

SDGS IN CYPRUS

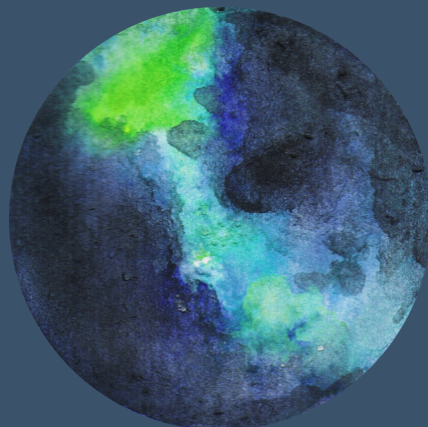
BETWEEN FACTS AND ACTION



A GUIDE TO
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

“There can be no question about whether we should or should not transform our society in the direction of sustainability.”

- Alan AtKisson



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The Youth for Action and Sustainability (YAS!) project was initiated by Youth for Exchange and Understanding Cyprus (YEU Cyprus) in order to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nation General Assembly (UN) laid out in Agenda 2030 and to inspire younger and older adults to take positive action towards the implementation of said goals.

During the course of several months, the seven volunteers based in Nicosia through the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) have collected information about the implementation of the SDGs in Cyprus. This booklet is the outcome of the YAS! Project team research, with the aspiration to spread awareness to the people of Cyprus concerning the situation on the island and to share some best practices with them. The overall aim is to inspire the readers on how to better achieve the objectives of Agenda 2030.

By providing up to date data, statistics, and examples on possible actions one can take, the booklet serves as a useful tool for organizations and companies in Cyprus to quickly access information and get a better understanding where the island stands less than 10 years to the last deadline of the Agenda.

The SDGs were included in the Agenda 2030 to guide the member states towards a more sustainable future. There are a total of 17 goals which are, as well as their current state of achievement in Cyprus, pictured on this booklet. All of them are interlinked with each other, addressing 17 macro-areas.

For the sake of implementability, the General Assembly further defined specific targets for each goal, and a series of indicators was also identified to improve their monitoring as well.

The goals serve as a statement of purpose and a general Agenda on reforms needed on a worldwide level to ensure that future generations can thrive on Earth. With issues such as equality, climate change, and health concerning humanity more than ever, especially due to the recent development of the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) global pandemic, it has become clear how global action is necessary.

By following the Agenda 2030 blueprint, collectively or individually we can all help to create a better planet and have a clear goal in our minds while planning for the decade ahead.

In the following sections data concerning the goals in Cyprus will be provided and concluded in a Call to Action, a compilation of good practices and suggestions one might be inspired to implement in its own reality.





1 NO POVERTY



NO POVERTY

People at risk of income poverty after social transfers

14,7%

≈ 180 000 people

2019

31,10% of the population live in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation or rot in window frames in December 2019, according to EUROSTAT.



At risk of poverty rate in work:



6,7%

2019

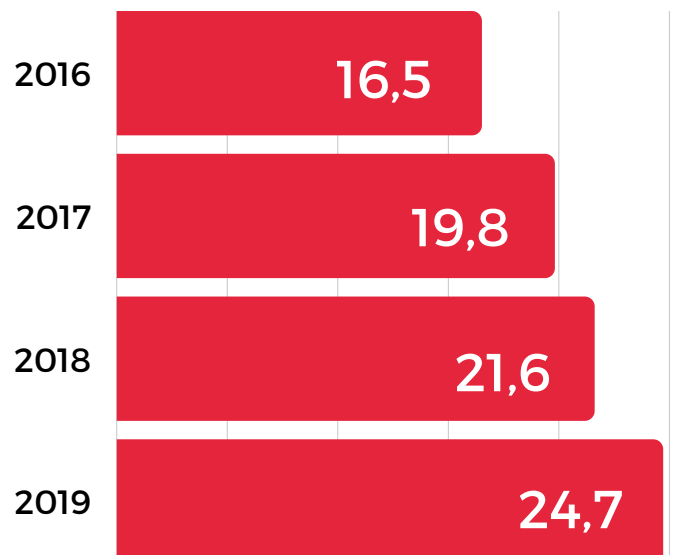
Severely materially deprived people

The share of persons who have living conditions severely constrained by a lack of resources

9.1%

2020

At risk of poverty rate for pensioners





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"End poverty in all its forms, everywhere."

- Ensure** your employees are being paid above minimum wage.
- Generate** discussion about the state of poverty in the community and learn from local organizations what they are doing toward helping people in need.
- Include** the SDGs in your company's strategic priorities.
- Look** for fair-trade marking to ensure that employees of international companies have a minimum wage and are not exploited when bulk buying supplies.
- Organize** charitable fundraising in the workplace.
- Organize** donations with your employees for objects such as, used clothes, books, and furniture for local shelters and/or organisations.
- Plan** offsite team-building activities for a cause. Volunteer in homeless shelters.
- Raise** funds to assist co-workers.
- Shop** locally and support small businesses when organizing an event.
- Spread** awareness about poverty and the actions that can be taken.
- Stay** informed. Learning is action.



2 ZERO HUNGER



ZERO HUNGER

37%

of value in total exports are agricultural products



AIM: Ensure access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food for all people all year round.



