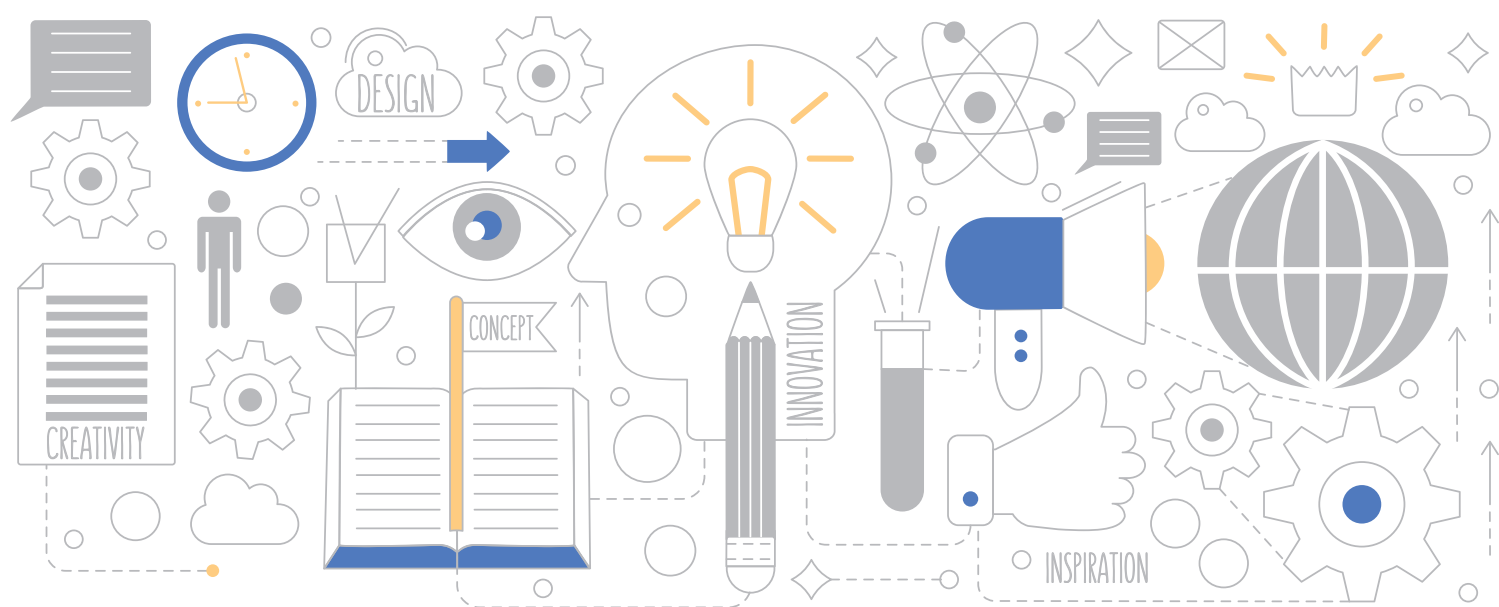


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Introduction

Thousands of businesses, private and public entities, local authorities, organized groups and networks in Europe, benefit each year from funds offered by the European Union (EU), through the Competitive Programmes. Among these Programmes, the biggest are: Horizon 2020, which funds research and innovation actions in all economic sectors, ERASMUS+ funding education and sports activities, and LIFE promoting actions for the environment and climate change. A total of €120 billion will be allocated during the 2014-2020 period through the Competitive Programmes, to promote projects contributing to the implementation of the main European policies.

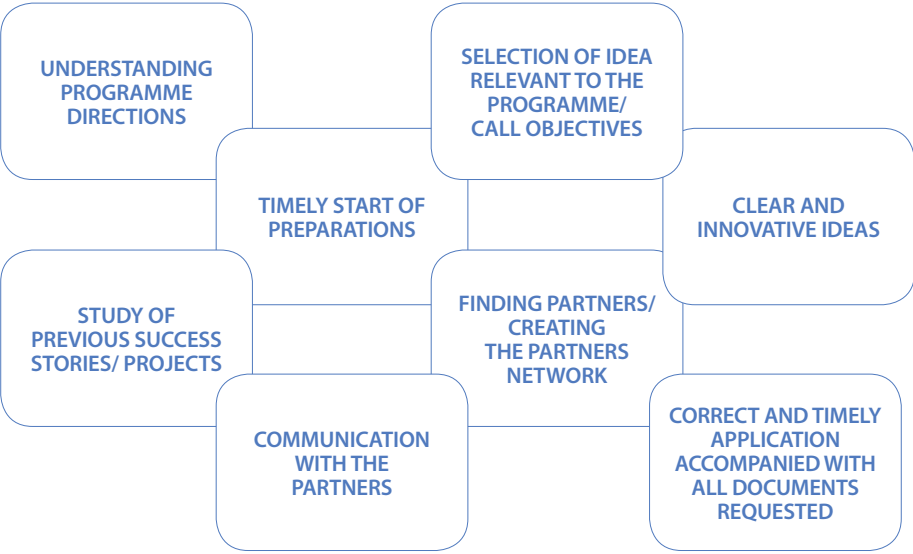
This funding, which is usually offered in the form of grants, is directly provided by the European Commission, with no intervention of the national authorities. The European Commission issues calls for proposals, which, in their majority, must be prepared and submitted by a consortium of organizations, coming from different countries. The European Commission then proceeds to the evaluation and benchmarking of all the proposals submitted and the best ones are selected. Given the particularly high interest in submitting proposals, due to the high funding rates ranging from 50% to 100%, only a small percentage is being selected for funding. At European level this figure is around 15%, i.e. only one out of six proposals gets funding, while for Cyprus the percentage is around 13%.

The purpose of this publication is, both to encourage and assist more Cypriot organizations to pursue funding through these Competitive Programmes. Given the limited funds allocated to Cyprus through the European Structural and Investment Funds, the Government has set the goal of securing more resources through these horizontal financing tools, where there is no limit as regards the total amount absorbed by each country.

At the same time, making greater use of the EU's Competitive Programs will contribute to the networking and to the strengthening of the extroversion of Cypriot companies and organizations, but also to the economic growth and the creation of new jobs through the additional funds that will flow into the local economy.

USEFUL TIPS

As competition between the proposals is quite high, securing funding from EU Competitive Programs is made easier if the applicants are aware of some useful tips. Undoubtedly, the whole process of applying for and managing the funds seems quite complicated and demanding at the beginning. For that reason, it is often recommended to beginners in this process to start first as project partners, in order to gradually acquire the necessary know-how, under the guidance of the lead partner of the project. As far as the proposal is concerned, it should primarily contribute to the specific policies promoted by each call, while also promoting the corresponding national policies. Some more tips are briefly mentioned:



The European Commission also places great emphasis on the benefit - impact from the implementation of the selected project, both in the participating countries as well as in a pan-European level.

SERVICES FACILITATING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMES

The Directorate General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development (DG EPCD), as the competent Service for coordinating activities and disseminating information to citizens, on how to secure funds from the EU Competitive Programmes, offers the following services:

Information Portal for Funding Programmes: through the operation of the Portal, all stakeholders have access to all the issued calls, allowing them easy identification of the one related to their interests, so that they can prepare and submit their proposals for funding. At the same time, through the Portal, they gain access to useful documents and links of the relevant Services at both national and european level, as well as information on how to find project partners.

