



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - SHARED SPACES GRANT and MENTORING

The “Future Together” project promotes reconciliation on the island with a focus on enhancing projects that involve planning of shared spaces, through participatory approaches.

Within the scope of Future Together, ‘shared spaces’ means any public space, which Cypriots of different communities used to share in the past, still share in the present, or wish to share in the future.

By conducting research on existing projects focussing on shared spaces, Future Together succeeded in extracting lessons from existing participatory development models and has used them to develop and implement a series of participatory planning training workshops. But the aim is now to move beyond the classroom, to implement a showcase project which will demonstrate participatory planning in action.

Therefore, Future Together is inviting expression of interests (EOIs) from well-established and well-functioning Civil Society Organisations to apply for a combination of *grants and mentoring* for a project that plans to incorporate participatory planning principles to revitalize a shared space in Cyprus.

Grants: Future Together will provide partial financial incentive (up to 60,000 Euros) to cover the non-infrastructure part of the winning proposals. However, recipients are expected to provide matching contributions to cover any additional expenses related to implementation of the project (in particular infrastructure costs). The Future Together funds will focus mainly on reinforcing the participatory elements of the project.

Mentoring: In addition to the financial support, Future Together will put a team of experts in participatory planning at the disposal of the winning pilot project to help them integrate participatory planning processes at all levels of the project, from planning to implementation. This project will then be used as a demonstration of best practices in participatory planning, both locally and in the region. Support (financial and mentoring) to all projects will start April 2012 and end on September 30th, 2013.

The winning project will be selected through a three-stage process:

Stage 1: A selection committee will review the EOIs and shortlist promising projects.

Stage2: The Future Together will offer, for free, the support of consultants to help shortlisted projects develop quality proposals

Stage 3: All shortlisted project teams will be invited to present full proposals for the final selection.

The deadline to submit EOIs is December 9, 2011. All EOIs must be submitted in English.

Eligibility Criteria

The following eligibility criteria will be used for short listing:

Project must be at its early stage	Project must focus on a shared space in Cyprus
Project must have a public participation element in it	Meaningful inter-communal interaction
Evidence of Local Ownership	Evidence of long-term sustainability as an organization and potential to sustain the organizational capacity beyond the funding horizon

Further information regarding the Future Together – Shared Spaces Grant and Mentoring can be received by emailing Constantina@etek.org.cy and sunaevran@futuretogether.net or dropping by at Home for Cooperation from 10:00 – 13:00 during weekdays. On 16th of November, there will be mini info session at Home for Cooperation at 17:00.

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