

***MAREMED***  
***Kick off meeting***  
***Presentation of Larnaca District Development***  
***Agency***

***22nd June 2010***  
***Marseille, France***

## Formation and History

The Larnaca District Development Agency (ANETEL) is a non-profit organization formed in 2003 in the models of the development structures and mechanisms that function in the European Union.

The status of the Agency is: Public Equivalent Body.

Its actions are especially in the district of Larnaca, Cyprus. The Larnaca District Development Agency represents the 4 Municipalities of the district of Larnaca, the 48 Community Boards of the district of Larnaca, the local Commercial Industrial Chamber of Larnaca, the Women Association of Rural Larnaca, the COOP of Odhou, Tochni and Skarinou, Larnaca and the Union of Communities of Larnaca (in which members are all the Community Boards of the district of Larnaca) and KENTHEA.

The Agency is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors that is elected from the shareholders.



## Goals and Objectives

1. Giving information and learning about matters of the European Union.
2. Support to the Local Self-Government Organizations in their development role and planning.
3. Development planning of the broader area.
4. Exploitation of the available National and Communal funds, through the participation and management of different programs.
5. Technical support to the public and the authorities of the area, in the fields of education and preparation, improving the quality of life and generally the social-economical development.
6. Undertaking initiatives in subjects of protection of the environment, preservation of the cultural inheritance and development of its internal cohesion.
7. Development of the relations between the Local Self-Government of Cyprus and the Member-states of the European Union, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Balkan Countries.
8. Promotion of the possible collaboration of the Local Self-Government with the Public and Semi-Public authorities and the Private sector, trying for the collaboration and the difference of each member.
9. Management and Implementation of E.U. Programmes

## Departments of the Agency

The following Departments operate within the Agency:

1. Accounts Department
2. Department of European Social Fund
3. Department of Agricultural Development
4. Department of E.U. Programmes

## Experience in E.U. Projects

### CURRENT PROGRAMMES

1. **REGIOCLIMA – Interreg IVC**

The objective of this project is to raise awareness of local societies and local authorities concerning climate changes. In this project the Larnaca District Development Agency is the lead partner.

2. **PHILOXENIA – Med Program**

“Implementation of a common operational mechanism for the reception of activities in Mediterranean rural areas”.

3. **MEDLAB – Med Program**

The objective of this project is the creation of an electronic platform, where the citizens will have a more active role in the planning of growth of their region, depositing via the platform their proposals and their observations.

4. **WASMAN – Med Program**

The objective of this project is the briefing and awareness raising of Local authorities and more widely the residents for the necessity of growth of environmental conscience.

5. **MEDOSSIC – Med Program**

The objective of this project is the promotion of entrepreneurship based on new technologies that will take into consideration the environment well being.

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### 6. RIMED – Med Program

The objective of this project is the promotion of social corporate responsibility. Specifically, in the frames of implementation of the project an attempt will be made for the sensitization and the briefing of businessmen on the necessity of application of corporate social responsibility.

### 7. DEVELOP–MED – Med Program

The objective of the project is the briefing and education of the project partners of program on the right management of harbours.

### 8. SMILIES – Med Program

The objective of the project is the growth of innovative activities and processes of production in the islands of the Mediterranean region where they can improve their abilities of innovation, the differentiation of their economy, the qualifications of offered places of work and it has a multiplicative effect in all economic activities, while it contributes in a more viable use of basic natural resources, more specifically, water and the energy.

### 9. CHALLENGE – Progress Program

The objective of this project is the promotion of people with disabilities in the labour market.



# Map of Cyprus









## **Cyprus Geography**

- ✓ **Cyprus geography** combines the location of the island with its topography, climate, natural resources and land use. Located in the eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea, the island of Cyprus lies at a distance of 97 kilometres from Syria and 64 kilometres from Turkey.
- ✓ The entire island covers an area of approximately 9,250 square kilometres and has a coastline of about 648 kilometres. The shoreline of the District of Larnaca is 25 Km from which the beaches cover 14 Km.
- ✓ Cyprus has a total of 772km of shoreline, of which 296km are within the area on which the Government exercises effective control (38%), 404km are in the occupied part (52%) and 72km are within the British Military Bases (10%).
- ✓ The largest part of the country's territory can practically be considered as a coastal zone and has a dominant influence on all of Cyprus.
- ✓ **Cyprus' estimated population is 730,000 of which 87.5% belongs to the Greek Cypriot community and 12,5 % to the Turkish Cypriot community.**

