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# Newsletter

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## Launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Community Exchange program

The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce (KEBE) and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (KTTO) announced the launch of the second round of the internship programme which sees young unemployed Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot graduates work in each other's communities.

The call, announced by representatives of the two Chambers at the Home for Cooperation in the capital's buffer zone, is part of the 'Leading by Example' project, which is co-funded by the European Union under the "Cypriot Civil Society in Action IV" programme.

In total, 16 young professionals will benefit from the scheme. Eight Greek Cypriot and eight Turkish Cypriot interns will be placed for three months in companies and organisations in the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot community respectively.

Eligible to apply are young unemployed university graduates aged between 20 and 35. The placements will take place between January and May 2017. The scheme provides for a monthly allowance of €500 paid directly by the two Chambers to each intern. The objective of the scheme is to enhance trust as well as the dialogue and

reconciliation process between the two communities, while providing young Cypriots an outstanding work experience within the other community. In the 1st round of this internship program, a total of 24 young Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots participated.



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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

## Entrepreneurship Prospects in a post solution Cyprus

A public debate entitled "*Entrepreneurship prospects in a Post Solution Cyprus*" was organized at the University of Cyprus in Nicosia, on Wednesday, 25th of January 2017. The event was under the auspices of the Department of Business and Public Administration and the Centre of Entrepreneurship of the University of Cyprus.

Welcome addresses were delivered by the Associate Professor George Kasinis, Kemal Baykallı and Leonidas Paschalides on behalf of the University of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry respectively, while the entrepreneurship gurus Stavriana Kofteros and Tunç Yalçın discussed the significance of developing entrepreneurship skills in a post-solution Cyprus. The panel debate was held in English.





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## **Business women and Halloumi / Hellim producers from both communities met under the auspices of the "Leading by Example" project**

Two exciting and fruitful meetings were recently led by the two implementing partners of the "Leading by Example" project, namely the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, among the Business Women Associations as well as among the Halloumi/Hellim producers from both communities. As far as the Business Women are concerned, they discussed about the potential of their cooperation in the organisation of joint events, while the Halloumi/Hellim producers participated in a very lively discussion regarding the situation in their respective communities, common problems they face in their sector and exchanged ideas about the way forward.







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## **Presidents of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (KTTO) and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KEBE) met with political party leaders in the Greek Cypriot community.**

Led by their Presidents Phidias Pilides and Fikri Toros, a joint delegation of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce met Andros Kyprianou, Secretary General of AKEL and Averof Neophytou, President of the Democratic Rally (DISY), to discuss about the joint initiatives of the Chambers under the EU funded "Leading By Example" project. Both party leaders praised the Chambers for all their efforts and were particularly eager to be informed about the remaining activities of the project. During the meetings, the Chambers also engaged in the provision of information about the economic benefits that a lasting and functional settlement would bring about as well as on the opportunities that will be generated for economic co-operation not only between the communities in Cyprus but also between Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. The leaders congratulated the Chambers for their contribution to the peace process in general but also specifically through advocating the economic benefits stressing that this is an important parameter that the public should be made aware of.