Most Cypriot farmers are more than

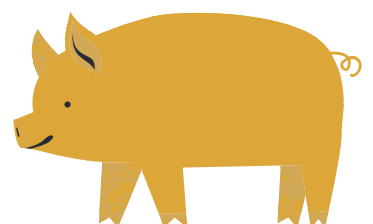
55

years old



2500 families were supported by foodbanks in 2013

GMO Farming (Genetically Modified Organism) is banned



2 ZERO HUNGER



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“End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.”

- Collaborate** with companies that are dealing with food waste and composting for your events, while be conscious about your own daily food waste and try to minimize it.
- Create** a support system for employees with low salaries, for example, by offering meal vouchers, discounts for different partnerships (holiday discounts, shopping gift cards, etc.), child support (offering kindergarten services during the working hours), etc.
- Donate** and get involved in offering a warm meal to children in state facilities, schools, refugee camps, or/and to immigrants.
- Encourage** healthy diets among your employees and a healthy lifestyle, for example by offering nutritional services/tips to your employees.
- Explore** the idea of placing compost bins for your employees.
- Get informed** and read a book on hunger. A greater understanding of the matter will better prepare you to make a difference.
- Include** the SDGs in your company’s strategic priorities.
- Measure** your impact on ending the hunger in your region and communicate your actions to employees and people outside of the company. Lead by example and create the trend!
- Organize** a wide donation of non-perishable food products for local shelters.
- Reduce** your food waste and come up with a plan if food waste happens.
- Spread** the word – the more ideas are shared on ending hunger, the merrier.
- Support** small-scale producers and farmers as they hold the key to sustainably feeding a growing global population. You can donate/buy locally/invest/or provide any other way of support.
- Support** United Nations World Food Program.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

Life Expectancy

at Birth



2000
77,7



2018
82,8

It is defined as the number of years that a newborn child is expected to live if subjected to the current mortality conditions.

AIM: Ensure Healthy Lives and promote Well-Being for all at all ages.

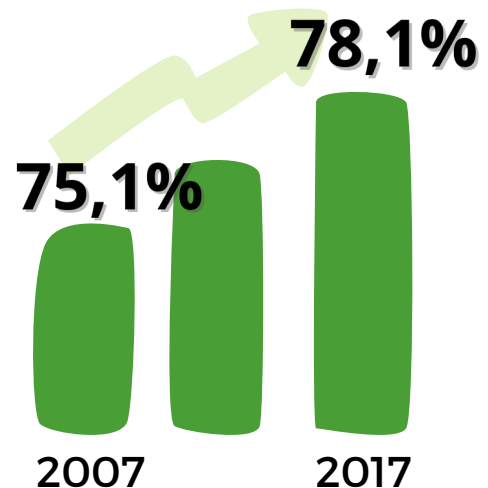
SUBJECTIVE WELLBEING

6.28

A self-evaluation of life, where respondents are asked to evaluate where they stand on a ladder where 0 is the worst possible life and 10 is the best.

2018

Population with good or very good perceived health



A subjective measure on how people judge their health in general on a scale from very good to very bad.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



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"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages."

- Analyze** accidents that occurred in the past through safety audits and workplace inspections. Come up with a plan to predict them. Collaborate with a safety specialist.
- Collaborate** with a local fitness club to provide subscriptions /or discounted subscriptions.
- Develop** Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for your processes and provide on-the-job training to your employees to confirm they are well aware of how to use the equipment.
- Explore** the idea of collaborating with a well-being-oriented company in charge of meditation, relaxing programs, self-development, and how to get enough sleep techniques etc.
- Increase** your awareness about mental health and promote the idea among managers to show understanding to your employee's needs, you can provide training for managers relevant to mental health.
- Organize** screening campaigns (e.g. for women gynecology consultations, annual blood testing, etc.).
- Organize** blood donation campaigns among your employees and get informed about the needs of your region.
- Organize** sessions with nutritional specialists to educate your employees about healthy and balanced diets.
- Promote** activities such as meatless Monday among your employees.
- Promote** educational and volunteering activities among your employees. Such activities are proven to lift up people's spirit and boost one's energy and well-being.
- Promote** exercising and organize corporate escape events with your employees.
- Promote** the idea of eating foods with micronutrients (vitamins and minerals). Brightly colored vegetables and fruits (such as spinach, carrots, peaches, blackberries, etc.) are preferable because of the high levels of micronutrients.
- Promote** the idea of increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables. Eat five portions of fruits and vegetables per day.
- Provide** a healthy and safe work environment for your employees and visitors. A safe environment contributes positively to the health of the employees, increases productivity, retention, and employee satisfaction.



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



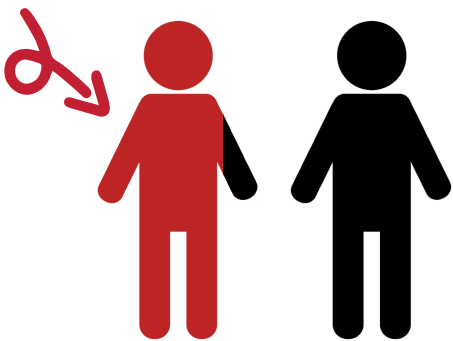
QUALITY EDUCATION

Underachievers in SCIENCE

Many 15-year-old students are failing to reach level 2 ("basic skills level") on the PISA scale for science.



42 % of students fail (2015)



Free and Accessible

EDUCATION

at ALL levels

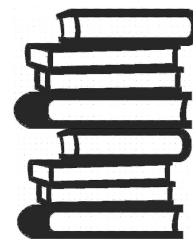
Cypriot scores in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

PISA internationally standardised assessment that is administered to 15-year-olds in schools.

