

FIRST AID TO NORTH CYPRUS FROM EU

Gönyeli Infrastructure Master Plan studies has commenced on June 14, 2007 with a kick-off meeting that was held in the Turkish Cypriot (TC) region of northern part of Cyprus. The project is funded by the European Union financial aid and supported in the framework of United Nations Development Programme "Partnership for the Future".



The Project is very special due to being the very first one that has been tendered in the framework of EU financial aid package in the Turkish Cypriot (TC) region of northern part of Cyprus. The Project is being outlined considering the necessities of Gönyeli for the next 30 years and is going to be completed in November.

The Gönyeli Project which is implemented by WYG International, WYG Ireland and Medec is aiming to prepare a master plan for water, wastewater and storm-water for the town of Gönyeli, situated in the Turkish Cypriot region of Northern Cyprus. WYGI/UK is acting as contractor and will be responsible for successful implementation of the project, whereas WYG Ireland and Medec will be sub consultants. DeLeeuw International is also providing a backstopping project management support to WYGI.

The project is very significant since it is the initial project which is being implemented in the Turkish Cypriot (TC) region of northern part of Cyprus by DeLeeuw International and WYG International thus the reference number of the project is 001.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE IS IN SAFE HANDS IN SOUTHEAST ANATOLIA

The European Commission has cooperated with GAP Regional Development Administration and granted 47 M to the GAP Regional Development Programme aiming to improve the social and economical situation of the local population. EU funded "Cultural Heritage and Development Project" which is one of the components of this programme commenced on March 2003 in Şanlıurfa by the Consortium led by Çekül Foundation, together with the partners WYG International, Proje Yönetim AŞ and Betaplan. The project covered Adıyaman, Batman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Siirt, Şanlıurfa and Şırnak. 32 projects were contracted from a total of 120 proposals under the funding of 12 million Euro allocated by the EU.



The Project Final Event was held on May 17, 2007 at Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce Premises. Nevzat Turhan, Governor of Kilis; Mikat Alan, Deputy Governor of Gaziantep and Mustafa Kölmek Vice President of South-eastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration have attended the event. Besides, the Councillor Holger Schroeder and Regional Development Sector Manager Melek Erman presented the European Commission at the final event. The final event was very significant since it marked that the project has been successfully completed and it was the first project closing event after the DeLeeuw International and WYGI merger.

Projects were wide rounded such as, restoration-renovation and rehabilitation of the historical buildings, handicrafts, support to the preservation of the regional cultures, cultural inventories and tour guiding sectors. In addition, larger projects covering all provinces including the production of a GIS system for Cultural heritage Inventory, Training Tourist Guides and Hygiene Education were awarded to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

By mobilising its experts, Technical Assistance Team has helped all applicants during the stages of the Grant Scheme proposal development and application by providing project cycle management training and mobile help desk support for proposal preparation. Especially by a fruitful collaboration with the European Commission Delegation to Turkey and South-eastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration; Project Team has also been charged to undertake the role of monitoring activities for the Grant Scheme Projects. This has involved regular monthly visits to project bases and preparation of the routine reports and with the intervention, where necessary, of technical experts to advice on technical issues.

The direct impacts of the Cultural Heritage and Development Project are tourism promotion of the region, capacity building in EC procedures and funds applications, employment generation, GIS based cultural heritage inventory all of which have been carried out very successfully. Besides, there are also indirect impacts of the project such as increase in the number and quality of the accommodation facilities, contribution to the social-economical development of the region, the positive impacts of employment generation and monetary contributions of GS projects on other sectors all of which are the significant outputs of the project for the region.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

LOCATION: ANKARA

Date: 15,16, 22, 23, September

2007 (PROGRAM DURATION 4 DAYS)

(Application Deadline: September 7, 2007)

28 PDU will be earned.

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