos

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€262.000

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€49.780

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The Lions Infant and Child Care Centre of Strovolos Industrial Estate, has constructed additional rooms in the already functioning Infant and Child Care Centre and these construction works include one all-purpose big room/classroom, one infant's complex, three new classrooms and one laboratory. The construction of the above resulted in the extension of the Centre's capacity to serve and accommodate another 34 children (ages from 2 months to 4 years old), thus facilitating working mothers and having positive impact on the families' social and economic welfare.



**Iraklis Palehoriou**  
Palehori Youth Cultural Centre

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at making all the necessary modifications, and providing all the equipment required in the existing incomplete theatre room of the IRAKLIS premises in order to render it a true cultural centre for the youth of the Palehori village but also for the wider region of Pitsilia that counts several dozens of villages.

**BENEFICIARY**

Iraklis Palehoriou, 37, Eleftherias street, 2740 Palechori

**CONTACT PERSON**

Kyriacos Tsiftes

**PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

**BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

**BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

**TOTAL COST**

€102.500

**GRANT AMOUNT**

€51.250

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The ultimate outcome and result of the project was the completion of the construction of the Palehori Youth Cultural Centre; a space available to all young people of the area. The realization of the Cultural Centre provides a multi-faceted range of opportunities to the youngsters of the community of Palehori and other surrounding communities and now comprises a unique space of culture where young people may go to express themselves, to create and externalize their worries and concerns.

## **Open Therapeutic Community of Addicted Persons "Tolmi"**

Building Capacity to Deliver Results

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at building the necessary capacity for TOLMI to become more efficient in planning and managing its organization affairs, in identifying and applying for financial resources from EU and international funding bodies and in managing human and financial resources. It also intended to upgrade standards of its reintegration services by offering specialized training/ seminars to staff of TOLMI and volunteers. Finally, it aimed to modernize the facilities by acquiring office equipment for the offices throughout Cyprus.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Open Therapeutic Community of Addicted Persons "Tolmi", 41, Eleftherias Avenue, Michaelas court, apt.11, Aradippou, 7100 Larnaca  
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### **CONTACT PERSON**

George Boyiadjis

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€50.931

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€45.838

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

Training seminars to enhance professional standards were delivered for 13 professionals from TOLMI and other local agencies working in drug prevention and reintegration of drug abusers, on topics such as Human Development, Antisocial Personality & Reintegration, Denial and Anger Management, Social Skills Training and other.

Furthermore, in order to enhance professional standards for the services delivered by professional staff, a best practice guide was prepared for the reintegration of ex-drug addicts and training sessions were delivered. In addition capacity building seminars for seventeen participants for the targeted group were organised on topics such as media advocacy for opinion change, team building, basic financial management for NGOs etc. Moreover, TOLMI acquired new office furniture and equipment for its offices.

## **The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends**

Our Children Matter Initiative

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at providing national awareness on the 4 thematic strategies of the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) for cancer prevention among young people. The strategies include the aim for smoke-free environment, healthy life style through healthy diet and physical activity, learning for vaccines that may cause cancers and "sun smart" training for young people. This would be achieved by the creation of audiovisual and informational material (such as TV spots and newspaper articles) and seminars.

### **BENEFICIARY**

The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends  
12 & 14 Foteinou Pana street, 1045 Nicosia  
Email: caocpat@cytanet.com.cy  
Website: www.cancercare.org.cy

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Dora Constantinides

### **PARTNERS**

Cyprus Pediatric Society  
Cyprus Dieticians & Nutrition Association  
Kivotos Elpida

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€85.433

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€40.153

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

A report was produced on EU and national policies regarding the campaign strategy on the 4 thematic issues. Two vehicles were purchased for campaigning purposes and for Administrative functions. The staff was trained by Psychologists on how to deal more effectively with young people and children. There was a production of audiovisual and informational material such as a TV spot, DVD, posters, booklets and leaflets. Stands with informational material were displayed in the contracting partner's offices and associated partners. Many young people in public schools were exposed to the material and a campaign website with relevant informational content went online. Several Radio Broadcasting messages conveyed to the public and campaign spots were aired in national TV Stations. Several presentations were conducted for the general public where material was disseminated to young people. In addition, articles were published in national newspapers which supported the other campaign messages.

