



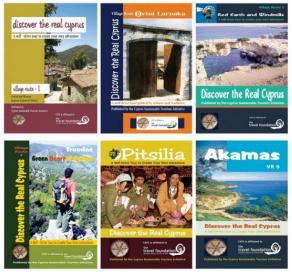
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6 Village Routes - 'Discover the Real Cyprus – A Self Drive Tour to Create Your Own Adventure'

For the first time the Cyprus Tourism industry was mobilized to plant almost 1000 trees after the devastating fires at Fylagra







2007



We organized The international Waste Management Conference with the University of Nicosia



<u>2010</u>

May 14th-15th - "Waste Management: the Prospects within the Hospitality and Tourism Industry in Cyprus", Nicosia

Make Hotels Greener

<u>2011</u>



2009

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Plastic Reduction Initiative with Thomas Cook





A 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the University of Nicosia



'Plastic Free Entertainment Cruises & Water Sport Activities' Beyond Plastic Med Project awarded by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation



'Our beaches Our treasures – Let's protect them!' Campaign



Campaign "Our beaches, our treasures – Let's protect them" Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI) 23/05/2020 – 30/06/2020



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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the Commissioner of the Environment

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The best design proposals for the First Sustainable Park in Nicosia were awarded by CSTI, the University of Nicosia and the Municipality of Engomi followed by a symbolic tree planting.





'Keep Our Sand And Sea Plastic Free' Project launched -The First Plastic Free Beach & unveiled the CALYPSO artwork – a turtle made from waste – to raise awareness at Ayia Triada Beach, Cyprus.



2021



An open-ended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the CMMI Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute.





Photo exhibition on the theme of 'Plastic Pollution another threat to the beauty of our sand and sea & key environment contributor degradation' to in cooperation with the British High Commission in connection with COP26 which is touring the island

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**Proud Launch Partner & Signatory of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism.** 



**Glasgow Declaration** Climate Action in Tourism

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The Domognostics+ Platform

The Domognostics+ Platform running with İS up & Semantically enhanced IoT – enabled Building Analytics and **Diagnostics** 

The Consortium:

- **PHOEBE Research & Innovation** Domognôstics+
- **KIOS CoE** ٠
- CSTI



The IUCN Plastic Waste-Free Islands Med Project (PWFI) in Cyprus was wrapped up successfully by CSTI in Collaboration with Together Cyprus



2022

The final event of the Plastic Waste Free Islands Med (PWFI) Project sent the clear message that urgent & collective action is needed to tackle plastic pollution in the Mediterranean.



Successful Pedieos River Clean-Up Campaign with the Plastic Waste Free Islands Project Wednesday 16.2.2022 Final Event Thursday 17.2.2022 Melina Mercouri Hall, Nicosia





Panel Discussion with the subject "Tackling Plastic Pollution"



"Keep Our Sand And Sea Plastic Free" Project Celebration Wednesday 1.6.2022 Malama Beach Holiday Village



Phase I was wrapped up with <u>great</u> <u>results!</u>



Moderated Panel Discussion: 'Destination Zero Plastic Waste: can Cyprus Tourism lead the way?'



### Upcycling Display



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Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> Plastic Free Beach at Skoutari Beach, Paralimni. 'NEFELI' aims to raise awareness regarding the burning issue of plastic pollution in our seas.



Destination Zero Plastic in Cyprus The continuation of the Project for the next 3 years (1/06/2022-31/05/2025) was officially announced with the extension to Larnaca, Limassol & Paphos.



### World Tourism Day Celebration: Rethinking Tourism Tuesday 27.9.2022 Larnaka

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The festive event was organized by CSTI with the support of the Larnaka Tourism Board & Larnaka Municipality under the auspices of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. We are grateful to all that contributed to the success of the event & made us rethink tourism & the tourism product of our country.











# Sustainable Tourism: A Taste of the Future Thursday 6.10.22 Nicosia

The Colorful Side Event of the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference: Transforming Planet was co-organized by the UN Environment Programme and CSTI. An Amazing Interactive event that gave the participants a positive taste from the Future of Sustainable Tourism.

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#### 2022 WTM World Responsible Tourism Awards London Monday 7.11.2022







**Silver Award** for the Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free, Destination Zero Plastic in Cyprus. <u>TUI Care Foundation</u> won the Silver Award for the above initiative under the category "Reducing Plastic Waste in the Environment" in the "Rest of the World" region. Thomas Ellerbeck, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the TUI Care Foundation received the award. Also present at the ceremony were the partners that implemented Phase I of the project: The Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI) & the Travel Foundation represented respectively by Philippos Drousiotis & Katie James. The Cyprus Deputy Ministry of Tourism that supports the project was represented by Vakis Loizides.









