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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2018

Multilingual festival

The **European Office of Cyprus (EOC)**, in cooperation with the House of Cyprus and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO), participated in the successful event: "**European Day of Languages**", as part of "Athens 2018 World Book Capital", City of Athens, EUNIC (European Union National Institutes for Culture), at the Athens Conservatoire (Odeion Athinon) on Saturday 22 September 2018 from 10:00 to 15:00.

For 6th year, EUNIC Athens members and Embassies in collaboration with the Representation of the European Commission in Greece, the State Scholarships Foundation, the Embassy of Georgia and the Finnish Institute gave the opportunity to hundreds of visitors, kids and adults, to a "linguistic travel" from one country to another and to get to know the fascinating world of languages and dialects through a rich program for the whole family.



Following the success of the Year of Languages, the Council of Europe declared a European Day of Languages (EDL) to be celebrated each year, across Europe on the 26th of September every year, since 2001. Jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union, its activities celebrated linguistic diversity in Europe and promoted language learning. The general objectives of the European Day of Languages are to alert the public to the importance of language learning and diversify the range of languages learned in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding, promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe and encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school.

The Athens Officer of the European Office of Cyprus, provided information about the activities of EOC and the development opportunities offered to its members by their participation in EU funded programs.

At the European Day of Languages, international cultural institutes and embassies presented a multilingual, multicultural festival featuring music, dance, storytelling by the British Council, Institut Français de Grèce-IFG, the Goethe-Institut Athen, ÖSD-Institut Griechenland, Instituto Cervantes Atenas, the Swedish In-sti-tute at Athens the Embassy of Austria, the Embassy of Cyprus, the Embassy of Poland, the Embassy of Romania, the Embassy of Czech Republic and the Embassy of Hungary.

The EOC Athens Office, in collaboration with the House of Cyprus, also participated in the event with the Cypriot actress, Mrs Maria Filippou, who told fairytales in Cypriot dialect. Moreover, during the event were shown two shortfilms, "Anna" of Spyros Charalambous and "NOPARKING" of Soteris Christou.



Info Days H2020

The European Office of Cyprus participated in the Information and networking days on the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Challenge "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency & Raw Materials" - 2019 calls, which took place on 11 and 12 September 2018 in

Brussels in the European Commission's Charlemagne building.

The event targeted potential applicants to the 2019 calls for project proposals under the Horizon 2020 Challenge 5 "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials".

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NEW MEMBERS



Municipality of Fyli: new member, new opportunities, new collaborations

The Municipality of Fyli is located in the region of Attica and consists of the Municipal Units of Liosia, Zefyri and Fyli. It covers a total area of 109km² and the resident population is approximately 46.000 (2011 census). It is a peri-urban municipality that includes parts of the massif of Parnitha which has been proclaimed National Park since 1961.

The municipality of Fylli has a strong presence in the cultural and sports events. Cultural events and festivals are organized throughout the year with the presence of the cultural associations of our municipality.

At the same time the municipality expands its growth prospects by carrying out many projects of technical and environmental nature thus solving accumulated problems of many years and improving the citizens' standard of living. Emphasis has been given to the municipality's energy self-sufficiency and many steps have been made in this direction as for example the installation of photovoltaic systems in public building and schools, the installation of heat pumps and the replacement of the lighting units by less energy intensive ones.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=829>

EOC MEMBERS' NEWS



With a total funding of €3.840.000 the Center of Applied Neuroscience of the University of Cyprus

Significant European action undertaken by the Psychology Department under the coordination of the Center of Applied Neuroscience. With a total funding of € 3,840,000, the Center of Applied Neuroscience of the University of Cyprus, along with 17 other partners, will implement a European program in order to better diagnose, interpret and address neurodevelopmental disorders that endanger the quality of life of millions of young Europeans by 2023.

With the coordination of the Center of Applied Neuroscience of the University of Cyprus, a scientific-research consortium of 17 partners from Europe, Canada and the United States of America, undertakes the implementation of a new European prestigious program with a grant of € 3,840,000 from the European Union, through the Innovative Training Network (ITN) - Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA), the EU Framework Program "Horizon 2020".

This is the European project of the European Training Network (ETN) with the acronym Neo-PRISM-C (NEurodevelopmental Optimal-Predictors, Risk Factors and Intervention from a Systems Approach to Maladjustment in Children) aiming at the study of the relationship of the brain and behavior for the diagnose, interpretation and treat neurodevelopmental disorders that endanger the quality of life of millions of young Europeans.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=828>

Work 4.0: Digitalization's and automation's impact on jobs – Knowledge eplatform and workshop



The consortium of the Erasmus+ project "Jobs for Work 4.0" has created a new E-platform aimed for Job Councillors, VET trainers and institutional stakeholders like Labour Unions and Ministerial technocrats concerned with the automation/digitalization's impact on the labour market.

