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EXTRA SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE GRANT BENEFICIARIES

"Report Preparation Workshop" has been delivered to CSD Project Grant Beneficiaries between 4 and 15 May, 2009 in Ankara. More than 200 grant beneficiaries from all around Turkey gathered for this event to receive extra support on reporting process. At the training most of the Grant Beneficiaries who are implementing EU funded projects the first time ever, have learned to resolve problems they are facing during project implementation and also create appropriate reports.



Civil Society Dialogue Project provides for implementation of four Grant Schemes amounting to 19,3 M EUR and aiming at intensifying and diversifying the contacts between; Towns and Municipalities; Professional Organizations; Universities and Youth Initiatives. 115 outstanding and prestigious institutions from these Grant Schemes of Civil Society Dialogue, such as Mimar Sinan University, Boğaziçi University, Koç University, Bahçeşehir University, Middle East Technical University, Akdeniz University, Uludağ University, Association of Turkish Consulting Engineers and Architects, Turkish Pharmacists Association, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, Toroslar Municipality, Zeytinburnu Municipality, Kayseri Municipality, Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Union of Bars of Turkey, Union of Municipalities of Turkey, Bursa Young Industrialists Businessmen & Executives Association, and Youth Services Centre participated in the workshop. These organisations implementing the grant projects have partners from either EU Member States or Candidate countries, such as Academy of Fine Art Vienna, Central Saint Martins College Art and Design (UK), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden), Rome Municipality, Sofia University, City of Odense (Denmark), CSR Europe (Belgium) and Red Europa de Dialogo Social (Spain).

Beside the training, on the first days of the workshop, a "Promotional and Information Fair" has been arranged in order to enable Grant Beneficiaries to promote the projects and introduce some visibility items and visuals about their projects. The info fair served as a platform to share experience and information among the Grant Beneficiaries.



Civil Society Dialogue Project is supported by the EU, implemented by Secretariat General for EU Affairs with the technical assistance from a consortium led by DeLeeuw International, and the contracting authority for this project is the Central Finance and Contracts Unit. This important event was successfully completed in cooperation with these institutions. (www.csdproject.net)



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EU AID PROGRAMME FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY: SETTING UP AN OPEN ACCESS INFORMATION POINT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION



The EU Info Point Project, funded by European Union with a budget of 1.3M Euros, started to be implemented by "WYG International". Within the scope of the project, an EU Info Point, which will serve as an open access centre for EU and its political and legal structure, main politics and activities, was set-up.

"The EU Info Point" located at Nicosia, opened its doors to the public with a reception and cocktail party on the 23rd of June, 2009 in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Mehmet Ali Talat. Beside M. Ali Talat, EU Commissioners and a large number of invitees attended to the opening. In his opening speech, Alain Bothorel; Principal Administrator of the European Commission stated that

the aim of the Info Point is to give information about EU activities and to bring Turkish Cypriot Community closer to the European Union. Talat, during his speech stated that he wishes "Info Point" will create a "realistic ambition" with information and knowledge rather than an ambition emerged without any knowledge, and he thanked to European Commission and EU commissioners.

Printing and publishing visibility items about European Union are also within the scope of the project. Visitors of the Info Point will be able to obtain up-to-date information on various aspects of EU via books, brochures, CDs, documents, leaflets and other informative materials and publications available. Moreover, they will be able to access to information on the web using four terminals located at the premises and get detail information about Financial Aid Programme.

After the opening ceremony, EU Info Point started to respond different needs. In the forthcoming days, a series of activities for different target groups will be conducted at the Info Point. Beside informative meetings, conferences and trainings; cultural activities will also be conducted, and these activities will be announced to the public through the newsletter of the project.



"RURAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR PROGRAM" AT NORTH CYPRUS

"Rural Development Sector Program" which is covering seven activities, started to be implemented for economical and social development of the rural areas in North Cyprus. These activities include; support to the development of a rural development plan, setting up of a rural development grant scheme; measures to improve water conservation and increase in irrigation efficiency and modernization of the fruit and vegetable sector; measures for the improvement of livestock farming and achievement of good hygienic conditions; setting up of a community development fund with the aim to fund a wide range of local economic, social and environment development activities; measures to support organic farming; and the technical assistance to support programme implementation.



"Rural Development Sector Program" (RDSP) is based on the studies carried out by the UNDP on behalf of the European Commission. The investigations cover some specific issues like the sources and the sustainability of economic development of northern part of Cyprus, the infrastructural requirements of villages, and the improvements of the hygienic conditions. Program started in 2008, and it is expected to be completed in 2012.

DeLeeuw International, WYG International and SAC International Consortium has started to implement "Technical Assistance to Support the Implementation of the Rural Development Sector Programme" Project which is positioned as Activity 7 under the Rural Development Sector Program, and has formed the Project Management Unit (PMU) which is the responsible team for the implementation of the project across the island. Although the main mission of PMU is defined as to support the management of grant scheme projects, in general terms, the aim is to help to develop greater understanding by the Turkish Cypriot Community of the EU legal and political order and to integrate EU standards into their daily lives.