2 New High Tech Projects







The HoReCa5.0 'Enabling SMEs in the HoReCa sector for the effective adoption of Artificial Intelligence knowledge and tools' project started on 1/9/2022 with a 24-month duration & kick-off meeting on Thursday & Friday 10-11/11/2023 in Svishtov, Bulgaria.

### Partnership:

- D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics (TAE), Bulgaria
- G.M EuroCy Innovations Ltd (EuroCy), Cyprus
- Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI), Cyprus
- Eufora P.C. Chios Environmental Studies and Services, Greece
- Ekologijakm Ood, Bulgaria
- Horeca Partners (HRCP), Belgium



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The SIEQUA-CERT 'Real-time monitoring and actionable decision support for Sustainable Indoor Environment Quality Certification' project started on the 1/1/2023 with a 24-month duration & kick-off meeting on Monday 6/2/2023 in Nicosia.

# Partners:

- Phoebe Research and Innovation
- Lelantus Innovations
- KIOS Research and Innovation Center of Excellence team of the University of Cyprus
- Cyprus University of Technology
- CSTI



#### The Beachfluencer New Initiative Launched March 2023:

The Beachfluencer is an initiative of the Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free Project that wants to create a network of passionate volunteers with a presence on the beaches of our island to raise awareness of the burning issue of plastic pollution & encourage all to be a part of the change. We are Very Grateful for our Dedicated Beachfluencers, our Supporters & our Sponsors who make this initiative possible!



The Commissioner for the Environment, Maria Panayiotou, is the Ambassador of the Beachfluencer Initiative







# Award Ceremony & Launch of Yiannades Plastic Free Beach, Voroklini Monday 20.3.2023

1st 'Plastic Free Beach' in Larnaka 3rd by the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' project This is the 1st 'Plastic Free Beach' funded by IUCN & the Fondation Didier et Martine Primat.

1st with Branding by CEF



Fondation Didier et Martine Primat



Speakers of the day



Beach Clean-Up

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Awareness raising artwork





# Launch Event "Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free" Project, Phase II Almyra Hotel, Paphos Tuesday 21.3.2023

The rollout of the project in the Pafos Region with our partners from the TUI Care Foundation with the support of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, the Municipality of Pafos, the Pafos Regional Board of Tourism and PASYXE Pafos. Very proud of the project expanding along the coastal regions of Cyprus!







Display of Upcycling & Alternatives to plastic

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Panel Discussion: The role of tourism in plastic reduction









Award Ceremony & Launch of Panagies Plastic Free Beach, Limassol Tuesday 21.3.2023



Fondation Didier et Martine Primat

1st 'Plastic Free Beach' in Limassol 4th by the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' project This is the 2nd 'Plastic Free Beach' funded by IUCN & the Fondation Didier et Martine Primat.



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New Project & Renewed MOU







Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New Commissioner of the Environment, Maria Panayiotou, for the period from 12/5/23 to 28/2/28 with the ultimate goal of promoting sustainable tourism and taking actions to address climate change and other environmental challenges where tourism can contribute to their mitigation.



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# "Let's Create an SDGs Heritage -SDGCultheritage" project

started on 1/2/2023 with a 24-month duration & kick-off meeting & training on Saturday & Sunday 8-9/7/2023 in Ascoli, Italy.

# Partners:

- Antroposervice SAS (Italy)
- Institute of Greek Philosophy of Athens (Greece)
- Foundation for the Protection of the Landscape of Jelenia Góra (Poland)
- Espacio Tormaleo S.L. of Oviedo (Spain)
- CSTI (Cyprus)



# Live link Panagies Plastic Free Beach, Limassol Sunday 23.07.2023





At Panagies Plastic Free Beach you can find a Water Station to refill your reusable water bottle, several awareness raising signs and a smoking area with an upcycled bench & ashtrays.  a beach that inspires its visitors to act for the reduction of plastic pollution.





Live Link at our first Plastic Free Beach in Limassol! A Fabulous Party with a purpose & several competitions with Amazing Prizes!





# Live Link Saturday 12.08.2023 Ammos Beach Bar, Larnaca

Yet another Successful Summer Party... with a purpose: To inform & raise public awareness about plastic pollution of our seas.



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# **Cyprus Environment Foundation (CEF) Grants**

#### **Grant # 1 Plastic Free Beach**



Above you can see the Branding created under the 1st CEF grant & you can find the Manual for the 'Plastic Free Beach' <u>here</u>.

We are Very Proud of the Outcome - Thank You <u>CEF</u>!



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#### **Grant # 2 Plastic Free Beach Empowerment**

We also appreciate CEF funding the above billboards as part of the Empowering the Plastic Free Beach project. The New Reusable water bottles designed for this project along with the Plastic Free Beach Animation can be found below. Awareness Raising Live Links have also been held.