The Portal (www.fundingprogrammesportal.gov.cy) serves as **a one stop shop offering timely, valid and comprehensive information**, by presenting together in one website all the funding opportunities offered,

on the basis of regular updating. Through free registration, members receive on a weekly basis, updates (email alerts) in the selected subject areas of their interest. Also, the information center functioning both by phone and by email, offers additional guidance, making the Portal an integrated and extremely useful tool.

Training: DG EPCD organizes and provides free of charge, specific training seminars/ workshops to improve applicants' skills, in the preparation of proposals and the subsequent management of the projects that will be funded under the Programmes. All seminars/ workshops of the DG EPCD as well as those organized by the National Contact Points of the Programmes or by other stakeholders, are posted in the Portal's Calendar, aiming at *providing full information to the citizen from one single point*.

Dissemination of Successful Proposals: This publication lists examples of projects that have been implemented or are currently implemented, with the participation of Cypriot stakeholders, either in a coordinating role or as a project partner, receiving funding from some of the main European Competitive Programs. Through these projects, benefits are derived for the actors themselves from their participation in these Programs as well as their contribution to the formulation or the implementation of EU policies. Through their creative approach, innovative results and mainly through their success at European level, these projects can also be a source of inspiration for other Cypriot players looking for funding opportunities.

Project examples are presented per Competitive Programme, starting with the Programmes that have been allocated the highest budget amount for the 2014-2020 programming period.

This Publication provides basic information on some project cases that have received funding, without being exhaustive. The information and visual material come from the official websites of the European Commission's Programmes, as well as from the official websites of the individual projects, where available, where more information is provided.



HORIZON 2020

Horizon 2020 (H2020) is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over the period 2014-2020.

The general objective of H2020 is to contribute to building a society and an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the Union, contributing also to sustainable development. By attracting additional private investment, the Programme aims to contribute to attaining research and development, thereby supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy and other Union policies, as well as the achievement and functioning of the European Research Area (ERA).

Horizon 2020 is an integrated Programme covering all research and innovation funding that was provided through the Framework Programme (FP) for Research and Technological Development, the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) during the previous programming period 2007-2013. The different types of funding provided by the previous Programmes have been brought together into a single coherent and flexible framework and is intended to provide funding for every stage of the innovation process from basic research to market uptake, since experience from previous FPs has shown that science and industry can work together to find solutions to a huge range of challenges.

In an effort to ensure that Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation, which contributes to improving the living standards and increase the competitiveness of European industry, the Program focuses on three main Priorities:

- *EXCELLENT SCIENCE*
- *INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP*
- *SOCIETAL CHALLENGES*

Important actions are also promoted under the “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation” (WIDE-SPREAD) and the “Science with and for Society” sub-programmes of H2020.

EC website for “H2020” programme:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en>

National Contact Point website:
<http://www.research.org.cy/el/horizon-2020>

"NETWORKING FOR EXCELLENCE IN SOLAR
THERMAL ENERGY RESEARCH"
(NESTER)

H2020 (2014-2020): CSA/ Coordination and support action - Twinning of research institutions
Project's duration: 3 years
EU grant: €1.060.797

The NESTER proposal aims in upgrading the scientific and innovation performance of Cyprus in the field of Solar-Thermal Energy (STE). As an EU country in a unique geographical position, Cyprus offers excellent opportunities for research and innovation in solar technologies. And the country's positioning means that any energy produced can also be used in nearby eastern Mediterranean countries and the Middle East. However, Cyprus' energy isolation presents a barrier to innovation in the country.

The EU-funded NESTER project aims to overcome the isolation obstacle by twinning the Cyprus Institute (Cyl) with internationally-leading solar energy research institutions in other EU countries, providing access to the latest know-how and facilities, training Cyl's scientific and technical personnel and linking it with the European Industry, in order to strengthen solar thermal energy research in Cyprus, Europe and beyond.

Project coordinator:
Cyprus Institute
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Spain, Italy, France, Germany.



Info:
http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/199326_en.html
<http://nester.cyi.ac.cy/>

"A NOVEL AND INTUITIVE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE
PROVIDING LIFE ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR USERS
IN RISK OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION" (IrisPhone)

H2020 (2014-2020): Industrial leadership - Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies - ICT/ SME Instrument
Project's duration: 6 months
EU grant: €50.000

IrisPhone was born in early 2014 as an entrepreneurial project of two young Cypriot engineers who have set out to reduce the digital divide by designing a novel and intuitive communication interface for smartphones that requires neither key or touch-screen pressing nor voice-based commands. IrisPhone delivers technology innovation, as well as social innovation, by enabling its target users, mainly elderly people, to remain connected and avoid risk of exclusion.

Almost 2 years into development, and after raising funds which led to the expansion of the team and the foundation of iResTech Ltd, the first IrisPhone prototype has already been successfully tested with a wide group of elderly users in Cyprus. In light of these results, MTN Cyprus, subsidiary of the multinational mobile telecommunications company with more than 230 million users, has expressed its interest in incorporating the future product into its retail space.

With the SME instrument's support, iResTech Ltd aims to explore, plan and finally execute a business plan for the upscale, demonstration and future market introduction of IrisPhone.

Project coordinator:
iResTech Ltd
(Cyprus)



Info:
http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/200529_en.html
<http://www.irestech.net/>

"AN INNOVATIVE PEOPLE LOCALISATION SYSTEM FOR SAFE EVACUATION OF LARGE PASSENGER SHIPS" (LYNCEUS2MARKET)


H2020 (2014-2020): Societal challenges - Smart, Green And Integrated Transport
Project's duration: 3 years
EU grant: €7.260.975

Maritime disasters in recent years are a stark reminder of the need for timely and effective evacuation of large passenger ships during emergency. The Lynceus2Market project addresses this challenge through delivering a revolutionary operational system for safe evacuation based on innovative people localisation technologies. It is based on the promising results developed in the LYNCEUS project where innovative technologies were tested in lab and in small scale pilots.

Lynceus2Market brings together cruise ship owners, operators, ship builders, maritime equipment manufacturers, a classification society, industry associations and important technology organisations with the aim to implement the first market replication of these technologies and products, as well as create significant impact by saving passenger lives during maritime accidents.

Project coordinator:
RTD Talos Ltd
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Cyprus: Celestyal Ship Management Ltd, SignalGenerix Ltd,
Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean, G.G. Dedalos Technology Services Ltd,
Ministry of Transport, Communication and Works),
and United Kingdom, Norway, Spain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Greece.



Info:
http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/193392_en.html
<http://lynceus-project.eu/>

"KIOS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE" (KIOS CoE)

H2020 (2014-2020): WIDESPREAD - Teaming of excellent research institutions and low performing RDI regions
Project's duration: 7 years
EU grant: €15.000.000

The Teaming project aims to develop the KIOS Research and Innovation Centre of Excellence (KIOS CoE), for conducting multidisciplinary basic and applied research and innovation in the area of intelligent systems and networks. The proposal is a team effort between the University of Cyprus and the Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine in London. The strong background and individual experience of the two partners, combined with the synergy created by the Teaming project, provides a unique opportunity to establish a sustainable centre of excellence on the south-eastern frontier of Europe, which will stimulate the creation and growth of a regional industrial ecosystem with major economic and societal benefits.