PISA tests reading, mathematics and science (0-600 points)

Average top performers

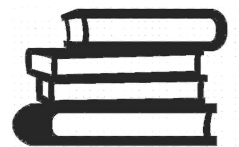
525.6 (2015)



Cyprus



437.5 (2015)



Early Childhood Participation

Pupils aged between 4 and the starting age of compulsory education.



Average (2017) = 94.4%



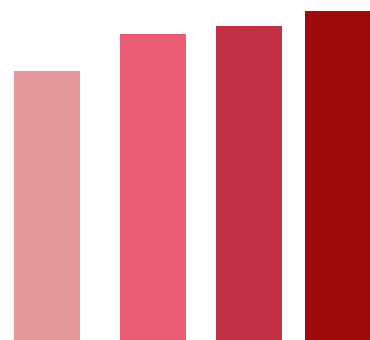
Average (2017) = 92.0%



Participation rate (%)

100 %
92.0 %
89.7 %
89.6 %
82.6 %

GOAL



2014 2015 2016 2017



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"Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."

- Engage** in partnerships to support collective action.
- Ensure** your employees acquire the knowledge and skills needed for sustainable development.
- Encourage** employees to acquire higher levels of education, which would result in having a highly skilled workforce. You can encourage your employees by offering bonuses in salary, flexible working hours, discounts with an educational institute.
- Inform** employees about current opportunities in pursuing professional training.
- Organize** workshops to improve your employee's digital skills.
- Provide** a strong learning environment. Allow them to acquire both hard and soft skills.
- Provide** educational scholarship opportunities to your community.
- Support** and possibly collaborate with local organizations promoting inclusivity and quality education.
- Support** charities/organizations that are working in education in the poorest parts of the world.
- Volunteer** your expertise once a week. For example, teaching a language in a local migrant center.



5 GENDER EQUALITY



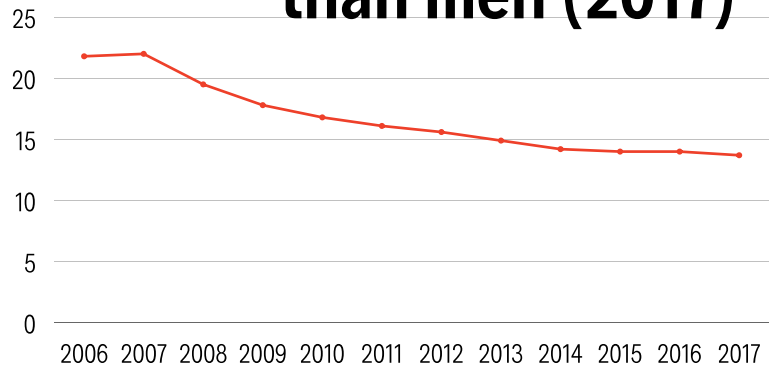
GENDER EQUALITY

Maternity protection law

- Working mothers are entitled to **maternity leave of 18 weeks** when bearing one child.
- They are **protected from work dismissal** for five months after childbirth.



Women earn 13.7% less than men (2017)



Only 64%



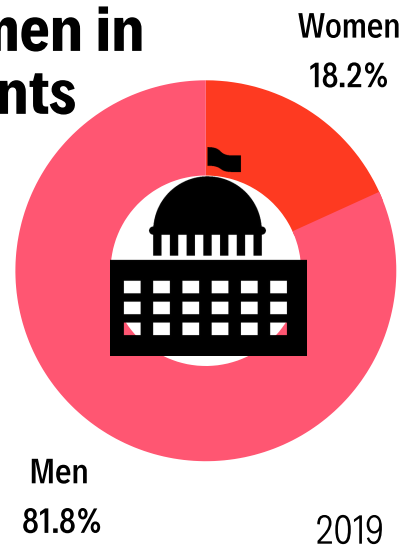
of women surveyed feel safe walking alone in their city area.

2018

Seats held by women in national parliaments

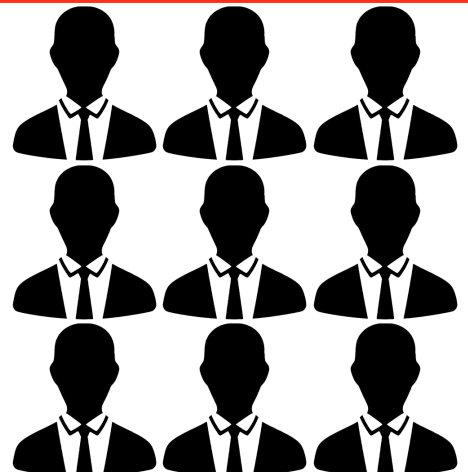
Only **18.2%** of parliament seats are taken by women.

The SDG goal is **50%** to ensure equal participation.



Positions held by Women in Senior Management

11.2% of senior management positions are occupied by women. This equals almost only 1 in 10 positions.



2018



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"Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."

