



# EPA GA & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CYPRUS, 19-20 APRIL 2024

Co-organized with PCPAPE, PCPASE & PCPAPCK

With the support of:



CYPRUS  
CONVENTION  
BUREAU



**« Parents Leading the Way in Preserving Life on Planet Earth!**

**Guaranteeing Sustainability for Today and Future Generations »**



## Four Seasons in Cyprus - a place blessed by God!



Dear friends:

*Kalosorisate* (welcome) to Cyprus,

The three Cypriot National Confederations of Parents Associations (**PCPAPE, PCPASE and PCPAPCK**) are very happy to welcome you to their beautiful island, the sunniest island of the Mediterranean Sea, the birthplace of Aphrodite, the Goddess of beauty and love!

Cyprus, a small island with 5000 years of history, the Land of Legends, a place full of colors, secret places to discover, mesmerizing tastes, a real fusion of experiences. A unique place with beautiful, kind and warm people, famous for their hospitality. A small island with a rich and unique culture, nothing less than a unique blend of civilizations and traditions, from ancient history until today.

We promise that this will be a wonderful and memorable experience for you!

---

#### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM:**

##### ***Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Arrival of delegates - Free time***

Airport pick-up for free

Upon arrival at **Larnaca** or **Paphos** airports, no need to make arrangements for the transfer to your hotel - our member PCPAPCK and their amazing team have it all covered and are ready to drive you safely and with comfort, from the airport to your hotel.

The same applies to transport from your hotel to the airport.

The PCPAPCK team have taken into account the arrival and departure times that you have communicated to us when registering or in your subsequent communication.



## Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>



**PICK-UP IS ORGANISED FROM POSEIDONIA AND PARK BEACH HOTEL. FOR PARTICIPANTS STAYING IN OTHER ACCOMODATION, PLEASE MEET US AT EITHER OF THE TWO HOTELS OR COME DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOLS AT THE INDICATED TIMES.**

- ) 8:50 meeting at the lobby of Poseidonia hotel, Limassol
- ) 09:00 Departure from Poseidonia hotel
- ) +- 09:10 Pick-up at Park Beach hotel
- ) In direction of **Lanitio public Schools** (for address see last page). This is a complex of 3 different schools, including a primary school, a gymnasium and a lyceum (see attached program) :
- ) 9:30 Visit at Lanitio primary school – presentation project ‘TIGANOKINISI’
- ) 10:30 Visit at Lanitio Gymnasium, Brunch offered
- ) 11:30 High school (Musical and Athletic high school)
- ) 12:30 Entertainment program by students of Lanitio high School
- ) 13:00 – 14:00 Light lunch at Lanitio Theatre “Marios Tokas” (offered The Municipality of Limassol)
- ) 14:15 – Registration for the GA
- ) **14:45 – 17:30 EPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
- ) 16:00-16:15 – Coffee break
- ) 17:30 Closing of the GA
- ) **17:30 – 18:30 Parallel Sessions**  
**Session 1:** Launch of the members’ consultation on the vision, mission and values of EPA in preparation of the Strategy 2026-2030  
**Session 2:** preparation of EPA’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025
- ) Return to the Park Beach Hotel and Poseidonia Hotel by bus
- ) **20:30 Gala Dinner at hotel Poseidonia**



Nicosia today



Venetian walls



buffer zone



old Nicosia (walls)

**Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**EPA International Conference, under the Auspices of the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture of Cyprus Dr. Athena Michaelidou**

At the University of Cyprus Library-Stelios Ioannou Learning Resource Center  
1, University road, 2109 Aglantzia, Nicosia Cyprus



**PICK-UP IS ORGANISED FROM POSEIDONIA BEACH HOTEL. FOR PARTICIPANTS STAYING IN OTHER ACCOMODATION: PLEASE BE AT THE LOBBY OF POSEIDONIA BEACH HOTEL AT 08:10 AT THE LATEST.**

- ) 8:15 departure from Poseidonia Hotel to Nicosia (the capital of Cyprus)
- ) 9:00-9:45 arrival at University of Cyprus – registration

**Part 1**

- ) 10:00 Opening of International Conference
- ) 10:00 – 10:20 Welcome Speeches
- ) President of EPA, Victor Petuya
- ) First Lady, Filippa Karsera Christodoulides
- ) Minister of Education, Dr. Athena Michaelidou
- ) 10:20-10:30 Intervention: **"Democracy in Europe and the importance of citizens participation in shaping the European Union as our common home"**, MEP Costas Mavrides, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.
- ) 10:30-11:00 Keynote speech 1 **"The role of parents in strengthening children's environmental awareness"** Dr. Aravella Zachariou Head of the Unit of Education for Enviroment and Sustainable Development, Chair of the UNECE ESD SC
- ) 11:00-11:10 Coffee break
- ) 11:10 – 13:00 Workshop (for all): **Visit at Environmental Information Center Athalassa National Forest Park** (around 15-20 minutes walking distance)
- ) 13:15-13:50 Light lunch (University's cafeteria)