The KIOS CoE aims to conduct outstanding interdisciplinary research and innovation in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) with an emphasis on monitoring, control, management and security of critical infrastructures such as electric power systems, water distribution networks, telecommunication networks, transportation systems, as well as response management in emergency situations. The Center collaborates with an extended network of national and international academic, industrial, and governmental organizations to assure that its research has maximal applicability and impact. It is noted that KIOS operates within the University of Cyprus as part of the University since 2008.

Further to the project partners, the proposed KIOS CoE is strongly supported by the Government of Cyprus with significant complementary funding. Moreover, there is substantial industrial support, expressed through the intention to join the KIOS Innovation Hub, in order to benefit from the commercial exploitation of research findings.

Project coordinator:
University of Cyprus
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
United Kingdom.



Info:
http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/208420_en.html
<http://www.kios.ucy.ac.cy/>

"ASSESSMENT OF HEARING IN THE ELDERLY: AGING AND DEGENERATION - INTEGRATION THROUGH IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION" (AHEAD III)

7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7/2007-2013): Health - Hearing impairment and degeneration

Project's duration: 2,5 years
EU grant: €1.088.190

Age-related hearing loss (ARHL) is one of the most common chronic health conditions in the elderly yet it is under-diagnosed and often untreated. European scientists identified a need for early screening and diagnosis as a regular part of routine healthcare. Such early intervention could limit the frustration and depression that often accompany ARHL. With EU funding of the AHEAD III project, investigators are comprehensively assessing the factors associated with a large-scale screening programme including costs, screening methods and interventions.

AHEAD III is making a significant contribution to the widespread implementation of early screening for ARHL. Not only are scientists exploring new strategies to make such programmes feasible but, they are also working to make them routine rather than the exception. The elderly may soon benefit from early diagnosis and treatment leading to improved quality of life and enhanced self-esteem. Since AHEAD III finished in October 2011, medical experts from around the world, including India and China, have begun to pay closer attention to ARHL. Several pilot adult hearing screening programmes have already been carried out in Europe, including Cyprus.

Project coordinator:

*Institute of Biomedical Engineering CNR,
Milan (Italy)*

Partner countries:

*CH & M Cyprus Audiology Center Interacoustics Ltd - Cyprus,
Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands,
Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.*



Info:

http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/87813_en.html
<http://www.ahead.polimi.it>



ERASMUS+

Erasmus+ is the new EU Programme for education, training, youth and sport for the programming period 2014-2020, with a total budget of €14.8 billion. It brings together the Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action and five international cooperation programmes of the previous programming period 2007-2013, and aims at boosting skills and employability, and modernizing education, training and youth work.

Erasmus+ provides opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad. In addition to providing grants for individuals, Erasmus+ supports transnational partnerships among education, training and youth Institutions and Organizations to foster cooperation and bridge the worlds of education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps Europe is currently facing. It also supports national efforts to modernize education, training and youth systems. In the field of sport, support is provided for grassroots projects and cross-border challenges such as combating match-fixing, doping, violence and racism.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Erasmus+ Programme implements the following Actions:

- Key Action 1 - Mobility of Individuals
- Key Action 2 - Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices
- Key Action 3 - Support for Policy Reforms
- Jean Monnet Activities
- Sport

EC website for "Erasmus+" programme:

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

National Contact Point website:

www.erasmusplus.cy

"LINKS UNITED FOR COMA AWAKENINGS THROUGH SPORT" (LUCAS)

Erasmus+ (2014-2020): Sport/ Collaborative Partnerships
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €464.249

LUCAS European Sport Collaborative Partnership aimed to create a stable European network for sharing information, expertise and good practices in terms of models of rehabilitation through Sport, for the successful reintegration of people with acquired disability from traumatic brain injury & spinal cord injury (in particular resulting from a coma), and their families/ caregivers. The partnership developed a comprehensive rehabilitation plan assisted by qualified personnel aimed not only to a physical rehabilitation but also to a successful social reintegration of people with acquired disability and their families. It has been shown that the final outcome of a patient with severe brain injury depends largely on having a collaborative & supportive family, thus, persons with acquired disabilities and their families took part in multidisciplinary sport activities, during pilot actions. The use of sport in group activities allows the exchange of experiences, the re-socialization, the overcoming of boundaries beyond the limits, the strengthening of self-esteem, the enhancement of the experience, the rediscovery of the residual abilities.

A common program of events and initiatives to raise awareness was promoted, while the first "European Day of Awakenings" was dedicated to the rights of people with severe acquired cerebral injury.

Project coordinator:
FUTURA SOC CONS RL
(Italy)

Partner countries:
European Social Forum of Cyprus - Cyprus,
Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Spain.



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details-page/?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/a43263be-574d-4c08-9287-555300216ca0>

"EMPOWERING AND ACTIVATING THE YOUNG GENERATION THROUGH THE LEARNING OF EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS" (EAGLES)

Erasmus+ (2014-2020): Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of food practices/ Strategic partnership for youth
Project's duration: 14 months
EU grant: €149.902

EAGLES project aims to tackle the youth unemployment problem by developing important employability skills to young job seekers in combination with positive emotions, psychological resilience, optimism and self-esteem. This will be achieved through the development of a very innovative and practical training package which will be utilized by Youth Workers (youth organizations, career counsellors, universities etc.), who will be trained by the EAGLES team and will then act as multipliers of this knowledge.

This training course will contribute in transferring transnational knowledge and skills to a number of young job seekers and provide support and guidance to them. It will also serve as a best practice example and a training model for Strategic Partnerships and other EU initiatives, within the employability skills area. The predicted impact of this project on young population will be enormous due to the persistent young unemployment rate.

Project coordinator:
GrantXpert Consulting
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Neophytos Ch. Charalambous
(Institute of Development) Ltd - Cyprus,
Greece, Ireland, Italy.



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details-page/?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/ffe23c2-fef1-464b-bf6d-de0d2200f5f0>
<http://www.eaglesyouth.eu/index.php/en/>

"THE FUTURE OF THE MEDIA INDUSTRY USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES" (MEDIA TECH)

Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013): Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation (TOI)
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €243.952

The aim of this project was to transfer innovative practices from the UK to the participating countries of Southern Europe, in order to develop a complete training package, for media companies dealing with journalism, social media, production and technology, strategy and planning. The MEDIA TECH project has helped media companies that were not technologically advanced, cope with modern challenges and gain the trust of their customers through the opportunities offered by the project's training package.

Along with the training package, an e-learning platform has been developed that provides users with the possibilities of easy access to the training package, exchange of ideas and constructive dialogue.

Project coordinator:
Sigma Radio TV Public LTD
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
GrantXpert Consulting - Cyprus,
Greece, Great Britain, Spain, Italy.



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details-page/?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/690e2f42-3eb7-42c7-8453-535bca17e01e>
<http://www.mediatech.eu.com/>

"STUDENTS' ONLINE SAFETY" (SOS)

Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013): Strategic Partnership
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €21.000

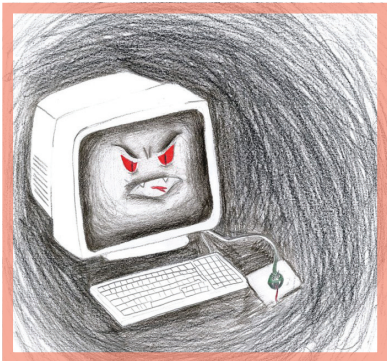
Nowadays, youngsters have easier access to the internet, however, not many are aware of certain dangers that they can fall into, which may have long-lasting effects on their lives. The aim of the project was to make them, and their parents, aware of certain dangers that they are not aware of and to point out that, perhaps some of these activities online may act against them in the future. The 4 topics covered were: cyber-bullying, online reputation, sexting and smart-phones. These were chosen as they are all related to everyday internet use by youths while most have little or no knowledge of them.