- Acknowledge** that menstruations are normal and create an environment where female workers can work comfortably (e.g. Create provision for emergency sanitary items).
- Be aware** of gender stereotypes. Recognize them, avoid them and educate others.
- Call out** sexism and harassment in collaboration with the HR department.
- Educate** both yourself and your employees about gender inequality, gender stereotypes and sexual harassment in a working environment.
- Educate** your employees of their rights and encourage them to stand up for them.
- Hire** diversity. This applies for gender, ethnicities, sexual orientation and disabilities.
- Increase and encourage** gender representation in areas of leadership in the workplace.
- Offer** paid maternal and paternal leave to support equal family responsibilities at home.
- Pay (and demand)** the same salary for equal work to minimize the gender pay gap in your organization.
- Respect** women's choices (in terms of clothes, partners, maternity etc.)
- Make** flexibility and work–life balance a part of the organization's culture.



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

Cyprus is one of the EU Member States with the **least** amount of water available per capita.



Limited water resources in Cyprus -> depend mainly on rainfall



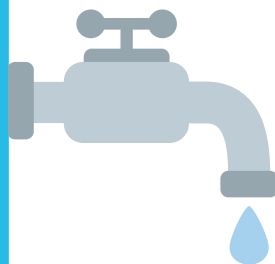
74%

of wastewater load are being collected and receive secondary treatment



2017

Desalination and recycling are being promoted.



An average Cypriot pays

269€

per year for domestic water consumption

2017



57%

43%



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"Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all."

- Buy** ACs that capture their by-product, distilled water, and repurpose it in your home.
- Don't pollute** water sources. That applies to promoting eco-friendly waste management as well as not flushing toxic chemicals such as paints, chemicals, or medication.
- Hire** a "green plumber" for your organization's facilities to help you reduce your water, energy, and chemical use.
- Organize** a clean-up project or bonding activity for your employees to clean local rivers, seaside, or an ocean.
- Read** books about water and water scarcity to increase understanding of its key role in societies, economies, and our planet.
- Recycle and reuse** water (e.g from cooking or ice cubes from drinks to water plants).
- Run** a campaign on hygiene. Raise awareness about the hygiene issues in your community through social media, school/university campaigns, or even a campaign in the neighborhood you live in.
- Support** or collaborate with organizations that give water to areas in need.
- Use** water responsibly.
- Wash** your car at commercial car washers who recycle water.



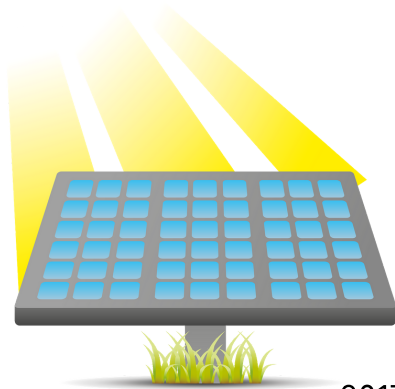
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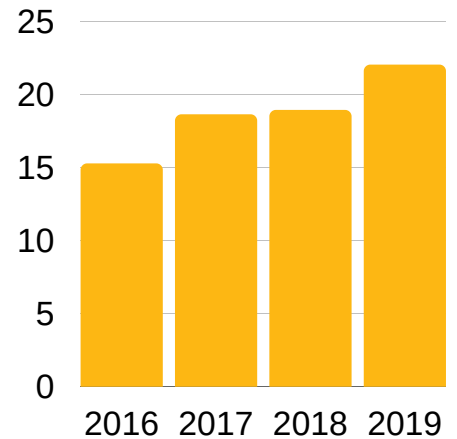
**ONLY
9%**

of energy came from **renewable sources**



2017

Price of energy, eurocents per kwh



**There are
320
sunny days
per year
in Cyprus**

Every fourth household is unable to heat their home properly/ is affected by fuel poverty

2017



91%

of consumed energy was imported

2017

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AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



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*"Ensure access to affordable, reliable,
sustainable and modern energy for all."*

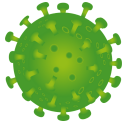
- Consider** installing motion-activated lighting in corridors, outside, etc.
- Don't waste** energy, turn off appliances at the socket and lights when you don't use them or when you leave the room.
- Instead of having** designated bins at your workplace for battery waste, buy rechargeable ones for organizations' appliances.
- If you are installing** air conditioning, ask for solar air conditioning instead.
- Install** solar panels and solar heaters in your organization's facilities to produce more green energy.
- Invest** in energy-efficient appliances.
- Learn** about energy-efficient and green architecture when you are remodeling or renting a new office space.
- Support** solar power projects for schools and homes.
- Turn** lights off in rooms that aren't being used. When you switch your lights off, even for a few seconds, it saves more energy than it takes for the light to start up.
- Use** energy-efficient light bulbs and set your office appliances on low energy settings to save electricity.



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



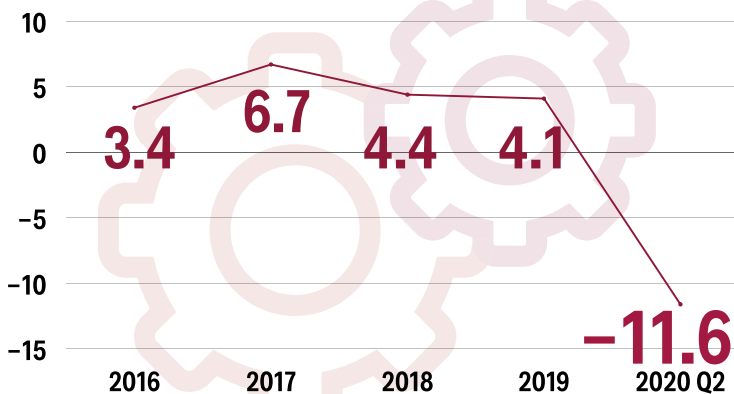
DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH



