



ANNEX I – Description of the Action

Project Title: Support to cultural heritage monuments of great importance for Cyprus, Phase 6

Cris Number: 2018/398-188

Brief Description

The cultural heritage of Cyprus emanates from diverse and rich cultures and civilizations which have populated the island throughout history. It constitutes the common heritage of all Cypriots and of humanity regardless of its origin. Since 2010 the United Nations Development Programme and the European Commission have been assisting 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 to increase the levels of trust between the two main communities on the island – the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. This overall objective will be achieved through the implementation of confidence building measures as agreed by the TCCH. The TCCH is dedicated to the identification and safeguarding of the rich immovable cultural heritage of Cyprus, and of 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 by supporting conservation and/or emergency measures for high importance cultural heritage sites. Confidence-building measures will be further strengthened by the important participation of bi-communal teams during project implementation and through the inclusion of community engagement, awareness raising and educational components.

This sixth phase (2018-2021) of the programme "Support to cultural heritage monuments of great importance for Cyprus" aims to continue supporting the efforts of the bi-communal TCCH to contribute to the ongoing peace and confidence building process by bringing communities closer to their shared heritage through conservation and emergency measures projects. This will be achieved through the following expected outputs:

Expected Output(s):

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

Output 2: Conservation works for selected cultural heritage sites.

Output 3: Communities engaged in the protection and preservation of Cyprus's diverse and shared cultural heritage and raise awareness through educational activities.

Output 4: Maximise visibility & raise awareness about the work of the TCCH and EU funded related projects.

The duration of the programme period will be **34 months** for which 22 months will be used for the implementation activities and 12 months will be used for the defects liability period.

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