A series of 8 seminars for the target groups were organized, which worked as multipliers on the 4 thematic strategies. An assessment report was produced on previous research results. Politicians were informed and convinced on the importance of thematic strategies against cancer, ensuring the enforcement of the relevant legislation against smoking. Meetings were carried out among partners in order to design the sustainability measures and to assess the comments and ideas of partners involved. The report provides certain sustainability measures in order to maintain the informational activities and the momentum achieved, beyond the official expiration of the project.

## **Cyprus Thalassaemia Society** Educating Medical Personnel in Haemovigilance

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at the Improvement in the quality of life for all patients receiving blood, including children and adults with Thalassaemia, through the training of all health/medical personnel related to blood collection, processing and transfusion, on a Haemovigilance system, at a national level.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Cyprus Thalassaemia Society, 1, Filippou Hadjigeorgiou, apt.5, Akropolis,  
2080 Nicosia  
Website: [www.thalassemia.org.cy](http://www.thalassemia.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Loucas Lambrinos

### **PARTNER**

Ministry of Health

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€34.340

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€30.906

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The implementation of the project had as results,

- the training of 136 health professionals through five educational seminars
- development of educational material for the workshops developed and distributed to all participants
- the preparation of a Report on Workshops from information obtained from the questionnaires of workshop participants who were asked to report their knowledge on the subject before and after the workshop, as well as their ideas, opinions and recommendation on Haemovigilance in Cyprus. These results were summarized and presented to the Ministry of Health, in order to assist the future planning of blood usage;
- a Recommendations Assessment Report with policy making recommendations, derived from the questionnaires completed by the participants on the Training Seminars. This Report was presented to the Ministry of Health and to other interested parties, such as the Cyprus Blood Centre, Private Hospitals & Clinics, Thalassaemia patients, etc., so as to inform them on the policy making recommendations prepared by the experts.

## **Thalassaemia International Federation**

Thalassaemia Specific Electronic Communications

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The aim was to develop an Electronic Health Records (EHRs) order to enhance clinical support and improve patient care.

### **BENEFICIARY**

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Website: [www.thalassaemia.org.cy](http://www.thalassaemia.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

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### **PARTNERS**

Thalassaemia Dernegi

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€65.290

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€52.885

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

- The main objective was to introduce a culture of recording patient data in an electronic format rather in more traditional ways. This was achieved through demonstrations and training activities.
- Another objective was to introduce software which has already been in use and of proven effectiveness, in order to record the routine clinical demographic and clinical data of thalassaemia patients. The software was installed at the Nicosia Thalassaemia Centre, at the thalassaemia clinic of the Limassol General Hospital and at the Turkish Cypriot Thalassaemia Centre.
- The third target was the creation of new modules which serve the needs of Thalassaemia clinical care. These modules are regarded as necessary not only as a complement to the existing records but also as means to collect epidemiological data.
- Another objective was to assist in the implementation of the project at various levels. At the level of the clinic, a person was hired to create electronic records for all the patients.
- An area network was established so that all the clinics in Cyprus could be connected as well as with the General Hospital Informatics Support System, so that eventually connections with the laboratories, radiology departments and pharmacy can be established. This was achieved by connecting with the Ministry of Health server at Makarios Hospitals which connects all the health establishments under the Ministry's jurisdiction.

## **University of Nicosia Research Foundation**

PROYENT

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project aims to promote and support youth entrepreneurship within the bi-communal Cypriot higher education milieu, through the transfer of successful practices from networks of junior enterprises such as JADE Europe, in European universities and the establishment of local NGO capacity to foster junior enterprises inside and outside the island's university communities.