Cyprus' economy and job market, as in the rest of the World, have been deeply affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

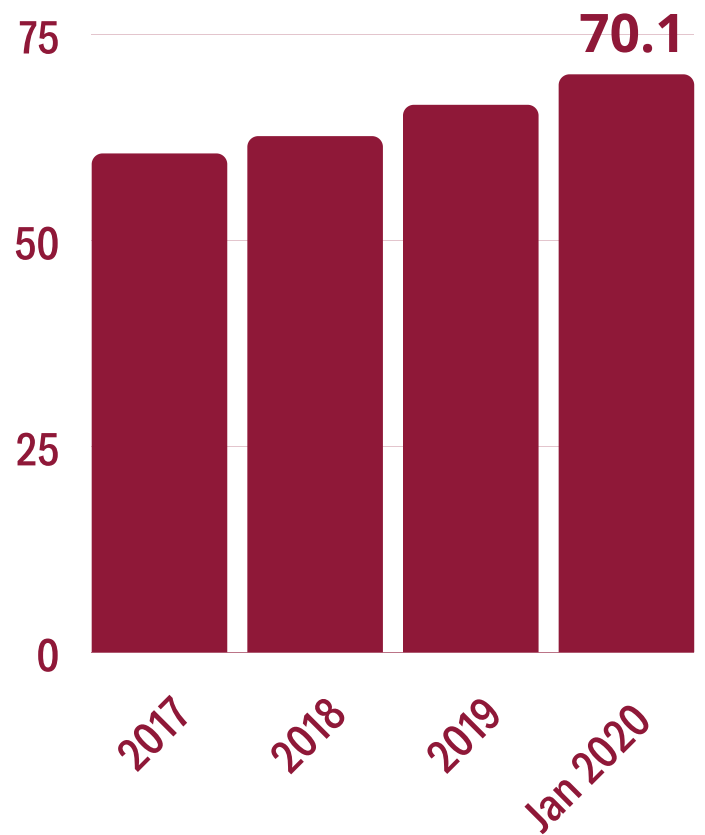
The true dimensions of its impact are still to be determined.

Real GDP Growth Rate



At-risk of poverty rate of unemployed persons was 35.70% in December of 2019.

Youth Employment



75,70% = Employment rate in December of 2019, according to EUROSTAT



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



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"Foster sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all."

- Be** a conscious consumer – look for fair trademarking on the products.
- Encourage** “Bring your child to work Day” (in appropriate fields of work) for youth to see what a healthy work environment looks like.
- Financially assist or provide** training and development programs for the enhancement of your employees’ skillset.
- Know** your rights at work. To access justice, knowing what you are entitled to will go a long way.
- Offer paid internships** to young people with the opportunity to work at the organization/company.
- Provide** a safe working environment for your employees.
- Provide** food for low-earning workers.
- Provide** reduced rates on quality health care systems.
- Support** new parents in your company, offer both maternal and paternal leave.
- Support** or organize campaigns to end modern-day slavery, forced labor, human trafficking, and forced migration.
- Try to buy** more locally to support local economic growth.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

University ranking

The average score of the top three universities in each country that are listed in the global top 1,000 universities in the world, expressed as 0-100.



Excessive **DEPENDANCE** on imports + High production **COST**

Individuals aged 55 - 74 years old who have basic or above basic **DIGITAL SKILLS.**



GAP in broadband internet access



Urban vs Rural

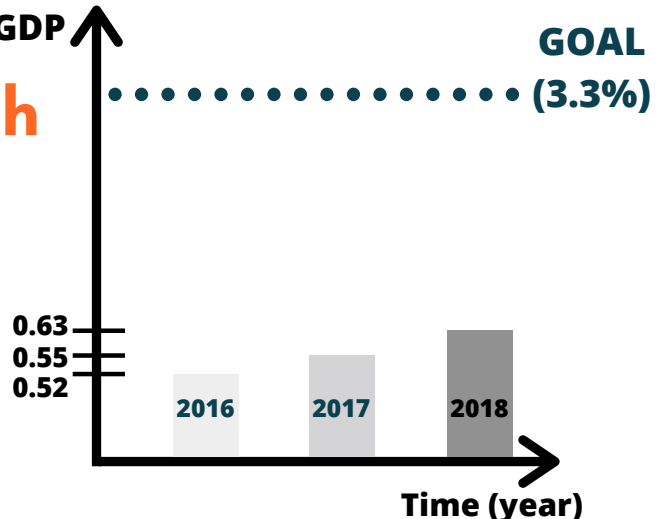
12% (2018)

Long term Goal = 0% (no difference)

Gross domestic expenditure on **Research & Development**

This indicator measures the percentage of Gross domestic product (GDP) goes to Research & Development in a country.

% of GDP





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"Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation."

- Analyze** the market and contribute to the projects that are working towards a resilient infrastructure, dealing with disasters and climate change, according to your company's profile.
- Contribute** to the health of your city. Get involved in creating green roofs/green spaces wherever possible. They improve air quality, insulation by up to 25%, absorb sound, promote social integration, etc.
- Collaborate** with NGOs and the public sector to help promote sustainable growth within developing countries.
- Create** an organizational culture that promotes community involvement and a wide understanding of nowadays struggles.
- Encourage** sustainable infrastructure with efficient resources and environmentally friendly technologies.
- Help** less fortunate people to gain digital skills to assist their integration process into modern society.
- Invest** in developing countries, domestic technology innovation and development research.
- Reach** out to people and get informed on the needs of the healthcare system. Contribute wherever possible according to your organizational capabilities (process optimization, financial contribution, volunteering, recurrent donations of products, etc.)