# *Cyprus Geography*

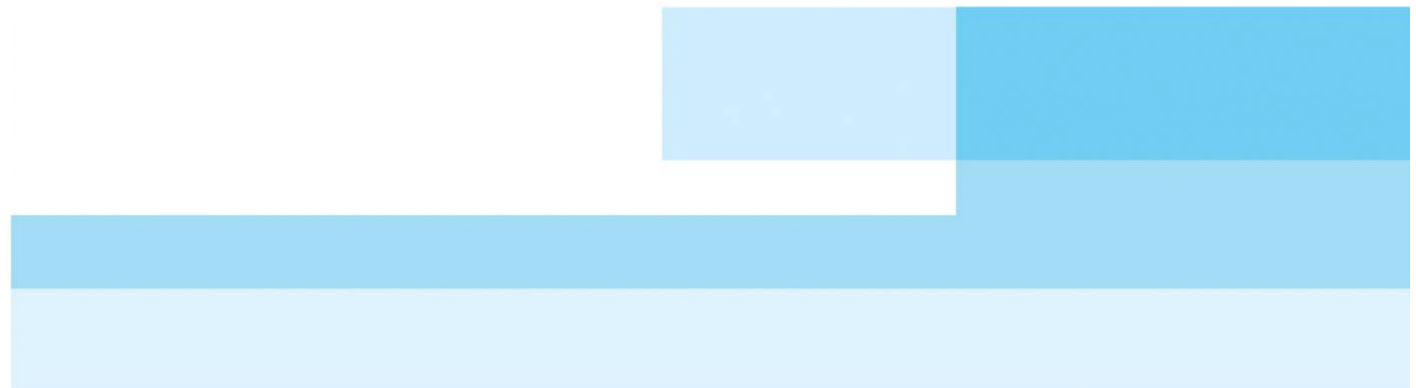
Principal Sources of problems concerning the coastal zones:

- The most significant environmental problems in Cyprus is water pollution. The purity of the water supply is threatened by industrial pollutants, pesticides used in agricultural areas, and the lack of adequate sewage treatment
- Another environmental concern is erosion, especially erosion of Cyprus's coastline. In accordance with the Foreshore Protection Law, several coastal areas have been zoned to prevent undesirable development.
- Other water resource problems include uneven rainfall levels at different times of the year and the absence of natural reservoir catchments.
- Extreme meteorological events took place only during the last few years (e.g. thunderstorms, hail and tornados)

# *Cyprus Geography*

## Principal large rivers

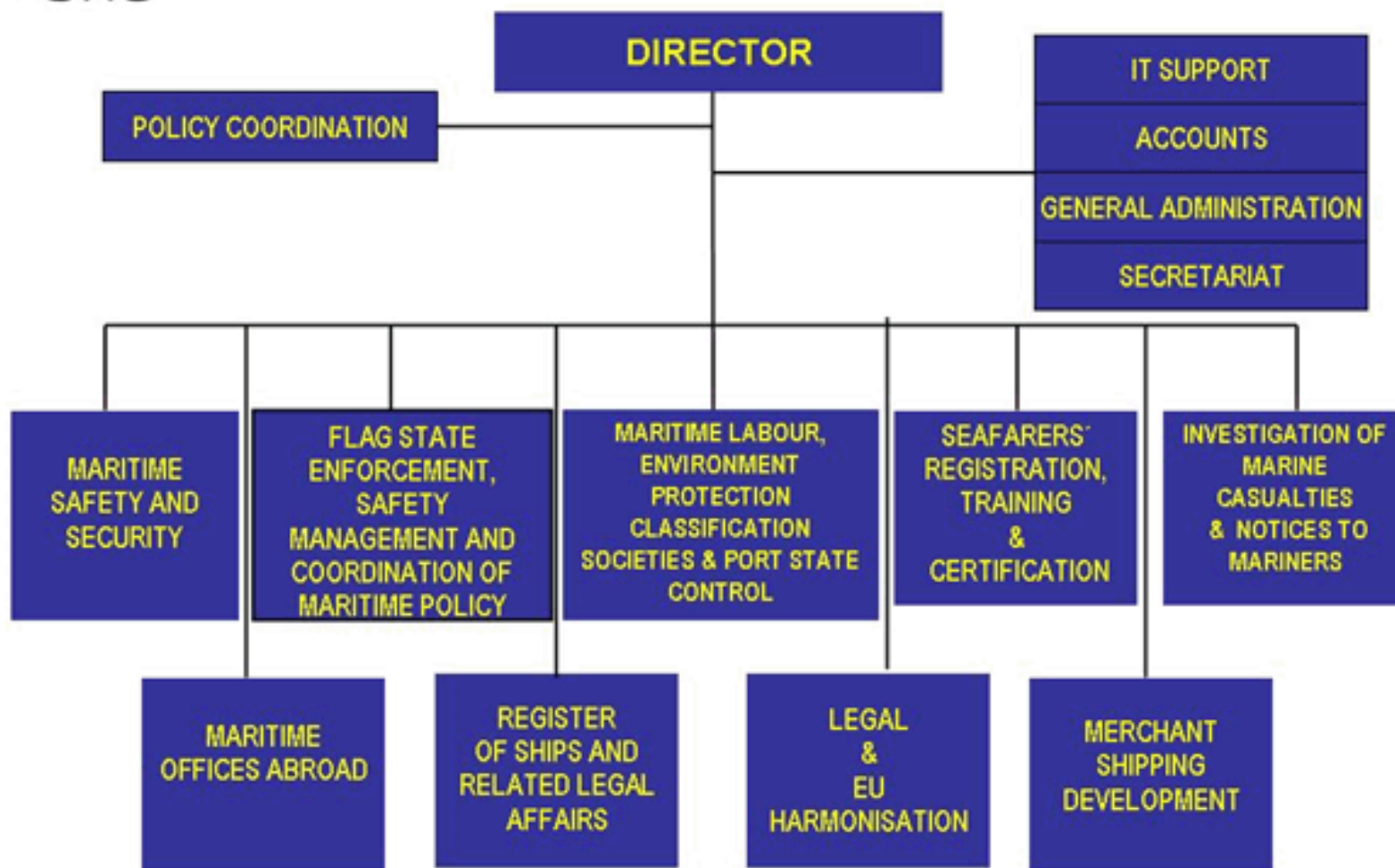
- ✓ Cyprus rivers constitute a principal topographical feature of Cyprus. The island of Cyprus consists of a number of rivers none of which are perennial in nature. All the rivers of Cyprus are fed by the melting snow of the Troodos mountain range. The Cyprus rivers form one of the major sources of water in Cyprus.
- ✓ **There are 14 main rivers in Cyprus.** All of the 14 major rivers are fed by the rainfall that occurs in the winter season. During the summers, which are hot and dry, all the Cyprian rivers dry up. Thus none of the Cyprus rivers are perennial rivers as all of them are rain fed and the rain falls only in the winter months.