### **BENEFICIARY**

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Engomi, 2407 Nicosia  
Website: [www.unrf.ac.cy](http://www.unrf.ac.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Elisa Bosio

### **PARTNER**

Mediation Association

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€31.668

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€23.561

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The specific outcomes and results of the project included:

- The organisation of two one-day events to promote the concept of youth entrepreneurship within the two communities in Cyprus.
- The creation of posters and invitations in English, Greek and Turkish (disseminated electronically and to higher education institutions in both communities as well as to bi-communal NGOs forming the Cyprus Network for Youth Development). The invitations were also disseminated to the contact list of the Cyprus Youth Council and were also promoted on the websites of the University of Nicosia Research Foundation and the University of Nicosia webpage.
- An application form was produced for interested youth to apply to be part of the project.
- A non-for-profit NGO focusing on youth entrepreneurship, entitled Young Entrepreneurs Cyprus was established and legally registered with 2 founding members, one Greek-Cypriot and one Turkish-Cypriot.
- Two training sessions were organised regarding the operation requirements and code of conduct for a junior enterprise. The trainings also addressed the required sensitivities needed to operate in a bi-communal setting. The youth began the initial planning towards executing their first initiative under the newly established NGO.
- Links were established with members of JADE Hellas as well as JADE Europe who are committed to supporting the young Cypriots recruited to implementing entrepreneurship activities both locally and in collaboration with other junior enterprises in Europe.
- A conference on “Youth and Bi-Communal Entrepreneurship” was organised at the University of Nicosia in order to promote the creation of Young Entrepreneurs Cyprus to various, relevant bi-communal stakeholders.
- Pre-conference and post-conference press releases were produced in English, Greek and Turkish. Articles on the conference appeared in newspapers in both communities.



## 5. Best Practice Projects

## **United Democratic Youth Organisation**

Let's become the generation of reunification

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Project aimed at organising a Ten-Day Rapprochement Campaign with round table discussions between Greek and Turkish Cypriot youth Organisations, press conferences, sports tournaments all over Cyprus, cultural activities with the participation of bi-communal cultural groups, Bi-communal Thematic Centres, and participation of Greek and Turkish Cypriots bands in youth concerts.

### **BENEFICIARY**

United Democratic Youth Organisation, 4, Androkleous street, 1060 Nicosia

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Sotiroula Yiasemi

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€119.000

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€59.024

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The events carried out in the project “Let’s become the generation of re-unification” were organised with great success and mass participation by youngsters from both communities.

In particular the following events took place in chronological order starting in July 2007:

1. The national Festival which comprised a bi-annual activity of the organisation that has a great impact on the cultural events of the Cypriot society was the first major event that was incorporated in the project. The multiplicity of actions and services offered during the 3-day festival comprised a unique, innovative and pioneering event for Cyprus.



The bi-communal character of many of the actions implemented within the festival provided an additional value that is appreciated and acknowledged by the Turkish Cypriot community since events of such nature are scarce in the Cypriot community.

2. The two bi-communal summer camps in July and August were organized successfully hosting young people of the two communities for a week. Such initiatives are noteworthy especially when they involve youngsters who have not experienced the common symbiosis between the two communities and who were born after the events of 1974.
3. The bi-communal excursion to Troodos on 21st February 2010 was another event which involved the two communities. This one day event brought thousands of Greek and Turkish Cypriots together in an activity of culture, music and entertainment.
4. 10-day Rapprochement Campaign in April consisted of a variety of activities organized at regional and local level by the District organizations of EDON. Specifically:



### **Nicosia:**

- a. Bi-communal futsal tournament on the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- b. Bi-communal cultural event (on the 10<sup>th</sup> April) (with music, poetry recital, theatre plays) at Kavazoglou-Misiaoulis Association planned and organized by Greek and Turkish Cypriot youngsters with the participation of BKP Youth (Party of United Cyprus) under the title “We sing to join the world”

- c. Bi-communal cultural event (on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010) Adonis Union in Pera Chorio planned and organised by Greek and Turkish Cypriot youngsters
- d. Production of a bi-communal short film documentary on the common cultural heritage of the two communities. The film was designed and produced by Greek and Turkish Cypriot youngsters from the local organizations of EDON.
- e. Mass participation in the great march organized in commemoration of the two heroes that became symbols of the Greek-Turkish friendship in Cyprus, i.e. Kavazoglu and Misiaoulis on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2010.