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



REDUCED INEQUALITIES



People at risk of poverty or social exclusion:
18 years or over

22.1%



People at risk of poverty or social exclusion:
65 years or over

25.9%

Dec 2019

People at risk of poverty or social exclusion



23.3%

20.5%

Dec 2019

In Cyprus the inequality of income distribution was
4.58 Ratio
in December of 2019,
according to EUROSTAT.

The ratio of total income received by the 20 % of the population with the highest income to that received by the 20 % of the population with the lowest income.



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"Reduce inequality within and among countries."

- Call out** promotions based on nepotism and strive to ensure a transparent selection process across the organization.
- Create** a policy to ensure a fair promotional process and put a system in place that could ensure its implementation.
- Create** an organizational culture based on the inclusion and equal treatment for people coming from different backgrounds, regions, social status, etc.
- Ensure** accessibility of homes, schools, offices, etc. for the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Encourage** people to get involved in causes, such as sponsoring a child from an unfortunate environment to go to school.
- Hire** diversity.
- Listen** to people and their stories. Encourage them to be honest about any issue they might face at their workplace and address it respectfully.
- Promote** stories about different cultures and create a space of networking where people could gather and share their own experiences and stories from traveling.
- Spread** the word among your employees and promote the idea of reducing inequalities, by giving examples of what your organization is doing to tackle this particular SDG.
- Volunteer** your work expertise/organize a workshop for people with fewer opportunities.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

AIM: Make cities and human settlements **INCLUSIVE, SAFE and SUSTAINABLE**



Share of green spaces in urban areas

The average share of urban green spaces and forests as a percentage of land area.

CYPRUS SCORE: 1.3 LONG TERM OBJECTIVE: 5



POPULATION LIVING IN A BROKEN DWELLING

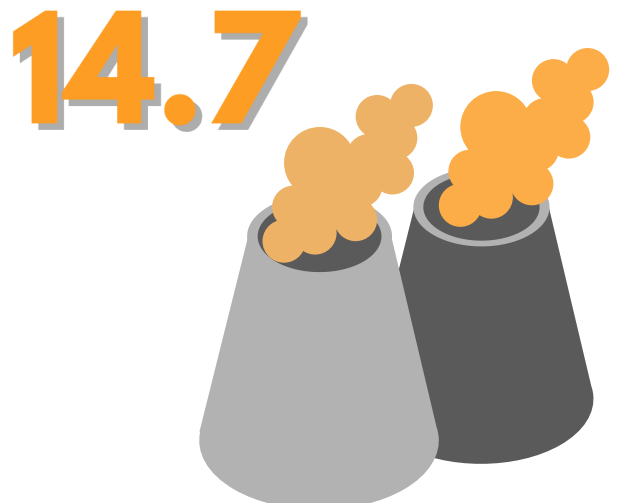
Share of the population experiencing at least one of the following basic deficits in their housing condition: a leaking roof; damp walls, floors or foundation; rot in window frames or floor.

CYPRUS SCORE: 29.3 LONG TERM OBJECTIVE: 6.0

Exposure to Air Pollution

Concentration of particulate matter at urban background stations in agglomerations.

CYPRUS SCORE: 14.7 LONG TERM OBJECTIVE: 5.0



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"Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable."

- Discover** your carbon footprint and look for ways to improve it.
- Encourage** public transportation, for example by offering information and discounts for public transportation.
- Find out** your community needs and build campaigns with your employees where they could get involved in topics that affect them directly.
- Include** the SDGs in your company's strategic priorities.
- Promote** riding a bicycle and other environmentally friendly transportation among your employees.
- Promote** a car-pooling system in your company.
- Raise** awareness about your city's carbon footprint and ways to improve it.
- Raise** awareness among your employees regarding the green spaces and their importance in decreasing air pollution and preserving urban health.
- Reach out** to underprivileged areas and explore the ways of contributing through school renovations, cleaning, solar panel installations, or any way that matches your resources or expertise. This might be a good way of creating people's engagement in your company and building the brand image.
- Volunteer** in organizations creating green spaces in your city or organize such an initiative.

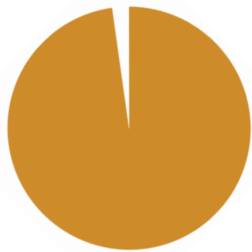


12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

2,2% = Cyprus' circular material use rate (CMU)



The CMU measures the share of material recovered and fed back into the economy, which equals the ratio of the circular use of material to the overall material use. The EU average CMU amounts to 11,2%.



2017

638 kg of municipal waste are generated per capita every year



= 2nd most waste per capita in EU

76% of that are disposed in landfills

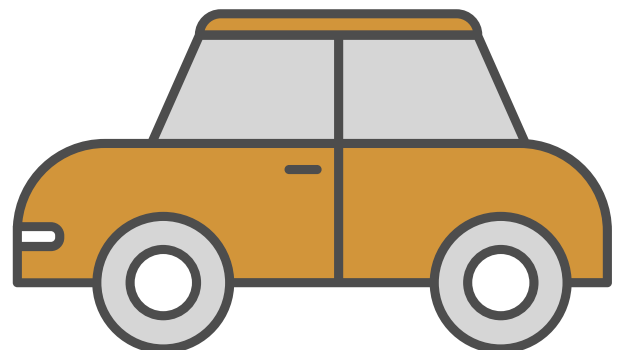
The EU average is 24% and the 2030 European goal is 10%.



