





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

Discover the Real Cyprus



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

2007











The Cyprus Destination Partnership (CDP) 5-Year Partnership Agreement between the Travel Foundation, CTO & CSTI 2010-2015

Cyprus Breakfast



<u> 2013-</u>

present



2014

Minimum Sustainable **Standards** (MSS)

<u>2015</u>



Optimising All Inclusive Customer spend in the Paphos Economy

Cyprus won the Silver Award as the "Best Destination for Responsible Tourism" at the WTM for the Minimum Sustainable Standards (MSS)



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







BEYOND PLASTIC MED

'Keep Our Sand and Sea Plastic Free'

Project launched -An initiative of **TUI Care Foundation Delivered by Travel Foundation in** partnership with CSTI















UNIVERSITY of **NICOSIA**

2019







♦ SUSTAINABLE FUTURE ♦

"in every crisis there is an opportunity"



15 Year Celebration

with '1st Online International Conference 'Sustainable Future – In Every Crisis there is an Opportunity'

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







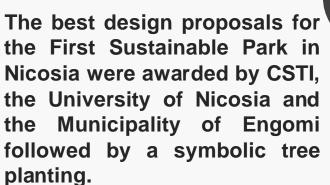






'Keep Our Sand And Sea Plastic Free' Project launched - The First Plastic Free Beach & unveiled the CALYPSO artwork – a turtle made from waste – to raise awareness at Ayia Triada Beach, Cyprus.













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





The Domognostics+ Platform

2021

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









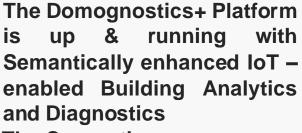












The Consortium:

- PHOEBE Research & Innovation
- KIOS CoE
- CSTI













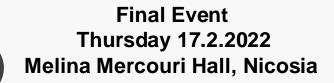
The IUCN Plastic Waste-Free Islands Med Project (PWFI) in Cyprus was wrapped up successfully by CSTI in Collaboration with Together Cyprus



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







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 great results!



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



Upcycling Display



Launch of 2nd 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

Καλωσορίσατε στην εορταστική εκδήλωση για την Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Τουρισμού 2022 με θέμα:

"Επανεξετάζοντας τον Τουρισμό"

* "Απορια ισάθωμα:

* "ΕΝΤΟΒΑΝΚ ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΗ

Υποποριαστικό με Μερία Τουρισμό "

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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.

























2022 WTM World Responsible Tourism Awards London Monday 7.11.2022







Silver Award for the <u>Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free</u>, <u>Destination Zero Plastic in Cyprus</u>. <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 <u>Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI)</u> & <u>the Travel Foundation</u> represented respectively by Philippos Drousiotis & Katie James. The Cyprus Deputy Ministry of Tourism that supports the project was represented by Vakis Loizides.







New **High Tech Projects**

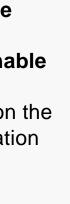




The SIEQUA-CERT 'Real-time monitoring and actionable decision support for Sustainable **Indoor Environment Quality** Certification' project started on the 1/1/2023 with a 24-month duration & kick-off meeting on Monday 6/2/2023 in Nicosia.



- 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 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





The Beachfluencer New Initiative Launched March 2023:

Bffuencer

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



Beachfluencer Equipment:

- T-shirt
- Water bottle
- Cap
- Reusable gloves



The 1st Beachfluencer Team!







Join us &/or Sponsor us!
The Solution is in Our Hands!



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





Speakers of the day







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



Award Ceremony





Awareness raising artwork











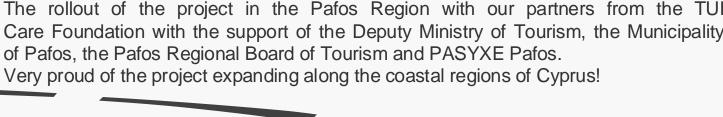




Beach Clean-Up

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

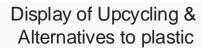
The rollout of the project in the Pafos Region with our partners from the TUI Care Foundation with the support of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, the Municipality of Pafos, the Pafos Regional Board of Tourism and PASYXE Pafos.





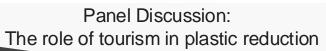




















Launch Event Speakers









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





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.









Award Ceremony











2nd with Branding by CEF









New
Project
&
Renewed
MOU





"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)



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.





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.













Cigarette Butts were collected & Plastic Free Beach Reusable Water Bottles were given as a reward



Upcycling Workshop for the youngsters





Cyprus Environment Foundation (CEF) Grants



Grant #1 Plastic Free Beach











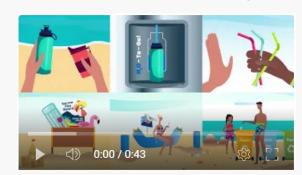
We are Very Proud of the Outcome - Thank You CEF!





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.