The e-platform provides background information on the current technological developments for 50 representative professions along with short case studies detailing the businesses that have incorporated those technologies in their operations or introducing revolutionary products in the job market. It also

offers references that can provide a more coherent understanding to the job market specialists of the tectonic shifts that are currently occurring in the Global Job Market and to the Nature of Work itself.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=827>

Promoting Archeological Science in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East



The Cyprus Institute teams up with the University of Cambridge and KU Leuven to advance Archaeological Science research in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME), supported by a 3-year grant from the H2020 Widening support action 'Twinning'.

The *Promised* project forms a three-node network of excellence in Bioarchaeology and Archaeological Materials Science within the Science and Technology in Archaeology and Culture Research Center (STARC) at the Cyprus Institute and linking it with the internationally-leading advanced research centres in Archaeological Science at KU Leuven and the University of Cambridge. Through joint activities specifically targeting the archaeology of the prehistoric and historical periods of Cyprus and the region, *Promised* will transform STARC and the Cyprus Institute into a regionally leading Centre of Excellence in Archaeological Science.

STARC's aim is to work in close collaboration with the governmental institutions (Department of Antiquities, Cyprus Tourism Organisation), local universities (primarily the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus, but also the Cyprus University of Technology), and the various foreign missions and research excavations active in Cyprus.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=823>



“Visual/ Video Literacies”- Be a part of a visual world of learning!

“**Visual/ Video Literacies**” explores how visual communication strategies, visual thinking techniques, and visual technologies can be used to make teaching more visual (e.g. through the use of comics, infographics, video, virtual reality, augmented reality). Examples come from a range of curricular subjects, (e.g.

medicine, language teaching, & math).

The “Visual/ Video Literacies” is supported by the ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union and Lancaster University (UK), Danube University Krems (Austria), CARDET (Cyprus) and WIDE Services (Greece). As an associate member, the Louisiana Tech University (Department of Visual Arts, VISTA program) works in this project to provide infographics and visuals.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=826>

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

ERC Plans for 2019: Over €2 billion for Europe’s most daring research ideas



With more than 2 billion euro for grants in 2019, the European Research Council (ERC) is planning the EU's biggest ever investment in excellent researchers. Most of the funding is earmarked for early- to mid-career scientists. The ERC's work programme for the coming year was established by the Scientific Council as part of the EU's Research and Innovation programme, Horizon 2020.

Some new features of the 2019 ERC Work Programme:

Synergy grants: €400 million will be made available, a 60% increase on last year's budget, when Synergy Grants were reintroduced following the outcome of the evaluation of a two-year pilot in 2012 and 2013.

ERC Proof-of-Concept grants (PoC): €25 million will be available to ERC grantees to explore the innovation potential of their ERC-funded discoveries. This is a €5 million increase compared to last year.

Open Access: the Work Programme now clarifies that preprints can be listed as part of an applicant's track record

It is expected that some 1,000 top researchers will be awarded ERC grants under four core schemes – Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy. The funding will support an estimated 7,000 postdocs, PhD students and other research staff employed in ERC-funded teams.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=820>



European List of Strategic Research infrastructures expands into new areas

Biotechnology, food and nutrition, material testing, holocaust and natural environment are among the topics covered by the six new pan-European research infrastructure projects that were announced today as part of the 2018 roadmap of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI).

The new roadmap was presented during a conference hosted by the Austrian EU Presidency in Vienna.

ESFRI identifies the investment needs in research facilities of pan-European importance that are necessary to strengthen scientific excellence and competitiveness in the European Research Area. They are of such magnitude and scope that countries need to pool their resources to build them. The European Commission has been supporting the development of these infrastructures from the successive EU funding programmes for research and innovation. Under Horizon 2020, the current funding programme, €214 million will be made available through competitive calls in 2018-2019. Once implemented, the infrastructures in the ESFRI roadmap will provide open access to resources and services for all scientists across Europe.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=811>



Framework Programme Monitoring

Monitoring the implementation of EU Framework Programmes is an essential part of the overall evaluation and monitoring system.

For Horizon 2020, the Commission has a legal obligation to monitor continually and systematically its implementation, to report annually and to disseminate the results of this monitoring

Horizon 2020.

This legal requirement is set out in Article 31 of the Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 establishing

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=821>

ERC Starting Grant Panel 2018

The list of the panel chairs for the 2019 Starting Grant call has been released by the European Research Council (ERC).



This list of the experts, who will be chairing each of the 25 ERC panels, will be revealed after the evaluation has occurred. Because of the two year rotation of panel members, the majority of its panel members are anticipated to be the same as the panel members from 2017 Starting Grant call.