The project involved 8 partner schools (approximately 25 students from each school were involved), thus contributing in making a better comparison/ analysis in order to reach certain conclusions, including, whether there were differences in awareness levels and gain insight in methods used in schools around Europe to combat such issues.

The project revealed that the participants involved had little information on the possible dangers, while it raised awareness on the safer use, dangers and legal issues of the internet and technology.

Project coordinator:
Private Grammar and Modern Schools (Limassol) Ltd
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Finland, Germany, Greece, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey.



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details-page/?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/a595a1a4-eabe-449c-8989-1f1e9cbf644c>
<http://www.studentsonlinesafety.com/>

"IMPROVING SKILLS FOR SMARTFARMING AS AN INNOVATIVE TOOL FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH"

Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013): Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation (TOI)
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €190.173

The SmartFarmer project aimed to improve the skills and competences of people in the agricultural sector through the creation and development of a training programme in Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Spain and Portugal, the development of an electronic platform and the development of a Guidebook. The purpose of project outputs was to enhance the dissemination and transfer of knowledge and innovation in project countries in particular and Europe in general.

The project was based on the transfer of the results of ProudFarmer project that was completed in 2010 and provided innovative results, that were successfully integrated in formal training programmes in partner countries.

The SmartFarmer educational material and the online platform aim at enhancing the marketing and promotion of competitive agricultural products of high nutritional value and consequently the development of rural areas.

Project coordinator:
Agricultural Research Institute
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Cyprus University of Technology - Cyprus,
Greece, Spain, Latvia, Portugal.



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details-page/?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/6cbdf734-f2fa-4afb-9268-1add2b0db548>
<http://www.smartfarmerproject.eu/gr/index.html>



LIFE: ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action with an EU budget of €3.4 billion for the period 2014-2020. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation, by co-financing projects with European added value. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 4.500 projects.

The LIFE programme 2014-2020 contributes to sustainable development and to the achievement of the objectives and targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the 7th Union Environmental Action Programme and other relevant EU environment and climate strategies and plans.

The "Environment" strand of the programme covers three priority areas: environment and resource efficiency; nature and biodiversity; and environmental governance and information. The "Climate Action" strand covers climate change mitigation; climate change adaptation; and climate governance and information.

The programme also consists of a new category of projects, jointly funded integrated projects, which will operate on a large territorial scale. These projects will aim to implement environmental and climate policy and to better integrate such policy aims into other policy areas.

EC website for "LIFE" programme:
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>

"LIFE+ ORGANIKO: REVAMPING ORGANIC FARMING AND ITS PRODUCTS IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION STRATEGIES"

Thematic Area: Climate Change Mitigation (2014-2020)
Project's duration: 4 years
EU grant: €568.149

The LIFE+ ORGANIKO project aims to provide field-based evidence promoting organic farming and its products as an important means of mitigating and adapting to climate change in Cyprus. Its objective is also to demonstrate the comparative advantages of organic versus conventional farming and products, using indicators of climate change mitigation efficiency, agronomic and environmental quality and to decrease exposure of children to pesticides, by promoting food which is better for their health.

Some of the project's main objectives are to develop a Strategic National Plan for mitigating climate change in agriculture, through the advancement of organic farming and its products in the Cypriot economy, and to demonstrate comparative advantages of selected organic products, in decreasing amounts of concentrations of organophosphate pesticides found in children.

LIFE+ ORGANIKO expects to increase the number of Cypriots willing to spend a marginal additional amount in euros to buy organic products by 6% on average, to expand the organic sector by 1% in the cypriot market, to achieve synergies through the incorporation of children's health studies into a larger EU study design and to gradually increase the number of organic farming-related jobs (e.g. farming, supply chain, logistics).

Project coordinator:

Cyprus University of Technology
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:

Cyprus: Agriculture Research Institute,
Department of Environment
(Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment)
and Italy.



Info:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/project/Projects/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.dspPage&n_proj_id=5354
<http://organikolife.com/en/>

"DAIRIUS"

Thematic Area: Environmental Policy and Governance (2007-2013)
Project's duration: 44 months
EU grant: €702.126

Industries processing agricultural raw materials such as milk, various fruits, vegetables, meat etc. generate millions of tons of wastes and large amounts of by-products, which are totally unexploited, with the absence of environmental management significantly deteriorating the environment. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate that it is possible to solve the problem of managing and exploiting expired dairy products, by developing a facility that presents an integrated management of these types of wastes through the use of co-treatment with different substrates of anaerobic co-digestion, thus minimizing the impact on the environment while producing maximum electrical and thermal energy.

Through DAIRIUS, an integrated approach for the solution of this problem is demonstrated that can be easily transferred to other EU countries. DAIRIUS was conceived as an innovative solution for dealing with the problem of these wastes by developing the methods used so far, of using clean and sustainable technologies to maximize energy exploitation and minimize environmental impacts of anaerobic digestion.

Project coordinator:

Charalambides-Christis Ltd
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:

Cyprus: RTD TALOS LTD, ANIMALIA GENETICS LTD,
Department of Environment
(Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment),
and Greece.



Info:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/project/Projects/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.dspPage&n_proj_id=3941
<http://www.dairiusproject.com/en/overview>

"WASP TOOL - DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION OF A WASTE PREVENTION SUPPORT TOOL FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES"

Thematic Area: Environment/ Waste Management (2007-2013)
Project's duration: 3 years
EU grant: €893.261

The main objective of the project was to help Local Authorities to select and implement the best Waste Prevention Strategy, for the specific local circumstances of Greece and Cyprus. While prevention is at the top of the waste management hierarchy in the European Union, very few people have incorporated it into their daily lives. Most people, mainly due to lack of information, mistakenly identify waste prevention with reusing and recycling. This gap (of knowledge and daily practice) was what the three-year European project LIFE+ «WASP Tool» attempted to fill.

As planned, the project developed and implemented three Waste Prevention Strategies, one for each of the pilot areas participating in the project (two in Crete and the third in Cyprus). Four priority waste prevention actions took place in each area, two of which were common for all the three areas (i.e. food waste prevention and home composting). In addition, the LIFE team implemented extensive communication, dissemination and training activities, raising the awareness of more than one million people in the two countries on municipal waste prevention. A networking platform was also developed for waste management stakeholders, in which local authorities, educators and partners from relevant projects could exchange knowledge and experiences on waste prevention.

Project coordinator:
Harokopio University of Athens
(Greece)

Partner countries:
Cyprus: Environmental Technology Ltd (ENVITECH),
Municipality of Paralimni and Greece.



Info:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/project/Projects/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.dspPage&n_proj_id=3992
http://wasptool.hua.gr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=78&lang=en



PROGRAMME FOR THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (COSME)

COSME is the EU programme supporting the competitiveness of the enterprises and the SMEs, running from 2014 to 2020, with a budget of €2.3 billion. COSME calls are addressed to potential, new and existing entrepreneurs interested to start or expand a business, but also to public authorities that formulate, promote or implement relevant policies.

