



## **ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΙΚΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΟΙΚΟΛΟΓΙΚΩΝ ΟΡΓΑΝΩΣΕΩΝ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ**

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### **The Cyprus Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations**

The Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations was founded in 1988 and is a network of 15 non-governmental organizations that are active in the areas of the environment and culture. The Federation coordinates and supports the actions of its members as long as these actions are in accordance with the principles on which the federation was founded. The member-organizations have their own functional and organizational autonomy.

The Federation is a body officially recognized by the state (representing no political affiliation) that participates in Councils, Committees and bodies both in Cyprus and abroad. The Federation does not constitute a political movement and takes pride in keeping its "above-party" character, pursues the goals for which it was formed, and cooperates with all political spheres that work for the environment and the sustainable development. The Federation submits its views and positions to the Parliamentary Committee on the Environment as well as to other parliamentary committees and participates in the Committee on the Genetically Modified Organisms which has been put together based on a relevant law. Worth mentioning is the participation of the Federation in the Committee for the Environmental Impact Assessment. The Federation makes its activities known to the public, organizes exhibitions, conferences and lectures on environmental and cultural issues, participates in radio and television programmes for the promotion of its positions and informs citizens on the issues that it deals with.

In addition, the Federation participates in environmental programmes of the European Union and the Council of Europe that deal, for example, with the creation of cycling networks, the promotion of recycling, and the preservation and protection of architectural and cultural heritage.

The Federation is a member of International and European Environmental Organizations like the IUCN, the MedForum, the EEB (European Bureau for the Environment) and the MIO-ECSDE, and is in direct contact with the European Committee as well as with International Environmental NGOs like the WWF and Greenpeace.

Each member-organization, regardless of the number of its members, appoints a representative to the Coordinating Committee for a year and the Council of the Federation is elected from the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee and the Council meet regularly and formulate and develop the positions and actions of the Federation. The actual workings of the Federation are based on the voluntary work of its members and collaborators.