

## **Active Citizens Fund Cyprus: Announcement of the 17 new projects that will be implemented with the support of the programme through the Open Call 2021**

The NGO Support Centre and GrantXpert Consulting Ltd, in their capacity as Fund Operator of the «Active Citizens Fund» (ACF) programme in Cyprus, announce the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) selected to receive funding in order to implement the projects they have submitted in response to the programme's Open Call for projects focused on:

1. Increased Citizen Participation in Civic Activities
2. Vulnerable Groups Empowered
3. Enhanced Capacity and Sustainability of Civil Society

The total number of applications submitted in response to the Open Call 2021 was 54 applications. The overall available grant of €1,165,000 is allocated for supporting the implementation of a total of 17 projects selected among those 54 submitted applications. Of these 17 selected projects, 11 are large projects (Tier 1) with a maximum overall amount for each project of €100,000 and 6 are small projects (Tier 2) with a maximum overall amount for each project of €25,000.

Of these 17 selected projects, 3 projects include a partner from Norway and 1 project includes a partner from Liechtenstein, while 8 projects include a bicomunal partnership with the aim of strengthening bicomunal cooperation. The list of selected CSOs is found below:

### **Tier 1 projects (available funding up to €100,000 per project)**

#### **1.**

Applicant: **AKTI Project and Research Centre**

Partner 1: Famagusta Walled City Association

Partner 2: Norsensus Mediaforum (Norway)

Project Title: AdvocaCY: Participate, learn, decide, challenge: Stronger Cypriot civil society for sustainability, advocacy and change!

Project's Aim: This project aims to engage Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot civil society organizations and informal groups, with a focus on the younger generation and in ensuring gender balance, in understanding of their human right to a sustainable and healthy environment.

#### **2.**

Applicant: **Cyprus Family Planning Association**

Partner 1: Sex og Politikk (Norway)

Project Title: M – Power Migrants and Refugees on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

Project's Aim: To empower migrants and refugees aged 18 -35 years old, through the provision of knowledge on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and to enhance and strengthen the capacity of CSOs and health professionals regarding SRHR.

**3.**

Applicant: **Youth for Exchange and understanding (YEU Cyprus)**

Partner 1: ABR – Alternative Brains Rule

Project Title: Art Act Disrupt

Project's Aim: To create a symbiotic relationship between Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the artistic community with a new methodology of socially artistic practice as the norm.

**4.**

Applicant: **Youth Employment Training Foundation**

Partner 1: Yaşlı Hakları ve Ruh Sağlığı Derneği / Elderly Rights and Mental Health

Partner 2: University College for Green Development (Norway)

Project Title: Intergenerational solidarity towards an ecological life in Cyprus

Project's Aim: The project aims to engage older adults as mentors and environmental ambassadors for children and youth through intergenerational activities.

**5.**

Applicant: **Cyprus Computer Society**

Partner 1: Novatex Solutions LTD

Partner 2: HERON Digital Education and Mathisis Ltd

Project Title: Code for Rural

Project's Aim: This project aims to strengthen digital skills in rural areas in both the Greek Cypriot(G/C) and Turkish Cypriot(T/C) communities, emphasizing on promoting new and improved learning methods.

**6.**

Applicant: **Laona Foundation for the Conservation and Regeneration of the Cypriot Countryside**

Partner 1: Kıbrıs Çevre Girişimi / The Cyprus Environmental Initiative

Project Title: Strengthening civic action in fire-affected communities

Project's Aim: This project aims to provide both G/C and T/C communities and CSOs with an understanding of the impacts of erosion, biodiversity loss and climate change, to empower them by developing their capacities to engage with authorities and influence decisions and to upscale volunteer skills to deal practically with affected areas.

**7.**

Applicant: **S.E.A.L CYPRUS (CYPRUS ORGANIZATION FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION & ACTIVE LEARNING)**

Partner 1: The Management Centre of the Mediterranean

Partner 2: Capital Youth Association (CYA) e.V (Liechtenstein)

Project Title: DARE CYPRUS- Day One for Civil Society in Cyprus

Project's Aim: The project aims to strengthen civil society initiatives through training and networking and to develop innovative and effective methods for island-wide/bicommunal communication and cooperation to contribute to grassroots approach to peace and reconciliation.