More specifically, COSME provides support to SMEs in the following areas:

- ▶ Facilitating access to finance
- ▶ Supporting internationalisation and access to markets
- ▶ Creating better framework conditions for competitiveness
- ▶ Encouraging the entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial culture

The COSME programme implements the Small Business Act (SBA) that is the EU initiative reflecting the Commission's political will to recognize and support the key role of SMEs within the EU economy.

EC website for "COSME" programme:
<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/cosme>

"CYPRUS EDEN PROMOTION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2016"

Action: Better framework conditions for competitiveness - promoting sustainable development in tourism sector

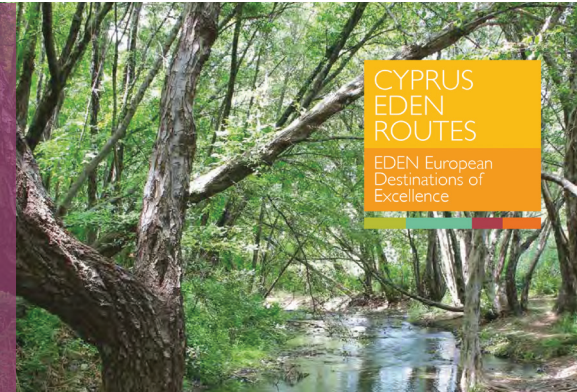
Project's duration: 1,5 year

EU grant: €40.000

E DEN is the acronym for European Destinations of Excellence, an initiative that promotes sustainable tourism development models across the EU. Through the selection of destinations of excellence, based on national competitions that take place every year, EDEN promotes the values, diversity and common features of European tourist destinations. It also enhances the visibility of emerging and relatively unknown European destinations, while creating a platform for sharing good practices across Europe and promoting networking between awarded destinations.

This European quest for excellence in tourism is developed around an annual theme, chosen by the Commission together with the relevant national tourism bodies. The Cyprus Tourism Organisation, which is the responsible body for the EDEN program in Cyprus, has been conducting a national competition for the selection of a European Destination of Excellence in Cyprus, in accordance with the annual theme, since 2007. Some of the winning destinations so far are, Troodos as "Best Emerging European Rural Destination" for 2007, Agros under the "Tourism and Local Intangible Heritage" theme of 2008, Kalopanayiotis in the "Tourism and Regeneration of Physical Sites" category of 2011, Polis Chrysochous for "Accessible Tourism" in 2012 and, more recently, Pitsilia under the "Tourism and Local Gastronomy" theme of 2014.

Project coordinator:
Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO)



Info:
<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/eden/>
http://www.visitcyprus.com/files/EDEN/EDEN_Cyprus_Routes_5_2017_EN.pdf

"VENTURES" (VENTURES 8)

Action: Erasmus for young entrepreneurs (2014-2020)

Project's duration: 2 years

EU grant: €481.388

A high rate of start-ups most of the time do not manage to survive, mainly due to inexperience in managing a business. The "Erasmus For Young Entrepreneurs" program gives young new entrepreneurs (NE) the opportunity to gain valuable business management experience under the guidance of an experienced host entrepreneur (HE). After 10 years of implementation, it is estimated that more than 9000 NEs and HEs have benefited from the programme in participating countries around EU.

At present, through an 11-members consortium, the Ventures8 project aims to foster business spirit at regional, national and european level, contributing to the improvement of the entrepreneurship, competitiveness and internationalisation of SMEs, potential start-up entrepreneurs, new micro and small enterprises within the EU, especially in participating countries. The project recognizes that small businesses play a vital and fundamental role in job creation and economic growth.

Through their participation in the 8th cycle of this entrepreneurs' exchange programme, around 90 NEs and 100 HEs from EU countries are expected to benefit from Ventures8 implementation until the end of January 2018. In Cyprus, 40 entrepreneurs (18 NEs, 22 HEs) are already actively engaged in the programme since February 2016, while this number is expected to increase to 50 NEs & HEs by the end of the Ventures8 implementation period.

Project coordinator:
Coventry University
(United Kingdom)

Partner countries:
Dekaplus Business Services Ltd - Cyprus,
Italy, Romania, Spain, Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia
and the Netherlands.



Info:
<http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>
<https://www.facebook.com/dekaplus.cyprus/>



CREATIVE EUROPE

The Creative Europe Programme secures and promotes cultural and linguistic diversity and enhances the competitiveness of the cultural and creative sectors. The Creative Europe programme has a budget of €1.46 billion over seven years, to strengthen Europe's cultural and creative sectors. The Creative Europe Programme continues to address the audiovisual industry through the MEDIA sub-programme and the cultural sector through the Culture sub-programme.

The **MEDIA sub-programme** supports cinema, television, new media and video games, offering funding, training and networking opportunities for producers, video game developers, distributors, sales agents, audiovisual media skill providers, film festival organizers, markets and networks, cinema acquaintances and exhibitors.

The **Culture sub-programme** supports the cultural and creative sector and mainly funds cross-border cooperation projects and initiatives in all forms of art such as visual arts, dance, theatre, literature, performing arts, music, heritage, architecture, design, circus, festivals, and fashion. There is also support for publishers wishing to translate European literature related to fiction. The objectives of the sub-programme are the economic development of the cultural sector and the development of its activities.

EC website for "Creative Europe" programme:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe_en

National Contact Point Website:

www.creativeeuropecyprus.eu

"ARTECITYA"

Creative Europe 2014-2020: Culture/ Cooperative Projects
Project's duration: 4 years
EU grant: €2.000.000

Artecitya is a pan-European project that aims to bring together artists, architects, urban planners and the people themselves to recreate the cities in which everyone would like to live. Priority is the promotion of a strongly innovative approach to the whole idea of urban life, taking into account the sociological development and the needs of the inhabitants.

The idea shared by the participating organizations is to raise awareness and dialogue between the project stakeholders (artists, architects, urban planners and the local population), and develop specific plans for the reorganization of public spaces and their implementation through facilities, constructions, events, etc. Art can be used as a social tool to bring people together and help them better understand the problems that exist, as well as a means to put forward proposals for a multidisciplinary approach involving a wide range of specialized agencies. The basic idea is to take a fresh look at living places, discover again and revitalize cities and give ordinary people a real opportunity to participate in their reinvention by actively participating in the process.

Project coordinator:
Association Apollonia
(France)

Partner countries:
ARTos Cultural and Research Foundation - Cyprus,
Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, France, Slovenia,
Greece.



Info:
<http://artecitya.eu/>

"TOWARDS 2020: SKILLING MUSICIANS & ENGAGING AUDIENCES (T2020)"

Creative Europe 2014-2020: Culture/ Cooperative Projects
Project's duration: 18 months
EU grant: €1.916.000

The project Towards 2020: Skilling Musicians & Engaging Audiences in Europe's Orchestral Sector (T2020) is a major european collaborative programme aimed at creating a new model for developing the skills of young talented musicians from all 28 EU Member States, so that they can respond to the changing needs of 21st century society.

The implementation of this programme is expected not only to strengthen the capacity of the orchestration sector, but also to promote youth employment and create new audiences across Europe. It will also provide a model for Europe's creativity. At the heart of the T2020 is the training and international concerts of the European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO), which is one of the most important youth orchestras, with upcoming young musicians from all around the world.

Project coordinator:
International Youth Foundation Trust
(United Kingdom)

Partner countries:
Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation - Cyprus,
Slovakia, United Kingdom, Belgium, Greece,
Italy, Austria.