**Larnaca:**

- a. Joint lecture of the two District Councils of EDON Larnaca and Famagusta under the title "The importance of rapprochement and the struggle for solution" on the 7<sup>th</sup> April
- b. Joint cultural event on rapprochement of the two District Councils of EDON Larnaca and Famagusta on the 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Famagusta:**

- a. Joint lecture of the two District Councils of EDON Larnaca and Famagusta under the title "The importance of rapprochement and the struggle for solution" on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- b. Lecture under the title "The situation in the Turkish Cypriot community, on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- c. Joint cultural event on rapprochement of the two District Councils of EDON Larnaca and Famagusta on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- d. Bi-communal futsal tournament on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**Limassol:**

- a. Bi-communal futsal tournament on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- b. Presentation of the research "Examining the Future" of the program Cyprus 2015 on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**Paphos:**

- a. Bicommunal event in Geroskipou with the participation of the Bicommunal dance group "Dance for Peace" on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**5. Bicommunal Regional Festivals in June:**

- 9 June** - District Festival of Nicosia in Dhali area (Community Park of Lympia)  
**10 June** - District Festival of Nicosia in Lakatamia area (Municipal Park by the river bank)  
**10 June** - District Festival of Larnaca in Ormidia area  
**11 June** - District Festival of Larnaca in Athienou area  
**12 June** - District Festival of Larnaca in Xylotympou area  
**15 June** - District Festival of Famagusta in Dherynia area  
**24 June** - District Festival of Larnaca in Aradippou area  
**25 June** - District Festival of Limassol in Pelendri area

## BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ The implementation of all the activities of the project were completed successfully with mass participation by both communities.
- ✓ The coordination between the project team members and the Cyprus wide coverage of events provided the opportunity to multiply the impact of the project.
- ✓ A multi-faceted range of activities that aimed to promote political, social, cultural and sports issues made possible through discussions, conferences, outdoor, sports activities and other recreational activities provided the youth of Cyprus the opportunity to think, discuss, analyze, contact, interact and engage in healthy and creative actions.
- ✓ At the same time, the opportunities given in the project for healthy occupation and recreation, the opportunities for the youth's participation in social life, for the development of social and creative skills, encouraged the youth and provided practical alternatives to young people with fewer opportunities.
- ✓ The proposed activities that included national and regional festivals, concerts, political-cultural events, sports tournaments and championships, theatrical plays, parties, movie screenings and cultural presentations of music, dance and theatre groups provided alternatives of excellent quality to the youth.
- ✓ The purpose of this project was creation of critically thinking persons, the education and contribution to the shaping of a qualitatively higher dialogue and understanding among the two communities.
- ✓ The creation of regional focal points in all prefectures of Cyprus, gave the opportunity to the project to have a wider impact, through simultaneous events that took place in all regions of Cyprus to maintain momentum.

## **Cyprus Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Cyprus**

Empowering the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Community

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project "Empowering the ADHD community" aimed at ensuring that young people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder have the opportunity to become active, contributing members of society. This was achieved by 1) raising awareness of ADHD through Cyprus, with particular emphasis on secondary schools and within the justice and social services sectors, 2) training youth, parents, teachers and professionals on effective and appropriate ADHD interventions and 3) building the capacity of ADHD Cyprus to better serve the ADHD community and liaise with decision makers.

### **BENEFICIARY**

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Cyprus, P.O. Box 12187, 2341 Nicosia  
Website: [www.add-adhd.org.cy](http://www.add-adhd.org.cy)

### **CONTACT PERSON**

Susan Chrysostomou

### **PARTNERS**

ADHD samtökin Norway

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Empowerment of Young People in the Civil Society  
Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

Yes

### **TOTAL COST**

€59.520

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€48.807

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The ADHD was able to produce updated literature for parents, teachers and health professionals, disseminated the material through awareness raising activities, seminars and training events. More specifically reprinting/printing of leaflets, flyers and booklets took place as well as the translation of the Professionals booklet, to give a full complement of English/Greek/Turkish AD/HD literature for parents, teachers and health professionals giving information on how to manage it in the home, in schools and socially. This literature was disseminated through the Ministry of Education and Culture and Parent associations island wide to all 1st grade families and teachers as part of their early intervention programme and parents and educators received a series of training seminars. Awareness raising efforts resulted in outreach through the media campaign to the general public as well as presentations in secondary schools, social welfare and the justice departments as well as seminars for parents, teachers and school counsellor training in Managing & Treating AD/HD.