Applicants are able to select either one evaluations panel, or one principal and one secondary evaluation panel. Panel chairs and potential members can inform the applicants about the audience who will be reading their application.

More information: https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/erc_2019_stg_panel_chairs.pdf



Building strong cypersecurity in Europe

To equip Europe with the right tools to deal with an ever-changing cyber threat, in 2017 the European Commission and the High Representative proposed a wide-ranging set of measures to build strong cybersecurity in the EU.

These efforts are now being complemented by a proposal helping the EU to pool resources and expertise in research and innovation, and to become a leader in the next generation of cybersecurity and digital technologies.

Strengthening resilience to cyber-attacks

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=810>



EU and National funders launch plan for free and immediate open access to journals

The European Commission and a group of national research funders have laid out a controversial and perhaps precedent-setting plan to make thousands of research papers free to read on the day of publication, in a move that could force a major change in the business model of science publishers.

The initiative, 'Plan-S', brings together eleven top national research funders, plus the European Research Council, in an effort to release some of the world's highest quality and highest impact research from behind journal paywalls.

Under the initiative, funding agencies including UK Research and Innovation, Science Foundation Ireland and the Research Council of Norway will require grant holders to publish only in journals that offer immediate open access, and under a licence that enables anyone to freely reuse and distribute the material.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=818>

HEALTH



Cross-Border healthcare directive: proven to clarify and guarantee patient's rights

Overall, in terms of the numbers, cross-border patient mobility within the EU has slightly increased in the last three years, as citizens have more access to information. During the last three years, the Directive on Cross-border Healthcare (2011/24/EU) has proven to clarify and guarantee patients' rights to receive healthcare in another Member State, according to the latest implementation report the European Commission published today.

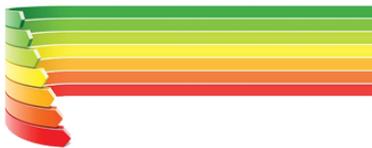
The Directive has created a framework for cooperation between health systems especially in areas of Health Technology Assessment and eHealth. In addition, 24 thematic European Reference Networks (ERNs) for rare, complex and rare prevalence diseases have been established, bringing together more than 900 highly specialised healthcare units located in more than 300 hospitals across the EU. There are now also more than 200 virtual panels on patient cases operating under the ERNs.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=817>

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Energy Efficiency First: Commission welcomes agreement on energy efficiency

A political agreement on new rules for improving energy efficiency in Europe was reached between negotiators from the Commission, the European Parliament, and the Council.



The Commission's proposal forms part of the implementation of the Juncker Commission priorities – in particular "a resilient Energy Union and a forward-looking climate change policy". The agreement is the third of eight legislative proposals in the Clean Energy for All Europeans package (presented by the European Commission on 30 November 2016) now agreed by co-legislators. On 14 June a political agreement was reached on the revised Renewable Energy Directive, and on 14 May, the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive was adopted. Thus progress towards making the Energy Union a reality is well under way

and the work initiated by the Juncker Commission is being delivered.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=814>

High-level conference makes case for more integrated water management in Europe, draws lessons for the future of EU water policy



Amidst a thorough evaluation of EU water policy, a high level conference concludes that reinforced joint efforts in policy, law and investments are necessary to preserve and further improve Europe's waters.

The 5th EU Water Conference in Vienna discussed trends in European water quality and flood management, and looked at whether Europe's water policy is able to deal with current and future water challenges, such as pollution from microplastics or pharmaceuticals and the impacts of climate change.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=815>

INSTITUTIONAL

State of the Union in 2018: the time of European Sovereignty

The President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, on 13th September 2018 addressed to the Members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, his State of the Union in 2018 which sets out his priorities for the coming year and sets out his vision of how the European Union can continue to build a "united, stronger and more democratic Europe", the theme of his speech last year.

On the sidelines of President Juncker's speech to the European Parliament, 18 concrete initiatives of the European Commission were adopted, on the themes of migration and borders, security, free and safe elections, the European Union's partnership with Africa, the European Union as a global player, seasonal time changes and the fight against money laundering. These proposals aim to achieve concrete progress for citizens by the Sibiu summit, which will take place in May 2019, and in view of the 2019 European elections.

More information: <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-13-09-2018.htm>

Summertime Consultation: 84% want Europe to stop changing the clock



The European Commission has published the preliminary results of the public consultation on clock change in Europe.