**Part 2**

- ) 14:00 – 14:10 **Project presentations**, Arja Krauchenberg, EPA Project Coordinator
- ) 14:10 – 14:30 Presentation, Pancyprian Gimnasium Erasmus+ program **"GAIA GOES GREEN"** (two parallel breakout sessions: a) Amphitheater: presentation **Smart Agricultural Monitoring System**, b) Room LRC C1: Workshop- **Creating a Doll out of old fabrics**)

- J 14:35 – 14:50 **Educational inclusion of Newly Arrived Migrant and Refugee students in Europe: Key issues and priorities.**” by Dr Michalis Kakos, Associate Professor, Director of Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Citizenship, Education and Society (CIRCES), Carnegie School of Education, Leeds Beckett University.
- J 14:50-15:00 Presentation Teklemariam Kidist Amdebirhan (Phd Student)
- J 15:00- 15:15 David Pereira and Mamadou Lamarana Bah, Architecture students
- J 15:15-15:30 - Coffee break
- J 15:30- 16:00 Keynote speech 2 **“The miracle of Digital Technology: Beyond the benefits and fascination, children’s health and development are at risk. Parents can protect them if they know why they should and what to do”**, Dr. Stella Canna Michaelidou, President of the Cyprus National Committee on Environment and Children’s Health
- J 16:00 – 16:10 **Intervention on Vaping**, Dr. Stella Canna Michaelidou, President of the Cyprus National Committee on Environment and Children’s Health
  
- J **End of the Conference**
- J 17:00 – 18:00 **Visit of Nicosia & guided visit near the buffer zone** (licensed by the Ministry of Defense)
- J 19:00 **Arrival at the hotel**
- J 20:15 Meeting at the lobby of hotel Poseidonia for those who join the optional dinner, departure by bus
- J 20:30 **Optional Dinner** at a taverna with traditional Cypriot food (meze)

## Cyprus Gastronomy



Halloumi cheese



Greek salad



shieftalia



Snails



pork souvlaki



Koupepia (Stuffed vine leaves)

## Sunday 21 April

09:30 – 13:00 Half day tour to the Ancient Kourion archeological site and to the Historical Center of Limassol (optional and free)



Limassol castle



Limassol marina



Limassol beach front



Old city of Limassol

## Departure to the airport

Remember the amazing transfer service provided by the PCPAPCK team which picked you up upon arrival? It is also available for the return, if you signed up for it. Please communicate any variations swiftly to us!

## Useful information:

### Addresses for Pick-up/Meeting points

Poseidonia Beach Hotel, 25, Amathus Avenue, Ayios Tychonas 4532, Limassol

Park Beach Hotel, 12, Georgiou A' Ave Germasoyia 52180, Limassol

Lanitio Lyceum, Archbishop Makarios Avenue, 3507 Limassol

- J Please wear comfortable clothes (short sleeves for the day and maybe a light jacket for the night) and shoes. Make sure you bring sunblock cream and a hat with you! Temperatures between 25-30°C are expected, and the sun is strong.
- J Make sure that you'll do some studying for Cyprus, as we might test your knowledge 😊
- J During the Optional Dinner we'll have live music, so be prepared to dance!!
- J For those who depart on Sunday afternoon and will join us for the half-day tour, make sure you check out from your hotel before we leave for the tour. You may ask the hotel to keep your luggage safe.



) Visiting the **archaeological remains of Kourion** is a must! This is why we added it to the program. Kourion was one of the island's most important city-kingdoms in Antique times, and excavations have unearthed many significant findings, which can be viewed at the site. In fact, the most ancient remains of a settlement in the wider region of Kourion date from the Neolithic Period (4500 - 3900 B.C.). The Roman theatre of Kourion was built over an earlier Hellenistic theatre. It was remodeled in the 1st and 2nd centuries and was used as an arena for gladiatorial combats in the 3rd century.

**Our entrance to all Archaeological places (Kourion and Limassol Castle) is free of charge, as it has kindly been sponsored by the Antiquity Department of the Cypriot Deputy Ministry of Culture.**



**📞 Local emergency numbers** (please only use in case of REAL emergency; otherwise communicate via habitual channels and WhatsApp group):  
**+35796408352 (George), +35799430440 (Sotiris)**

### Do you speak Greek? / Milate ellinika?

English	Greek	Water	Nero
Welcome	Kalorisate	Wine	Krasi
Good morning	Kalimera	Food	Fagito
Good evening	Kalispera	Dessert/Sweet	gliko
Goodnight	Kalinihta	My name is...	Me lene...
Yes	Ne	Come	Ela
No	Ohi	I Want	Thelo
Hi	Gia sas	Take	Pare
Thank you	Efharisto	Love (my)	Agapi (mou)
You are welcome/please	Parakalo	Friend (my)	File (mou)
Cheers (to good health)	Stin igia mas	Bus	Leoforio