The Walk-in Centre was also expanded to accommodate a multidisciplinary team for services for families which operating out of the Centre offering very competitive rates to members of the association whose children need special education, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy as well as volunteer run, no fee, monthly. The Walk In Centre was opened by the Director of Secondary Education in the Ministry of Education & Culture, Dr. Zena Poulli;



The 2nd Cyprus AD/HD Conference - “Accepting & Managing AD/HD” was organized whereby the EEA/EFTA partner AD/HD experts took part with a participation of more than 150 people which was open to both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, as well as bringing Why Try Training experts to Cyprus to train more than 300 people on the Why Try programme in a collaboration training with the Ministry of Education and Culture which used the programme in public classrooms targeting several thousands of students by assisting and developing their social and emotional skills.

Study tours to Norway and Iceland took place where ADHD Cyprus learned about how their partners reach, support and manage ADHD families using good practices, offer youth camps and develop their support and information services for Adults with ADHD. Due to the study trip ADHD Cyprus made a breakthrough in mentoring and supporting the bicomunal efforts of information and support services in the Turkish Cyprus community for families and identified areas which they could develop for future collaboration with their Norwegian counterparts.

With their partners' encouragement and support, ADHD Cyprus joined ADHD Europe as a national advocacy and contributing organisation for Cyprus. On a Bicomunal level, ADHD Cyprus developed the LDN website into a web information portal to include organisations promoting ideas and developments on learning difficulties. In addition, ADHD was successful in locating two child psychiatrists through the awareness week activities, with whom they collaborated and mentored in setting up an AD/HD support group in the Turkish Cypriot community for families and educators to find support and information. ADHD Cyprus will continue to be instrumental in the setting up of this new association.

Finally, as a result of our ADHD conference, a link from the Ministry of Education's website, special education page, was linked to that of ADHD CYPRUS for families to source the information and support. In addition, ADHD Cyprus was granted a meeting with the Commissioner for Children's Rights in Cyprus, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba to whom they presented a report on the problems, needs and solutions of AD/HD children in Cyprus, which has been used as part of a report on recommending an amendment in the existing Special Education Law of 1999 and will be submitted to Parliament in the very near future.

## BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ Awareness campaign and media coverage - “why try” programme into schools and Ministry of Education and Culture to train in depth, daily calls from parents seeking advice and guidance following distribution of flyers and booklets; Training was achieved in depth as many teachers were educated on handling ADHD.
- ✓ Awareness on what needs to be done in Cyprus in developing youth support centres, and to improve social welfare as compared to the partner countries. The expanded walk-in centre has provided many opportunities for parents to provide their children with good quality educational support at a lower cost, and the subsequent development of the Kids Club to promote social and creative skills.
- ✓ Developed area groups, to include health professionals, therapists and increase membership by being able to offer effective information in the language that target groups feel most comfortable with.
- ✓ LDN expanded info portal, increasing networking opportunities island wide in both communities as well as initiating a Turkish Cypriot ADHD Support Group in the Turkish Cypriot community;
- ✓ The development of an ADHD Adults support group, following ideas in Iceland, as well as persevering to provide governmental funding for parent and family counseling units for early intervention and management of condition, especially for low income families.

## **Theotokos Foundation**

Creation of a Snoezelen Room

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project aimed at creating a Snoezelen Room at the Theotokos Foundation. Snoezelen involves a designed room with the use of light and sound in order to create a calm atmosphere for children. It is used for therapeutic purposes for people with disabilities. The project activities involved the consultation with special experts from abroad who would support the scientific and advisory part of the project, purchase of relevant equipment, training of staff, seminar on snoezelen and publication of information material.

### **BENEFICIARY**

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### **CONTACT PERSON**

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### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Health and Childcare

### **BI-COMMUNAL DIMENSION**

No

### **BILATERAL DIMENSION**

No

### **TOTAL COST**

€53.549

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

€48.194

## OUTCOMES-RESULTS

The main scope of the project was to create a Snoezelen room in the premises of the Theotokos Foundation, so children with cognitive, sensory and physical disabilities can use it as an additional form of therapy. Within the framework of the project, a therapy room was set up and specialised equipment was installed.