# Governance



## The Department of Merchant Shipping DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS





# Governance



## Department of fisheries and marine research (DFMR)

- The *Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR)*, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, is responsible for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive's requirements for coastal waters. Under the Habitats Directive a number of marine/coastal areas have been proposed to be included in the Natura 2000 network. The DFMR also carries out programmes on Marine ecology, Eutrophication monitoring, and Conservation of marine/coastal zone.

## Activities

- Sustainable use of marine resources
- Development and sound management of fisheries
- Development of the marine ecology
- protection of endangered species and habits
- prevention and combat of marine pollution
- Promotion of supporting projects to the fishermen including inter alia

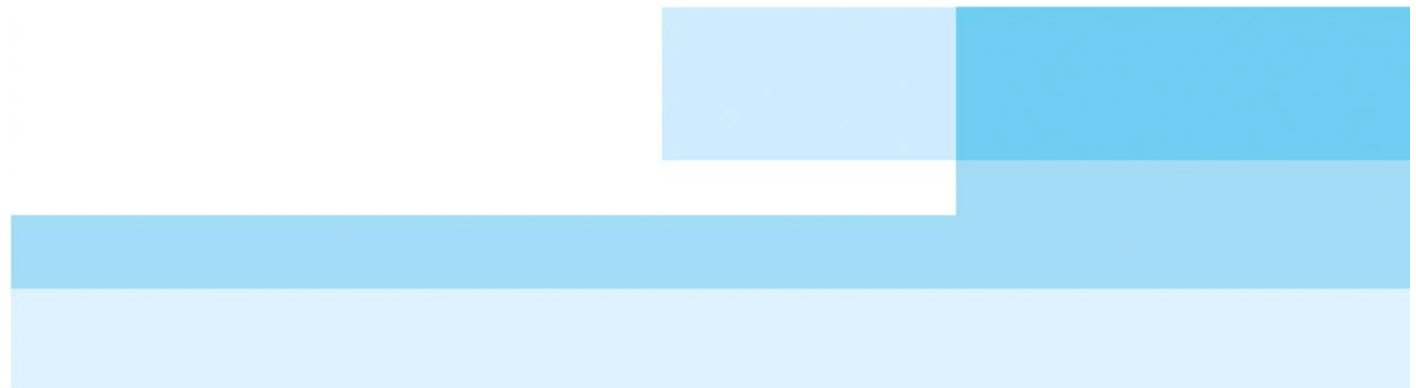
# Budget

## OPERATIONAL FISHERIES PROGRAMME 2007-2013

- Aims to motivate all interested parties to receive funding under the sectors of fisheries, aquaculture, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products as well as measures concerning fishing infrastructure works. Additionally the OPF aims to the sustainable development of fisheries areas and protection of the marine environment.
- The fisheries programme has a budget of 39,5 million Euros and is implemented by the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and the Planning Bureau.

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - ASSOCIATIONS

- Cyprus Shipping Chamber (<http://www.csc-cy.org>)
- Cyprus Ports Authority (<http://www.cpa.gov.cy>)
- Cyprus Oceanography Center (<http://www.oceanography.ucy.ac.cy>)



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!***

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