The online consultation, which ran from 4 July to 16 August 2018, received 4.6 million responses from all 28 Member States, the highest number of responses ever received in any Commission public consultation. The preliminary results also indicate that more than three quarters (76%) of the respondents consider that changing the clock twice a year is a 'very negative' or 'negative' experience. Considerations related to the negative health impacts, increase of road accidents or the lack of energy savings, were put forward by respondents as motivations to put an end to the change.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=802>



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EEN NEWS



Top-class innovative projects get €113 million from the EIC SME Instrument

A total of 65 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from 16 countries have been selected for funding under the latest round of the SME Instrument. The companies will receive a total amount of €113 million to share between their projects to get their

innovations faster on the market.

The companies will be supported in the so-called Phase 2 of the SMI Instrument, which means that each project, 63 in total, will receive up to €2.5 million to finance innovation activities like demonstration, testing, piloting and scaling up. The companies will also benefit from 12 days of free business coaching and acceleration services.

Most projects selected for funding are in the field of health, engineering, information and communication technology (ICT). Most projects are based in Spain (12), Germany (10) and Norway (6).

The European Commission received 1644 proposals for the 23 May cut-off. The next application deadline for SME Instrument Phase 2 is on 10 October 2018.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=831>

Auditors publish background paper on EU Competition Policy Enforcement



The European Court of Auditors has published on 12 September a Background Paper on the enforcement of the EU's competition rules. Background Papers provide information on ongoing audit tasks and are designed as a source of information for those interested in the policy and/or programmes being audited.

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The Background Paper includes sections on the importance of competition in the EU single market, as well as the issues surrounding it, including anti-competitive behaviour and market restructuring. It sets out the EU's objectives for competition policy, the regulatory environment and the roles and responsibilities of the various authorities at EU and Member State level.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=832>

INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE EVENTS

The "Participation in International Brokerage Events" Programme aims to the international networking of Cypriot organisations. Through implementation of the Programme it is anticipated to support the extroversion of Cypriot organisations and to eliminate the weaknesses attributed to the small size of the Cypriot market and lack of critical mass of resources and infrastructures.

Furthermore, Cypriot entities will be supported in exploiting research results of Cypriot origin that cannot be utilised in the local market, as well as identifying technologies and technical know-how which are not available in Cyprus.

DESCRIPTION

INDustrial TECHNOLOGIES 2018, Innovative industries for smart growth

More information: <https://www.indtech2018.eu/>

DATES AND PLACE

30-31 October
Vienna, Austria

RECYCLING-TECHNIK

More information: <http://www.ncps-care.eu/?event=matchmaking-event-recycling-technik-dortmund>

7-8 November
Dortmund, Germany

SEE-IT SUMMIT

More information: <http://seeitsummit2018.talkb2b.net/>

7-9 November
Novi Sad, Serbia

Healthcare Brokerage Event MEDICA 2018

More information: <https://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/Detail/7d5f5496-c7bc-49e0-8156-432e2a6011e7?&nolayout=true>

12-14 November
Düsseldorf,
Germany

Smart City Brokerage Event 2018

More information: <https://smartcity2018.b2match.io/>

13-14 November
Barcelona, Spain

ICT 2018: Imagine Digital - Connect Europe

More information: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/events/ict-2018-imagine-digital-connect-europe>

4-6 December
Vienna, Austria

EVENTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018

DESCRIPTION

EUROPEAN TOURISM DAY

More information: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/european-tourism-day-%E2%80%93-7-november-2018-brussels_en

DATES AND PLACE

7 November
Brussels, Belgium

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MARITIME AND COASTAL TOURISM COMMUNITIES

More information: <http://www.searica.eu/en/events/conferences/towards-sustainable-maritime-and-coastal-tourism-communities>

8 November
Brussels, Belgium

EU RAW MATERIALS WEEK 2018

More information: <http://eurawmaterialsweek.eu/>

12-16 November
Brussels, Belgium

FAIR OF EUROPEAN INNOVATORS IN CULTURAL HERITAGE

More information: <https://www.eac-events.eu/ehome/fairofeuropeaninnovatorsinculturalheritage/home/>

15-16 November
Brussels, Belgium

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 2018: EDUCATION RETHOUGHT. MAKE IT HAPPEN!

More information: <http://www.earlall.eu/en/events-detail/PDW2018>

22-23 November
Brussels, Belgium

THE BALTIC SEA REGION - A SCIENCE POWERHOUSE

More information: <https://sciencebusiness.net/events/baltic-sea-region-science-powerhouse>

26 November
Brussels, Belgium

DIGITAL INNOVATION HUBS ANNUAL EVENT 2018

More information: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/digital-innovation-hubs-annual-event-2018>

27 November
Warsaw, Poland

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION



The European Office of Cyprus applies the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU)2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (GDPR) and we ask you to give us your consent to send you newsletters about events, news and announcements concerning our services.

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