

**ANNEX I – Description of the Action**  
**[Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, Cyprus]**

**Project Title: Support to cultural heritage monuments of great importance for Cyprus, Phase 9**

**Brief Description**

The cultural heritage of Cyprus draws on the diverse and rich cultures and civilizations that have inhabited the island throughout history. It is the common heritage of all Cypriots and of all of humanity, regardless of origin. Since 2010, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) have contributed to the work of the bi-communal Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage (TCCH) to preserve the island's cultural heritage.

The overall objective of the project is to support the reconciliation process and increase trust between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots – the island's two main communities. This overall objective will be achieved through the implementation of confidence building measures, as agreed with by the TCCH. The TCCH is dedicated to the identification and safeguarding of the rich immovable cultural heritage of Cyprus and all its communities. The Committee works towards providing a mutually acceptable mechanism for the implementation of practical measures for the proper maintenance, preservation, physical protection, and restoration of cultural heritage throughout Cyprus.

The specific objective of the project is the preservation of Cypriot cultural heritage monuments of great importance. This is pursued by supporting conservation and/or emergency safeguarding measures for cultural heritage sites of great importance. Under this project, this objective is further pursued through the incorporation of digital components. Confidence-building measures are further strengthened by the participation of bi-communal teams during project implementation and through the inclusion of community engagement, awareness raising and youth engagement components as part of the project.

The 9<sup>th</sup> phase of the programme "Support to cultural heritage monuments of great importance for Cyprus" (CH9) aims to continue the support to the TCCH's efforts, contributing to the ongoing peacebuilding and confidence-building process and bringing communities closer together through the conservation of their shared heritage and the emergency safeguarding of selected projects. This will be achieved through the following expected outputs:

**Expected Output(s):**

Output 1: Completion of designs for conservation works of selected cultural heritage sites.

Output 2: Completion of conservation works for selected cultural heritage sites.

Output 3: Visibility maximized, engagement increased and awareness raised about EU funded projects through the protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

Output 4: Young Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots are empowered to take joint action for the protection of cultural heritage through the Heritage Youth Ambassadors' initiative.

Output 5: Online accessibility and digital preservation of completed TCCH projects enabled through Digitisation of Cultural Heritage.

The implementation period of this phase is 24 months.

This project is funded under the Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community 2022, Financing Decision 2022/044-533, of Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006, establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community to facilitate the reunification of Cyprus.