



NEWSLETTER

MULTIPLIER EVENT IN CYPRUS – A GREAT SUCCESS!

The partnership held its first multiplier event in Nicosia on 28th September 2016 at the European University Cyprus. The Conference was part of the “Investing in Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation” (a whole day event) which was brought under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Cyprus and whose main session was dedicated exclusively to the “European Social Entrepreneurs” project and social entrepreneurship in general. On behalf of the Government, Ms. Irene Piki (Senior Officer, Head of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Better Regulation of the Presidency-Unit for Administrative Reform) and Dr. Constandinos Georgiou (Ministry of Education and Culture) delivered the welcome addresses. The key address was delivered by Mr. Charalampos Theopemptou, a Member of the Cyprus Parliament.

The project “European Social Entrepreneurs” project” and its expected outcomes were presented by Dr. Allan Lawrence, Senior Associate at the Enterprise Center, the coordinator of the partnership. Ms. Vilma Tubutienė, Social Innovation Centre, Lithuania, presented on Lithuanian practices of social entrepreneurship. George Isaias spoke on public policies that can support the development of the field.

The conference received publicity in local press and was evaluated as very successful by participants. “In addition to inform the public on the Social Entrepreneurs project, the event succeeded in providing visibility to the whole sector of social entrepreneurship, which is largely unknown in Cyprus,” stated George Isaias, director of the SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education Ltd, the Cypriot partner of the consortium which has been working to promote and support social entrepreneurship in Cyprus since 2010.



PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Partners had their meeting also in Cyprus. The meeting took place on 27th of September in Larnaca as well as on the 28th of September at the Hub Nicosia. As the project is now on the second year, the partners had the chance to clarify the next steps required to ensure the successful continuation of the project. The partners had also the opportunity to elaborate on their work since the last meeting and also discuss the next multiplier event to be held next year in Valencia, Spain.



Dr. Allan Lawrence, Senior Associate presenting the project “European Social Entrepreneurs to the Cypriot audience.



Ms. Vilma Tubutienė of the Social Innovation Centre, Lithuania, speaking on the Lithuanian experience.