2015

629 passenger cars per 1000 inhabitants

This motorisation rate comes up to the **third highest** in EU.



2020

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



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"Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns."

- Break down** your supply chain and support businesses committed to the principles of fair trade.
- Create** a strategy for avoiding the use of plastic as much as possible. Identify the occasions where plastic is being used and come up with solutions for reducing it. Spread the word afterward and share your good practices for other organizations to follow.
- Encourage** clothing donation.
- Encourage** people to use reusable bags. You can offer company/organization bags to your employees.
- Encourage** your employees to recycle and organize initiatives to raise awareness around the importance of recycling and how it can be efficiently done.
- Explore** the idea of placing compost bins for your employees.
- Measure** your water and electricity usage and try to reduce it. Use water and light sensors.
- Make** an inventory and reuse it when you can.
- Organize** clean-up and recycling campaigns for your employees.
- Organize** initiatives to inform people how to integrate the idea of using less plastic into their life and what their alternatives are.
- Promote** the idea of buying only what is needed. 20–50% of the food we buy ends in the landfill.
- Raise** awareness about different types of pollution and how this can affect us.
- Raise** awareness among your employees about responsible consumption and encourage the purchase of sustainable products in terms of electronics, toys, hygiene, etc.



13 CLIMATE ACTION



CLIMATE ACTION

Per capita CO2 emissions increased by **11,4 %** between 2013 and 2018

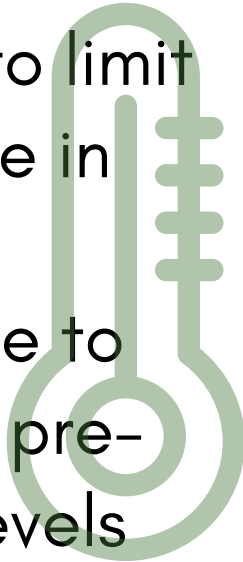


Global warming is causing long-lasting changes to our climate system.

For **Cyprus**, a temperature rise is projected for the 2021-2050 period of

1.3-1.9°C

The aim is to limit the increase in global temperature to **2°C** above pre-industrial levels



72,2

is **Cyprus score concerning SDG 13**



According to the EU SDG Index (2019) Cyprus' trend is **decreasing** when it comes to **climate action**



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"Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting developments in renewable energy."

- Choose greener infrastructures and equipment when building or renovating your organization.
- Create a GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) report, as it will help you gain a clear view of your footprint and consumption.
- Create an internal policy for the implementation of activities and services offered in an environmentally friendly way.
- Encourage people to avoid driving during peak-hour traffic.
- Encourage people to use public transport, bikes or carpools for their transportation to and from work.
- Get involved in creating green roofs and gardens wherever possible.
- Measure your carbon footprint and come up with an action plan on how to lower it.
- Organize a tree-planting campaign for your employees whenever possible.
- Promote environmentally friendly ways of working (e.g. recycling, waste management, using alternative transportation, using reusable products during coffee/lunch breaks).
- Shift to renewable energy, install solar panels on the rooftops to power your offices.
- Spread awareness about global warming – how this can affect us and future generations.



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



LIFE BELOW WATER

Ocean Health Index:

63

Global score: 71
Goal: 100

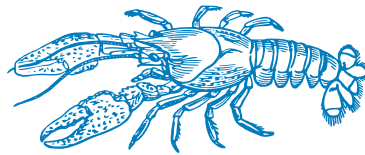


2020

The OHI is a marine assessment framework to comprehensively and quantitatively evaluate ocean health using different parameters.

99,12%

of coastal bathing sites in Cyprus have an excellent water quality.



The indicator is based on microbiological parameters and distinguishes between poor, sufficient, good and excellent. Cyprus score is the 2nd best in Europe.

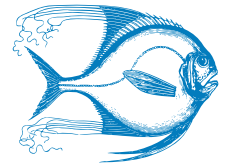
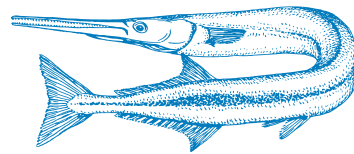
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Clean Waters Score:

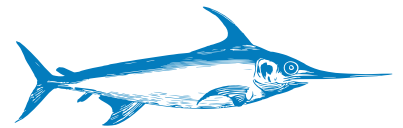
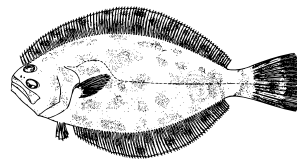
58,6

Global score: 71
Goal: 100

The clean waters subgoal of the OHI measures to what degree marine waters have been contaminated by chemicals, excessive nutrients, human germs, and trash.



1 in 4 caught fishes is from a species that is **overexploited** or **collapsed**.