Grant # 3 Bring Your Cup



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



The 'Bring your Cup' app was created by <u>EUROCY</u> <u>Innovations Ltd</u> for the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' Project with a grant from the <u>Cyprus Environment Foundation</u> (CEF). 'Bring Your Cup' is an idea of the "<u>Keep Our Sand and Sea Plastic Free</u>" Project, which is an initiative of the TUI Care Foundation in partnership with the Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI).

"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!

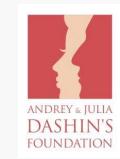






Award Ceremony & Launch of Armonia Plastic Free Beach, Agios Tychonas Saturday 16.9.2023

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















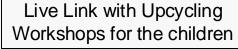
Award Ceremony







Artwork Harmony is raising awareness & 100 Plastic Free **Beach Reusable Water Bottles** were handed out



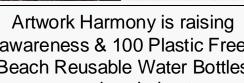














Pancyprian Conference: Is Climate Change a threat to Tourism? Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia **Thursday 19.10.2023** Organized by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism & CSTI





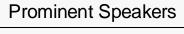
Well attended Conference with Panel Discussion



& Photo Exhibition on display













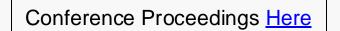
Sustainable Actions taken for the Conference Here

Under the Auspices of

H.E. The President of the Republic of Cyprus

Mr. Nikos Christodoulides







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 36-month duration & kick-off meeting on Monday & Tuesday 13-14/11/2023 in Thessaloniki, Greece.



Meeting Participants

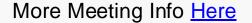


Chairman presenting CSTI at the Meeting



- Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis
- The Cyprus Institute
- Potsdam-Institut f
 ür 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**



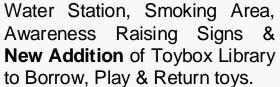
The 6th 'Plastic Free Beach' of the 'Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free' network is funded by ETAP Famagusta.









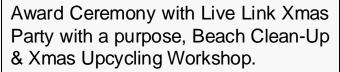




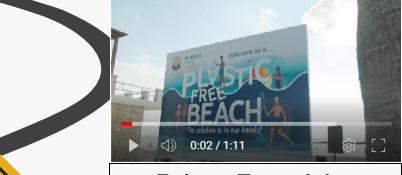




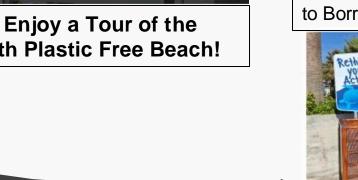














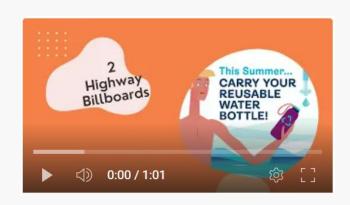
CSTI 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) Hybrid - University of Nicosia / Microsoft Teams Wednesday 10.1.2024

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



All participants to the Center Stage! **Partnerships for** the Goals: **SDG 17**

















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



















Prominent Speakers & an interested audience.













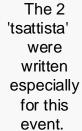






Traditional Dance Performance



















Award Ceremony









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.











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

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!



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

















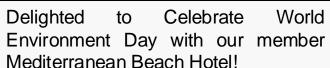








Excited mark the World to Environment Day with our dedicated member Alion Beach Hotel their Annual Beach Cleaning Day!







Proud Celebrate World Environment Day with our member Parklane Resort & Spa!

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









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









Thrilled to Celebrate World Oceans

Day with our New Members Leonardo

Plaza Cypria Maris Beach & Leonardo





LEONARDO Hotels & Resorts













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



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.



Live Link at the Beach with Music & Competitions with Great Prizes







3 Lucky Winners







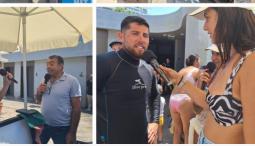


We were impressed by the public's enthusiasm to fill our reusable bags with litter in exchange for a branded reusable water bottle!









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!







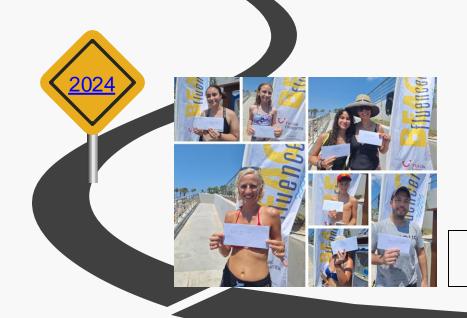


Live Link Sunday 11.08.2024 **Sodap Plastic Free Beach, Pafos**

Another Successful Summer Party with a Purpose:

Raising Awareness About Plastic Pollution.











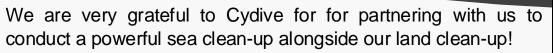






Enthusiastic participants traded litter and cigarette butts for Plastic Free Beach reusable bottles sponsored by the Pafos Municipality.

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

































TUI CARE FOUNDATION







"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!









































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







Upcycling Workshops



29 OKTΩBPIOY - 3 NOEMBPIOY 2024





Four new water stations installed!