# "Bring your Cup" because the Solution is in our hands!



"The "Bring your Cup" Project is a very promising project with potentials to have great environmental impact through the active engagement of youth bringing their reusable cup with them wherever they go.

The application has been created & is available at <u>bringyourcup.org</u>.

It provides the following two options:

- > to sign up as a user
- to sign up as a business

We encourage you All to sign up, Carry your Cup with you Everywhere & be a Part of the Solution!



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Grant # 4 Plastic Free Beach Ag. Tychonas – Next Slide



Award Ceremony & Launch of Armonia Plastic Free Beach, Agios Tychonas Saturday 16.9.2023

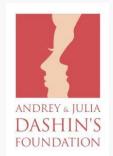
2nd 'Plastic Free Beach' in Limassol 5th by the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' project Main Sponsor: Andrey & Julia Dashin's Foundation

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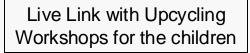




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Pancyprian Conference: Is Climate Change a threat to Tourism? Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia Thursday 19.10.2023 Organized by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism & CSTI





Well attended Conference with Panel Discussion



& Photo Exhibition on display





## **New Project on Climate Change**

**PREVENT - 'Improved Predictability of Extremes** over the Mediterranean from Seasonal to Decadal **Timescales'** project started on 25/10/2023 with a 36month duration & kick-off meeting on Monday & Tuesday 13-14/11/2023 in Thessaloniki, Greece.



**Meeting Participants** 



#### Partners:

- Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis
- The Cyprus Institute
- Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung (PIK)
- Finres SAS
- Stichtung Vu
- The Agricultural Research Organisation of Israel The Volcani Centre
- Université Mohammed V de Rabat
- CSTI





Award Ceremony & Launch of Ayia Thekla Plastic Free Beach, Sotira, Famagusta Sunday 17.12.2023

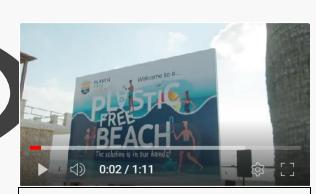
The 6th 'Plastic Free Beach' of the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' network is funded by ETAP Famagusta.

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Award Ceremony with Live Link Xmas Party with a purpose, Beach Clean-Up & Xmas Upcycling Workshop.





Enjoy a Tour of the 6th Plastic Free Beach!





Water Station, Smoking Area, Awareness Raising Signs & **New Addition** of Toybox Library to Borrow, Play & Return toys.







# CSTI 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) Hybrid - University of Nicosia / Microsoft Teams Wednesday 10.1.2024

A time of celebration for CSTI at the 16th AGM! The AGM was a good opportunity to recap what had been accomplished, what had been achieved & to set new goals. For CSTI, 2023 was the most successful year in our history & we are very proud!



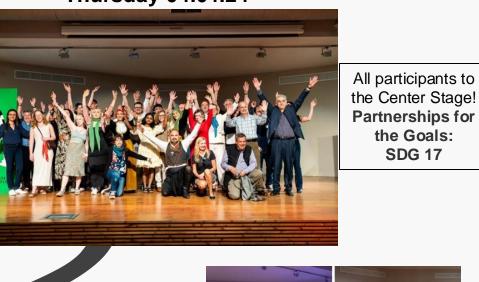








**1st International Creative Event** "Let's create an SDGs heritage - SDG Cultheritage" Lefkara Conference Center Thursday 04.04.24















Exhibitors showcased imaginative creations with glass, wood, recyclable materials & all kinds of organic products.





Prominent Speakers & an interested audience.





The 2 'tsattista' were written especially for this event.





**Traditional Dance Performance** 

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# Award Ceremony & Launch of SODAP Plastic Free Beach, Pafos Thursday 23.05.2024

1st 'Plastic Free Beach' in Pafos 7th by the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' project The event was held under the auspices of the Office of the Commissioner of the Environment.



'HOPE' - Awareness Raising Artwork





The facilities implemented include a water station providing free, cold and filtered water, a smoking area with upcycled bench and ashtrays, and also informative signs. On this beach our new turtle umbrella signs were introduced to help raise awareness.



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Plastic Free Beach Distinction Award

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# Award Ceremony & Launch of Ammos tou Kambouri Plastic Free Beach, Ayia Napa Friday 24.05.2024

1st 'Plastic Free Beach' in Ayia Napa 8th by the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' project The event was held under the auspices of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. This 'Plastic Free Beach' is funded by Beyond Plastic Med & the Ayia Napa Municipality.







The facilities implemented include a water station providing free, cold and filtered water, a smoking area, and also informative signs.

Nireas the Dolphin -Awareness Raising Artwork



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This event was made extra special by the valuable contribution of students from 3 different schools! Both beach & sea clean-ups took place as well!

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**World Environment Day** Wednesday 5.6.24 **4 Beach Clean-up Awareness Actions** In Ayia Napa & Limassol

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Let's come together to protect our environment and preserve the beauty of our planet.