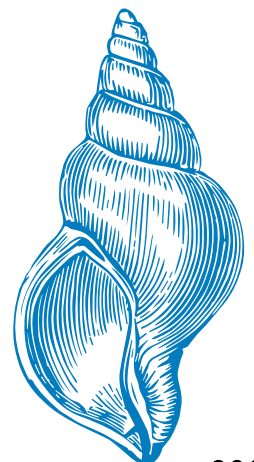
2014



2019

39,2%

=mean area of marine sites important to persistence of **biodiversity** that are protected



2018



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"Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development."

- Avoid** using single-use plastic, bring your own bowl/cup/straw/bag to places where you might need them. Add these types of products as your promotional gifts.
- Buy local** and certified fish. You can support small-scale producers by shopping at local markets and shops.
- Encourage** the practice of responsible and sustainable recreational activities like snorkeling or kayaking, which do not create any litter and are caring towards the environment.
- Organize or attend** beach clean-ups.
- Avoid** species affected by overfishing.
- Reduce** your waste. A big amount of waste that we produce on land ends up in the oceans.
- Run** a campaign on the impact of plastic usage on marine life.
- Sponsor** innovations and projects which work on cleaning up the oceans.
- Support** organizations that are fighting for the protection of oceans.
- Use** reef-safe sunscreen when going to the sea.



15
LIFE
ON LAND



LIFE ON LAND

99% of Cyprus' land are vulnerable to desertification



Rainfall is expected to **decrease by 15%** until 2030

2019

43% of Cyprus land area are **forests**



2018

90.7% of the **mountain ecosystems** of Cyprus are considered **protected land**

2018

Human disturbance is the **main threat** to habitats and species

There are **128** endemic species of animals in Cyprus



Humans have a big impact on the ecosystem



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"Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss"

- Avoid** buying products made from threatened or endangered species.
- Discourage** the usage of products that are animal tested and encourage your employees to read the label of the items they buy.
- Encourage** pet adoption instead of buying from pet stores and support campaigns in regards to the adoption of stray animals.
- Organize** clean-ups in your local parks and forests with your community or employees as a bonding activity.
- Organize** pet food drives and help local shelters whenever possible.
- Organize or take part** in a tree-planting activity as a team-building activity.
- Promote** respect towards life on land by raising awareness and organizing visits to animal shelters in your region.
- Promote** the consumption of seasonal products by hanging up posters with seasonality charts or by creating an internal campaign to promote seasonal products or supporting local farmers through an initiative.
- Sponsor** projects that are fighting to rehabilitate lands.
- Spread awareness** around the impact of deforestation.
- Volunteer** in an animal shelter in your free time.



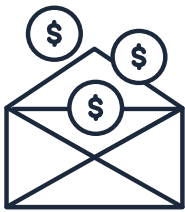
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

57 Corruption Perceptions Index

0=high corruption 100=no corruption



2018

The % of population reporting occurrence of crime and violence is increasing since



2016, from 9.8% to 13.9%

2018

AIM: Becoming a homeland of peaceful co-existence, an example of ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic cooperation.

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GLOBAL PEACE INDEX RANK

79,3

= Cyprus score regarding SDG 16



General government total expenditure on law courts per capita is below EU average



96,5€



40€

2018

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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"Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

- Allow** stakeholders to provide input, actively participate and have their perspectives considered in decision-making processes. This also refers to openness to explain how substantive inputs have impacted outcomes.
- Be transparent** by ensuring the availability of information, meaning that the development and steps taken regarding/towards a particular practice can be tracked by all stakeholders and the media.
- Check** the accessibility of the location of your organization and if it can be used effectively by a wide range of people (e.g., persons with disabilities, older people, speakers of other/native languages).
- Encourage** people in your country to use their rights to vote and elect their representatives.
- Encourage** people to speak up and ask local and national authorities to engage in initiatives that don't harm people or the planet.
- Ensure** your organization is non-discriminatory by implementing an internal policy that could guarantee that people are treated equally and fairly, without discrimination of any kind as to age, race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or another status.
- Ensure** the safety and security of your organizations' location for communities more vulnerable to discrimination.
- Organize** events for your employees about peace and prosperity in your community and internationally.
- Stay informed** about your country's politics and decision-making processes.
- Support** anti-violence organizations by donating/volunteering your expertise/visibility/support/etc.



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

Since 2013 the implementation of **Development policy** is in the hands of the **Ministry of Foreign affairs**



In Cyprus the **general government gross debt** stood at **93%** of GDP in 2019

It will take **2 years** for the economy to **recover** to pre-Covid times

European Commission, 2020

Proportion of individuals using the **Internet** in Cyprus is **84.4%**

Cyprus currently has relations with

176
nations.

2019

2020



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"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."

- Analyze** the market and find other organizations who are fighting for the same/similar causes. Start a dialogue and organize networking events to share knowledge and good practices.
- Collaborate** with other organizations/entities/public institutions on areas of common interest that are suitable for your organizational profile and learn from each other.
- Collaborate** with organizations in different countries that share the same goals that you have and promote sustainable collaboration and partnership on an international level.
- Communicate** your results and outcomes of your partnerships and projects and promote the importance of collaboration.
- Encourage** corporate social responsibility towards projects related to sustainable development in developing countries.
- Get involved** in networking events and share best practices on Social Responsibility with other organizations.
- Look** for synergies and build stronger multi-stakeholder partnerships. Share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources.
- Organize** a CSR strategy fair, to share the knowledge and needs of NGOs with local organizations for future funding and help.
- Share** your knowledge and expertise with people in need or youngsters in search of a job.
- Share** your knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial or human resources with organizations in need.

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