Info:
<http://www.euyo.eu/discover/towards-2020-project/>

"SONGS OF MY NEIGHBOURS"

Creative Europe 2007-2013: Culture/ Cooperation Measures
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €154.321

Songs of my Neighbours is a collaborative initiative that aimed to use the arts, traditional songs and theatre performances, to encourage dialogue and social justice between communities that share conflict: the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot neighbourliness; the Jewish and Catholic Poles' strange cohabitation; the Marginalisation and inclusion of the Roma community of Lecce, Italy.

Listening to each other's songs and stories, through a process of artistic research was at the core of the project's activities. Traditional songs can be vessels of identity, history, culture and memory of a community, and trying to understand and learn them can begin a necessary dialogue.

The experience and knowledge gathered during this artistic research led to original theatre performances, concerts, conferences, film screenings, production of a documentary, scholarships, workshops, and a book publication. It also led to the creation of inroads of real collaboration and understanding.

Project coordinator:
Center of Performing Arts MITOS
(Cyprus)
Partner countries:
Poland, Italy.



Info:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Songs-of-my-Neighbours-193075787483494/about/?ref=page_internal

"THE SNAKE CHARMER"

Creative Europe 2014-2020: Media/ TV Programming Support
Project's duration: 2,5 years
EU grant: €72.300

This is a film that has been produced with financing from the Creative Europe programme, in which a cypriot organization had an active role.

The aim of the project is to create awareness on the violence against women. The Snake Charmer follows Bollywood star, Aamir Khan, on a journey across India, as he is on a quest to confront India's deepest social ills, from sexual abuse to caste discrimination and rape and poses wider questions about the tendency for normalization of rape and sexual assault, which allows victims to be frequently blamed, implicitly or explicitly, when these crimes are committed against them. The film ultimately aimed to lure its audience into adopting radical new ideas and practices concerning the role of women and to convince India to change practices that bring death, poverty and unhappiness to hundreds of thousands of women across the country.

THE SNAKE CHARMER was awarded the Youth Jury Award at the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival 2017.

Project coordinator:
F.T. FOREST TROOP LIMITED
(Cyprus)
Partner countries:
Greece.



Info:
<http://www.anemon.gr/films/film-detail/snake-charmer>



HEALTH FOR GROWTH

The Health for Growth Programme, with a budget of €449,4 million is the third EU action that supports the objectives of European Union's Health Strategy. The overall objectives of the Programme are to complement, support and add value to Member States' policies aimed at improving the health of Union citizens and reducing health inequalities by promoting good health and encouraging innovation in the field of health, increasing the sustainability of health systems and protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border threats.

The Programme has 4 key objectives:

- Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for health lifestyles, based on the principle "Health in all policies"
- Protect Unions' citizens from serious cross-border health threats
- Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems
- Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens.

EC website for "Health for Growth" programme:
https://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy_en:

"LOCAL STRATEGIES TO REDUCE UNDERAGE AND HEAVY EPISODIC DRINKING"

Health for Growth Programme (2014-2020): Gathering knowledge and exchanging best practices on measures reducing underage drinking and heavy episodic drinking/ Alcohol

Project's duration: 2,5 years

EU grant: €745.979

Localize It! aims at strengthening municipalities in their capacity to reduce underage and heavy episodic drinking. Coordinated and custom-fit local alcohol strategies will be developed, implemented and evaluated for two municipalities in each of the eleven participating countries. Seven different settings for alcohol prevention will be addressed including parental work, schools, children in families with alcohol problems, alcohol in public space, party scenes, festivals, gastronomy & retail, refugees and traffic safety. For each setting, good practices will be researched, assessed and exchanged at a European conference. Those good practices will serve as a pool of measures for individual local action plans.

By means of a Rapid Assessment and Response (RAR) an overview of the individual local situations will be provided and awareness of the problem will be raised among relevant local actors/ stakeholders. Steering Committees will be established in the municipalities, which will develop individual action plans for each one of the seven settings, that will include specific measures.

Project coordinator:
LANDSCHAFTSVERBAND WESTFALEN-LIPPE [LWL]
(Germany)

Partner countries:
KENTHEA LIMITED - Cyprus,
Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece,
Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia.



Info:
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/chafea_pdb/health/projects/738055/summary
<http://www.localize-it.eu/>

"A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTE A DISABILITY-FREE ADVANCED AGE IN EUROPE: THE ADVANTAGE INITIATIVE"

Health for Growth Programme (2014-2020): Prevention of frailty/ Ageing

Project's duration: 3 years

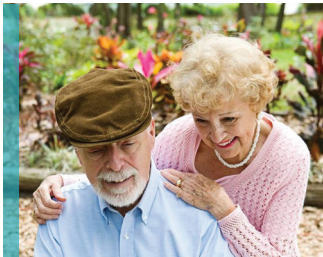
EU grant: €3.442.591

ADVANTAGE will build a common understanding on frailty to be used by Member States on which to base a common management approach of older people who are frail or at risk for developing frailty.

ADVANTAGE will summarise the current State of the Art methods for the different components of frailty and its management, both at individual and population level, will collect information on the development of programs to manage frailty in older adults in the EU and will propose, as its main outcome, a common European model to approach frailty. This model will include a road map that, considering the degree of frailty policies development, will propose interventions for frail and people at risk and will establish tailored milestones for each Member State in order to achieve a comprehensive approach to promote a disability-free advanced age.

Project coordinator:
MADRILENO DE SALUD (SERMAS)
(Spain)

Partner countries:
Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus - Cyprus,
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany,
Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,
Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom.



Info:
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/chafea_pdb/health/projects/724099/summary
<http://advantageja.eu/index.php>

"EuroHeart - EUROPEAN HEART HEALTH STRATEGY"

Public Health Programme (2003-2008): Disease and injuries prevention/
Major chronic diseases, population groups

Project's duration: 3 years

EU grant: €1.499.958

EuroHeart project is about promoting the prevention of cardiovascular-related diseases. Its general objective was to determine areas of policies and public health interventions which can contribute to prevent avoidable deaths and disability across Europe. Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, is the main cause of death and a major cause of disability in Europe. It is estimated that 80% can be prevented. Small reductions in incidence and mortality lead to large health gains and reductions in direct and indirect health care costs.

The specific objectives of the EuroHeart project were to:

- Mobilise broad support for cardiovascular health promotion and cardiovascular disease prevention with a view to achieving stronger cross sector cooperation.
- Map and analyse national plans, policies and measures impacting on cardiovascular health promotion and cardiovascular disease prevention.
- Improve the awareness, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women.
- Improve prevention practices at primary care level by developing local- language versions of the web-based interactive CVD risk assessment tool, HeartScore.
- Improve the standards of clinical practice by facilitating the translation, adaptation and implementation of the European guidelines on CVD prevention.

Project coordinator:
European Society of Cardiology
(France)

Partner countries:
Cyprus Society of Cardiology - Cyprus,
United Kingdom, Hungary, Portugal, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Greece,
Netherlands, Ireland, Iceland, Slovenia, Norway, France, Finland, Germany,
Estonia, Belgium, Denmark, Poland, Turkey.



Info:
http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/projects/database/database_new.inc.data.20101204.pdf
<https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/What-we-do/Initiatives/EuroHeart/EuroHeart-I>

"ACHIEVING COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATION
IN ORGAN DONATION THROUGHOUT THE
EUROPEAN UNION" (ACCORD)

Health Programme (2008-2013): Improve Citizen's Health Security/ Organ Transplantation

Project's duration: 3,5 years

EU grant: €1.440.000

Organ transplantation is a consolidated therapy from which thousands of patients benefit in the EU. However, important variations in activity exist between Member States.