Excited mark the World to Environment Day with our dedicated member Alion Beach Hotel on their Annual Beach Cleaning Day!

Happy to join our member Resort's Nissi Beach Annual World Environment Day Beach Clean-up!

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Mediterranean Beach Hotel!

Delighted

World Oceans Day Saturday 8.6.24 2 Beach Clean-up Awareness Actions in Limassol & in Pafos



Leonardo Cypris Bay & Leonardo Plaza Cypria Maris

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Poseidonia Beach Hotel

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BEACH HOTEL

**Clean Beaches, Happy Oceans:** 

Join Our World Ocean Day Beach Clean-Ups!







A heartfelt thank you to our member Poseidonia Beach Hotel for joining forces with us for a beach cleaning to celebrate World Oceans Day.

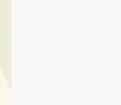


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Thrilled to Celebrate World Oceans Day with our New Members Leonardo Plaza Cypria Maris Beach & Leonardo Cypria Bay!



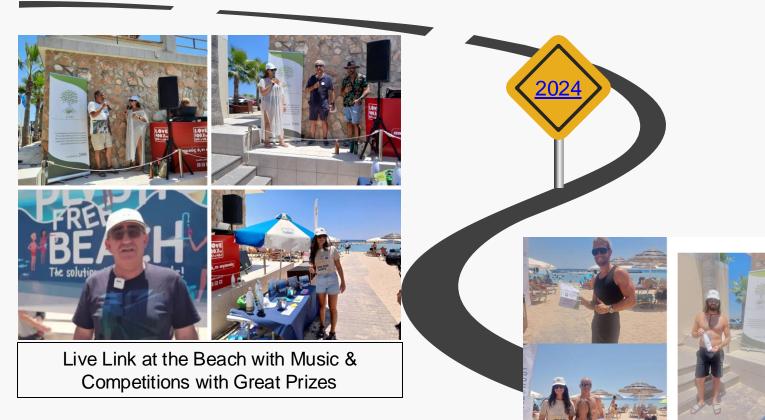






# Live Link Sunday 28.07.2024 Ayia Thekla Plastic Free Beach, Sotira, Famagusta

Another Successful Summer Party with a Purpose: Raising Awareness About Plastic Pollution.





We were impressed by the public's enthusiasm to fill our reusable bags with litter in exchange for a branded reusable water bottle!

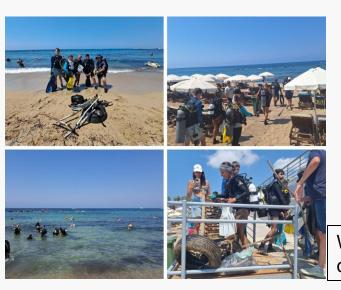


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3 Lucky Winners



A fun-filled day at SODAP Plastic-Free Beach, Pafos! Exciting competitions, amazing prizes, and live music with Mix FM made it a huge success!



Live Link Sunday 11.08.2024 Sodap Plastic Free Beach, Pafos Another Successful Summer Party with a Purpose:

Raising Awareness About Plastic Pollution.





Enthusiastic participants traded litter and cigarette butts for Plastic Free Beach reusable bottles sponsored by the Pafos Municipality.

We had 11 lucky winners who received accommodation, meals, and/or drinks.

We are very grateful to Cydive for for partnering with us to conduct a powerful sea clean-up alongside our land clean-up!





Louis Hotels

Napa Hotel

#### "Tourism Cares: Unite for a Cleaner Cyprus"

The "Tourism Cares: Unite for a Cleaner Cyprus" initiative united 60 tourism businesses, 1,200 staff, and 450 hotel guests in cleaning coastal and public areas across Cyprus, removing over 1,500 kg of waste! Celebrating #WorldTourismDay 2024 and its theme, "Tourism and Peace," this effort highlights how tourism promotes sustainability and cross-cultural understanding. We are grateful to all hotels, businesses, and participants and for support from the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. Together we contributed to a cleaner, greener Cyprus!

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Opening Ceremony



Pediaios: A River, A Vision of Sustainability Through 84 unique initiatives, we highlighted the beauty and value of the Pediaios River, transforming it into a living mosaic of nature, culture, and collaboration. A mosaic of diverse people joined forces for a common goal, sending a powerful message: Pediaios can and should remain a reference point for Cyprus!



**Closing Ceremony** 





Four new water stations installed!

Upcycling Workshops





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Με τη συμμετοχή 10 κρατικών Υπηρεσίων, 14 Τοπικών Αρχών και 27 άλλων φορέων

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# Thanks for joining us on our exhilarating ride!

Proud member of the Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council:







# The Leading Organisation of Sustainable Tourism in Cyprus since 2006

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