New **Projects**

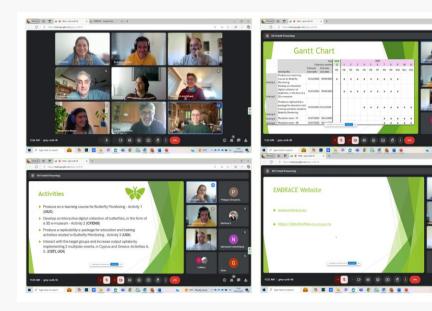


The CultMed: Sustainable Cultural Tourism on the Mediterranean project started on the 01/10/2024 with a 36-month duration & kick-off meeting on Monday 11/11/2024 in Nicosia.

Partners:

- Aspon Consulting Ltd, Cyprus
- Research Innovation and Development Lab Privat, Greece
- Heraklion Development Agency, Greece
- E.M Associazione A.R.C.E.S, Italy
- Gestion Estrategica E Innovacion, Spain
- E&D Knowledge Consulting LDA, Portugal
- CSTI, Cyprus





The EMBRACE: Empowering Skills for Butterfly Monitoring to Enable Resilience to Climate Change project started on 01/12/2024 with a 12-month duration & online kick-off meeting on Thursday 30/01/2025. .

Partnership:

- Open University of Cyprus
- CYENS Center of Excellence, Cyprus
- Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI)
- University of Ioannina, Greece





2nd Pancyprian Climate Change Conference:
 Tourism in the era of climate change:
 Challenges and innovative approaches
 University of Nicosia
Co-organized by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, the
Office of the Commissioner for the Environment and
Animal Welfare & CSTI





Special thanks to the **speakers** for inspiring attendees with their presentations. Building on the success of last year's event, the conference highlighted the impact of climate change on the tourism industry and set priorities for the future. The conference was held under the **auspices of the President of the Republic of Cyprus**.











#WasteFreeCyprus - River Awareness & Clean-up Campaign, Kalopanayiotis

CSTI & the "Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free, Destination Zero Plastic in Cyprus" project took action & contributed to the #WasteFreeCyprus initiative. Our impactful effort brought together 30 volunteers, including Hospitality and Tourism students from the University of Nicosia, who actively participated in the clean-up.



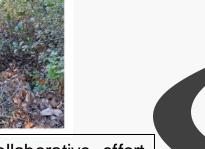
This campaign highlights the importance of collective action in promoting environmental sustainability and reducing plastic waste, while also fostering community engagement and environmental awareness.











The #WasteFreeCyprus initiative is a collaborative effort supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environment, the Department of Environment, and the Office of the Commissioner for the Citizen.









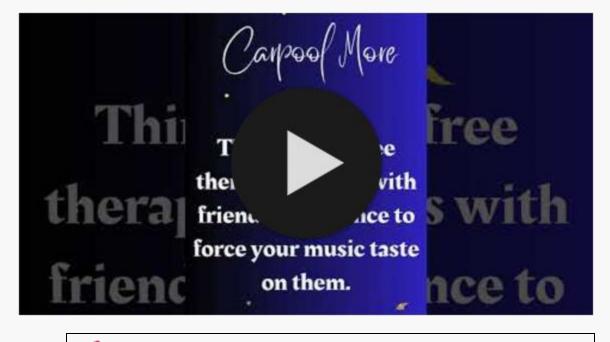


2024 Highlights & 2025 Resolutions

2024

- **2024 Highlights:** A year of impact, collaboration, and progress!
- √ Key achievements & milestones
- ✓ Strong partnerships & community engagement
- ✓ Advancing sustainability in tourism





- **2025 Resolutions:** Building on our success for an even brighter future!
- ✓ Strengthening our initiatives & expanding our reach
- ✓ Driving innovation & sustainability efforts
- ✓ Continuing to make a positive difference Together, let's make 2025 a year of growth and lasting impact! ♥ ♣





Cyprus Environment Foundation (CEF) Grants



A heartfelt thank you <u>CEF</u> for these grants, empowering us to drive meaningful change. Your trust fuels our mission for a more sustainable future!

Grant # 5 Empowering the Bring Your Cup Initiative

18-month duration starting 1/6/24







Sign Up Here

Grant # 6 Empowering Plastic Free Beaches in Cyprus project

12-month duration starting 1/1/25



We're expanding - stay tuned!

Grant # 7 Schools for Change: Leading the Plastic Free Movement project

12-month duration starting 1/9/25







The "Keep Our Sand and Sea Plastic Free" Project in Action! 💪 👶 Bringing environmental education to life in the capital:





In the classroom – raising awareness on plastic pollution









In action – cleaning the Pediaios River for a greener tomorrow















Proud member of the Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council:







The Leading Organisation of Sustainable Tourism in Cyprus since 2006

THANK YOU!

CSTI is a launch partner & signatory of the:



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