The specific objectives of the project were to provide both the children served by programs of «Theotokos», and other interested parties the opportunity to benefit from their participation in the treatment program Snoezelen, training of staff of the Foundation «Theotokos», training of other experts on Snoezelen in Cyprus and the dissemination of the Snoezelen methodology in Cyprus. The objectives were met upon the completion of the project and after the official opening of the Snoezelen room on the 30th of July 2010.

The project began with meetings between representatives of the Foundation and the subcontractors so as to coordinate the steps to be followed. During the first meetings a detailed time-schedule was drawn up, to ensure the successful implementation of the project.



The outcomes and results of the project include firstly the actual Snoezelen room. A conference was organized to present the room and its effects. In addition, a training session took place for the Theotokos staff by a German expert who carried out considerable and important research on Snoezelen rooms. A total of 16 staff members of Theotokos Foundation attended the training. Other project activities included the publication of an information leaflet, publication of articles in newspapers, creation of a website dedicated to the Snoezelen room, organization of a conference and an inauguration event.



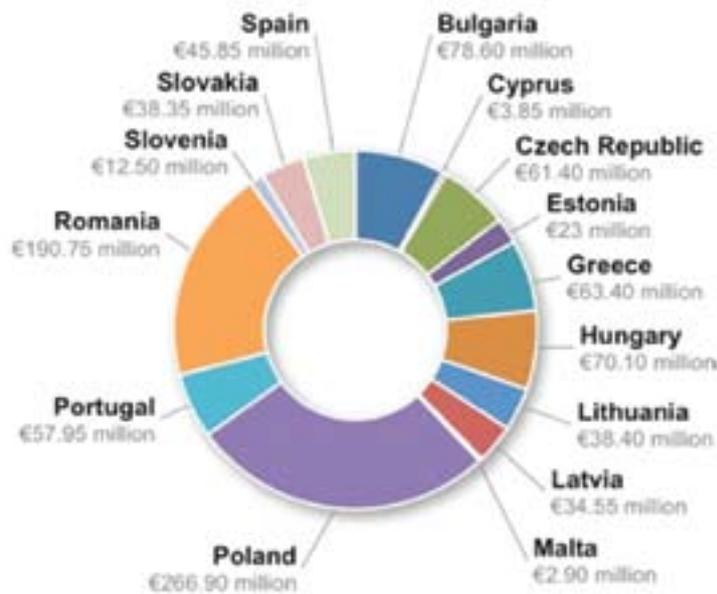
## BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ The main impact the project had so far, is that it provides a soothing environment with multi-sensory stimuli to people with developmental disabilities, without the use of verbal communication. This kind of therapy is very important for these people, because most of them face the problem of social exclusion. Hence, the stimuli they receive from social interactions are minimal. This wouldn't be possible without the implementation of the specific project, since no other center in Cyprus provided this kind of services before.
- ✓ The Snoezelen room is created for the first time in Cyprus and provides an additional method for addressing a variety of mental disabilities.
- ✓ In addition to the above, and further to visits of officials and representatives from various institutions, governmental bodies of Cyprus, municipalities of other countries, it is obvious that the project has been publicized both within and outside Cyprus.

## 6. Future Grants 2009-2014

### EEA Grants 2009-14

In the period 2009-14, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway make available €988.5 million in financial support through the EEA Grants to reduce European disparities. The funding is allocated between the countries based on their population and GDP per capita:



### Thematic areas 2009-14

The EEA Grants and Norway Grants 2009-14 are divided along thematic programme areas that are important in the European context, with programmes linked to environmental and climate change issues absorbing at least a quarter of the funding. Strengthening civil society in Central and Southern Europe is another priority, and programmes for non-governmental organizations will be established in all beneficiary states. Support to the fields of research and scholarships, cultural heritage, human and social development, health, and the justice sector will also be continued.

The priority sectors are environmental protection and management, climate change and renewable energy, civil society, human and social development, and protecting cultural heritage.

Strengthening civil society in Central and Southern Europe remains an important priority for the EEA Grants. At least 10% of the EEA Grants allocated to each country in the period 2009-14 are earmarked for support to civil society. NGOs will also be eligible for funding under many of the other programme areas.





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