**8.**

Applicant: **Future Worlds Center**

Partner 1: Centre for Sustainable Peace And Democratic Development - Seed

Project Title: Civic Action Now in Cyprus

Project's Aim: The project aspires to improve inclusion and meaningful participation of youth in socio-political and economic life.

**9.**

Applicant: **CENTRE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LTD-CARDET**

Partner 1: KOUMANTO STIN TSEPI SOU

Project Title: EMERGE: EMpowerinG civic Engagement and participation

Project's Aim: The project will develop a full-suite of catered learning resources and will undertake a combination of structured actions to educate and inform citizens on civic and social issues as well as afford them the opportunity to get into contact with Cypriot CSOs and be engaged in participatory processes.

**10.**

Applicant: **CY.R.C Cyprus Refugee Council**

Partner 1: Mülteci Hakları Derneği / Refugee Rights Association

Project Title: BRIDGING SERVICES: Building bridges and capacity among CSOs and refugee/migrant led groups providing services to vulnerable groups in the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot community

Project's Aim: The project aims to strengthen capacity and sustainability of CSOs and refugee/migrant-led organizations that operate on both sides of the divide, offering services to vulnerable persons within refugee/migrant communities.

**11.**

Applicant: **Ίδρυμα Πιερίδης / Pierides Foundation**

Partner 1: Klinik 10A / Pikadilli 10B

Project Title: Famagusta New Museum: "I Understand and Forgive the Past, I Love and Generate the Future"

Project's Aim: The Famagusta New Museum (FNM) is an active platform, which through its various programmes and activities seeks to propose an alternative restart of the ghost city of Varosha, a re-enactment and an activation in the social, cultural and political fields.

**Tier 2 projects (available funding up to €25,000 per project)**

**12.**

Applicant: **C.P.M.I Cyprus Peacemaking Initiative (CyP)**

Partner 1: Unite Cyprus Now

Project Title: Podcasting for Diversity, Inclusion and Peace-making

Project's Aim: To teach creating and distributing podcasts to mainly vulnerable groups and other civil society organizations and provide program spaces at Island Talks podcast channel to start their own podcast shows in order to support diversity, inclusion and peace-making among the communities in Cyprus.

**13.**

Applicant: **Cans for Kids**

Project Title: Working on Environmental Community Action Now (W.E. C.A.N.)

Project's Aim: It aims to lay the groundwork for long-term change by organising a clean-up day, actively engaging university students to problem solve the environmental challenges within their locales and by empowering volunteers to raise awareness about the importance of managing and maintaining banks in their communities across Cyprus, W.E. C.A.N. aims to set the foundations for long-term change.

**14.**

Applicant: **Civil Society Advocates**

Project Title: For Stronger CSOs: Advocacy and capacity building for the empowerment of CSOs

Project's Aim: The main aim of this project is to improve the operational environment for CSOs and to encourage the creation of a more enabling environment for them.

**15.**

Applicant: **"Peace and Friendship" Athletic and Cultural Youth Club**

Partner 1: Mağusa Gençlik Birliği Derneği / Famagusta Youth Union Association

Partner 2: Famagusta Avenue Garage

Project Title: Empowering the youth of Famagusta - shaping our common future

Project's Aim: The empowerment of young people from the broader Famagusta area, from both the Turkish-Cypriot and Greek-Cypriot communities of Cyprus to overcome common challenges and together to create conditions conducive for co-existence and trust-building.

**16.**

Applicant: **Room for Art**

Partner 1: Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family

Project Title: RestART - Empowering victims of domestic violence through art

Project's Aim: RestART aims to empower victims of domestic violence through art. Women who reside in shelters for victims of domestic violence in Cyprus, will participate in a series of interactive workshops during which they will be guided by art mentors, to explore the dimension of self-empowerment through arts and storytelling

**17.**

Applicant: **Motivation in Arts**

Project Title: ReAct Together: Empowering and including vulnerable groups into society through applied drama

Project's Aim: The main objective of the project is to identify groups of vulnerable persons in society who are potentially facing social exclusion, focusing mainly on younger age groups, and collect data necessary to investigate and evaluate their rights and needs in order to enable their social inclusion and equality.