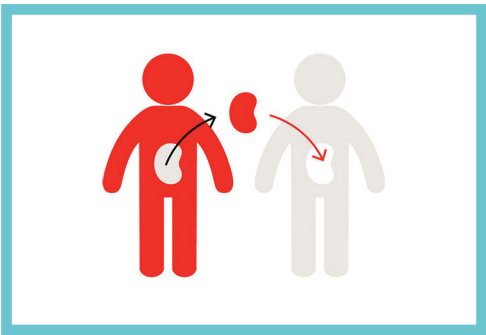
ACCORD intends to strengthen the full potential of Member States in the field of organ donation and transplantation in order to improve the cooperation between them. With this general aim, ACCORD is focused on three specific areas as follows:

- Developing live donor registries and fostering international data sharing on live donation.
- Increasing the availability of organs from deceased donors by strengthening the cooperation between intensive care units (ICUs) and donor transplant coordinators (DTCs).
- Promoting exchange of best practices and consolidated expertise in organ donation and transplantation through twinnings experiences.

Overall, ACCORD facilitates the consistent implementation of the Directive 2012/25/EU laying down information procedures for the exchanges between Member States, of human organs intended for transplantation across the whole Union, provides Member State with concrete assistance in meeting the objectives of the Action Plan and enhances cooperation between Member States.

Project coordinator:
Organización Nacional de Trasplantes
(Spain)

Partner countries:
Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus - Cyprus,
France, Portugal, Germany, Norway, Netherlands, Bulgaria,
Ireland, Greece, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Malta, Croatia,
Romania, Lithuania, Italy, United Kingdom, Hungary, Latvia,
Estonia, Sweden, Poland.



Info:
http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/projects/database/database_new.inc.data.20112102.pdf
<http://www.accord-ja.eu/>



RIGHTS, EQUALITY AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

JUSTICE PROGRAMME

“Rights, Equality and Citizenship” Programme (REC)

The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) with a budget of €439 million over the period 2014-2020, shall contribute to the further development of an area where equality and the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty, the Charter and international human rights conventions, are promoted and protected. Its nine specific objectives are to:

- › Promote non-discrimination
- › Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance
- › Promote rights of persons with disabilities
- › Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming
- › Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne)
- › Promote the rights of the child
- › Ensure the highest level of data protection
- › Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship
- › Enforce consumer rights.

“Justice” Programme

The overall aim of the Justice Programme, with a budget of €378 million, is to help create a truly European area of Justice, based on mutual recognition and mutual trust. It promotes judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, better access to justice in the EU, help train judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals, and support EU action to tackle drugs. Union legislation in the area of civil law and criminal law covers a broad spectrum from contractual law and insolvencies to procedural rights and victims' rights. The Justice Programme supports their effective and consistent application, and ensures proper access to justice for people and businesses in Europe.

EC website for “REC” programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm

EC website for “JUSTICE” programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/justice/index_en.htm

"BREAKING THE MOULD: PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN CYPRUS"

Thematic area: Support Equal Economic Independence of women and men (2014-2020)
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €247.146

The main aim of the project is to create awareness on the need for ensuring economic independence of both women and men, including the balance between professional and private life. It also aims to highlight the limited share of housework and care responsibilities of the household undertaken by men. Its objectives include promotion of flexible working arrangements for men in Cyprus, encouragement of companies and in particular of SMEs to introduce family-friendly measures and counter parting the stereotype that domestic work does not fit the traditional picture of masculinity. More importantly, the project focuses on culture change which is vital for the Cypriot society to move towards equality. A special research will be contacted for the benefits for companies and employees when using family friendly measures.

The methodology of this project is threefold:

- A campaign targeting men, which will start after the mapping of the current situation in Cyprus. This will provide evidence of innovative ways of organising work and time in such a way as to enable a better work/ life balance and greater sharing of domestic tasks and care responsibilities between women and men;
- Awareness-raising actions for SMEs, where a special guide will be prepared for SMEs containing effective methods of implementing family-friendly measures in the workplace as well as the return on investment of such programmes;
- Educational activities for teachers and schoolchildren which will be promoted through special educational tools for teachers to be used in a special lesson on housework for both girls and boys as well as TV programmes viewed by primary children.

Project coordinator:
National Mechanism for Women's Rights, Ministry of Justice and Public Order (Cyprus)
Partner countries:
Cyprus: Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS),
Ministry of Education and Culture, IMH Ltd.



Info:
<http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/breaking-the-mould-promoting-gender-equality-in-cyprus/>

"WORKING ALONG WITH KEY EXPERTS" (W.A.K.E)

Thematic area: Support victims of violence and crime (2014- 2020)
Project's duration: 18 months
EU grant: €88.278

The project aims overall to improve the real, day to day situation of victims of crime to the greatest extent possible and to reduce their discrimination experiences. The specific objectives include the identification of the training needs of the professionals of the relevant government authorities and of other practitioners coming into contact with victims of violence and crime, and the improvement of their capabilities through trainings, so as to operate in a more respectful, impartial and professional manner, thus improving, the quality of services provided. The project also aims to ensure the access to justice and information to all victims, to strengthen inter services cooperation between all relevant Ministries and to exchange good practices that will help in shaping a more victim support based system in Cyprus.

Overall, approximately 9,000 victims of crime and about 200 government professionals and other practitioners (police officials, healthcare professionals, social services officers, educators, legal servants and NGOs dealing with relevant issues) in all the participating countries will benefit from the project's results which include, amongst other, the development of Victims' Guidelines and Mobile Application for screening the victims.

Project coordinator:
Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family (SPAVO) (Cyprus)
Partner countries:
Cyprus: The Cyprus Red Cross Society, Enoros Consulting Ltd,
Portugal, Spain.



Info:
<http://www.wake.org.cy/>

"PREVENTING BUSINESS FAILURE AND INSOLVENCY" (PRESOLVE)

Thematic Area: Support judicial cooperation in civil matters (2014-2020)
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €739.180

The activities of the PRE-SOLVE project are aimed at assisting those businesses faced with a possibility of insolvency, or in cases where insolvency/ liquidation proceedings are pending, or even offering a second opportunity to enterprises after insolvency/ liquidation.

Initially the project partners will develop a series of tools that will deal with various aspects of the business. These tools will be tailored to each country/ market separately and will then be piloted in more than 600 businesses in the eight partner countries' Chambers. The 6 tools to be developed are:

- 1. Diagnostic tool and dashboard
- 2. Psychological mapping and help methodology
- 3. Platform for monitoring the administration
- 4. Cost analysis tool
- 5. Dispute resolution management tool and
- 6. Second-chance business plan.

These tools can be used directly by businesses, but to a greater extent they will be used by business consultants in collaboration with the company itself.

The project also aims to provide a Policy Recommendation Paper and to organize a high level conference.

Project coordinator:
Belgium Chamber
(Belgium)

Partner countries:
Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) - Cyprus,
Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Italy, Rumania, Spain.



Info:
<https://www.cambrabcn.org/documents/20182/64413/PRESOLVE+Project+Description.pdf/9ded0eea-0836-4e15-a375-9dd476943342>

"CIRCLE OF CHANGE: PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH GENDER EQUALITY AWARENESS"

Thematic area: Support National Information, awareness-raising and education activities aimed at preventing and combating violence against women (2014-2020)
Project's duration: 2 years
EU grant: €172.291

The aim of the project is to support the development and implementation of practical and targeted information, awareness-raising and education activities on combating violence (Intimate partner violence and sexual violence) against women in Cyprus.

The main objective of the project is to develop a training curriculum on combating violence issues to target 200 front-line professionals (police officers and other civil servants). Training material will be used for new classes of police officers at the Police Academy. 125 teachers and related professionals will participate in training seminars and 625 adolescents will participate in awareness raising workshops at schools. Media campaign targeting victim blaming and reporting and social media campaign aiming to changing attitudes of the public towards combating various forms of violence against women, will take place.

The expected results involve the change of attitudes and behaviors towards violence against women, prevention through education, combating victim blaming and encouraging victims and witnesses to report violence to authorities and institutions by increasing their sense of trust, and the education of citizens within violence risk groups, to learn their rights and the government support services.

Project coordinator:
Cyprus Police
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Cyprus: Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family (SPAVO), Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS),
Enoros Consulting LTD.



Info:
<http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/circle-of-change-preventing-and-combating-violence-against-women-and-girls-through-gender-equality-awareness/>
www.facebook.com/CircleOfChange4/

"TRAINING OF LAWYERS REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN CRIMINAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL JUSTICE" (TRACHILD)

Thematic Area: Promote and protect the rights of the child (2014-2020)
Project's duration: 18 months
EU grant: €121.777

The aim of the project is to train a minimum of 30 lawyers per Bar partner (6 national training seminars) in the representation of minors in criminal, administrative and civil proceedings. The assistance and representation of the child by a lawyer in the judicial proceedings must be efficient. Therefore, these legal professionals must have a strong and specific legal training. Participating lawyers were selected by the partners on the basis of common criteria such as experience in procedures concerning children. These lawyers will receive comprehensive training that will enable them to become themselves trainers of their colleagues in this field.

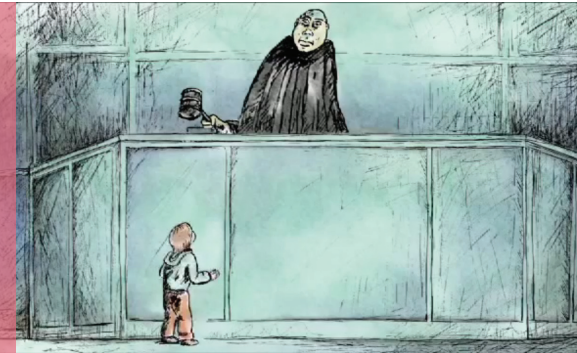
The training kit will be made-up of a general introduction referring to international and national legislation relating to the topic, and will be covering various aspects in criminal (judicial and legal framework, the enforcement and adjustment of penalties, unaccompanied foreign minors, child victims), disciplinary (at school or in custody), civil (children in danger, assistance to children in family disputes) and cross border (international and European legislation) areas. Issues regarding ethics, as well as technical specificities of assisting children will also be tackled (interview methods addressed to children depending on the topic, children's hearings).

Project coordinator:

Ordre Des Avocats À La Cour De Paris
(France)

Partner countries:

Cyprus Bar Association - Cyprus,
Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Poland.



Info:
<http://elf-fae.eu/trachild/>



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

The aim of the 2014-2020 programme is to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history, values and diversity, to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation by promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at EU level.

The programme is composed of two main strands:

- ▶ **Strand 1:** European remembrance: Raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aims.
- ▶ **Strand 2:** Democratic engagement and civic participation: The programme promotes town twinning, networks of towns and civil society projects.

The budget for this programme is €185 million over the period 2014-2020.

EC website for “Europe for Citizens” programme:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en

National Contact Point website:
<http://www.cyso.org.cy/europe4citizens/>

"COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY THROUGH INCREASING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION" (IWP)

Strand 2:	Democratic engagement and civic participation/ Civil Society Projects (2014-2020)
Project's duration:	18 months
EU grant:	€150.000

Parliaments are the most important floors for the implementation of Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and voters (men and women) sensitization towards equality and towards the social profits from valuing women's contribution to National and European (N&E) development and progress. The low percentage of women's participation in the European Parliament according to the 2014 elections indicate that short term measures and campaigns just before the elections are not the most efficient solution to the problem.

This project aimed at the continuous encouraging/ increasing of the participation of women, both as voters and as candidates in the N&E elections and the political life. The partnership was purposefully designed to include four countries with low percentages of female representation in National and European decision making bodies (Cyprus, Lithuania, Latvia, Portugal) and one model country (Finland) with relatively high percentages of female representation.

The project's objectives were to bring together and engage the various stakeholders involved in the preparation of an integrated strategy for increasing youth and female participation in N&E decision making bodies, to provide training for women who aspire to a career in N&E politics, to provide online workshops and participatory seminars for voters, men and women, for promoting equality and democratic participation etc.

Project coordinator:
University of Cyprus
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal.



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<http://www.womensparticipation.com/en/>

"EMPOWERING CITIZENS OF SMALL MEMBER STATES" (ECoSMS)

Strand 2:	Democratic engagement and civic participation/ Civil Society Projects (2014-2020)
Project's duration:	18 months
EU grant:	€60.000

The project sought to examine whether and to what extent citizens of three small EU member states, feel that they have very little influence on policies, as citizens of the European Union. Additionally, ECoSMS explored the way such views affect citizens' stance towards the EU at a practical level i.e. whether there is a cause of absenteeism in the European elections. More importantly, it pursued ways to address these fears/ feelings and explored ways to empower citizens of smaller EU member states.

The three partners conducted a country research based on a common questionnaire with the goal to understand what citizens think about the European Union, to what extent they are interested in it and how much do they know about the mechanisms and the work of the European Union. The results of the questionnaires have been used for round-table discussions in each country, through which citizens laid out their opinions and suggestions. The results and conclusions of the research and debate were used to draft Country Policy Papers which were presented in a joint conference in Nicosia. Commonalities and differences between the three countries were explored for the creation of a Common Policy Paper, aiming at informing key actors and providing possible solutions that can help enhance civic participation and engagement at national and EU level.

Project coordinator:
NGO Support Centre
(Cyprus)

Partner countries:
Malta, Estonia.



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"BUILDING EUROPE THROUGH YOUTH PARTICIPATION" (BEYOUTH)

Strand 2:	Democratic engagement and civic participation/ Networks of towns (2014-2020)
Project's duration:	17 months
EU grant:	€142.500

The main goal of the BEYOUTH project was to increase the general feeling of belonging to the EU of young citizens living in eight small and peripheral towns located in seven different EU countries by encouraging them to participate actively in local civic life.

Several polls and studies confirmed that many youngsters believe that the institutions of the EU and its decisions making process is something very distant that involve only restricted elites and not citizens. The majority of this group believes that the EU today is only about limitations and obligations and they ignore any positive aspects of it.

The project included 8 international events, during which young politicians from 7 different countries encouraged young people to participate in local events as "EU citizens". By working with young citizens, young politicians can encourage them to engage in social activities, to freely express their opinions and to contribute to decision-making on issues that concern them.

Project coordinator:
Municipality of Castel Bolognese
(Italy)

Partner countries:
Municipality of Pegeia - Cyprus,
Spain, Romania, Slovenia, Latvia, Italy, Hungary.



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