

# **SUSTAIN Agenda kick-off meeting**

## **Day 1. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

9.00 – 09:30 Welcome from the Chairman of the Community Council of Kouklia

09:30 – 12.00 Meeting of the partners

13.30 – 17.00 Meeting of the partners

- Going through the proposal
- Going through the partner contract
- The management of the project
- The project indicators
- Financial considerations
- Deliverables for first two semesters
- Agreeing dates for the next two meetings
- Questions from the partners

18:00 Opening event: Kouklia municipality will host the opening event with the participation of the District officer of Pafos, MPs and other officials and stakeholders of the area. The Community Council will offer a cocktail reception with a folk dance group to entertain.

## **Day 2 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:**

### **WORKSHOP: Assessing the criteria needed for sustainability**

What are the areas of sustainability that will need to be considered by Sustain? So far three broad areas have been named in the proposal being environmental, biodiversity and socio-economic.

What do partners need in order to determine whether they are reaching sustainability?

What sort of indicators will be required to be used?

What are the primary factors that need to be taken into consideration for the choice of indicators?

Each partner should be prepared, and will be called upon, to give a ten minute presentation of what they are currently doing to achieve sustainability and give some positive examples where relevant. They will also be requested to state in which areas they feel strong and which weak.

The output of the meeting will be a list of the areas where sustainability indicators need to be addressed and the criteria that will have to be considered to draw up suitable indicators.

Once this has been done, it may be necessary to form working groups with partners grouping themselves, and committing to work together between workshops, to further develop the indicators that are needed to show a measure of sustainability.

### **Day 3. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February:**

#### **Inter-regional exchange visit : Can sustainability bridge bordered communities.**

Since 1974, Cyprus has been divided following a short but bitter war between Greece and Turkey. There are now two fences running across the island, patrolled by the UN, separating the Turkish-occupied north of the island from the south part which is under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

We will go to Nicosia, visit the buffer zone and enter the occupied territory meeting with people trying to work across the divide to bring the two communities together at grass roots level. Sustainable development and environmental related activities work as the “bridge” for the re-approachment of the two Cypriot Communities, Greek and Turkish Cypriots for the last 15 years:

- Dr Michael Loizides, Coordinator of the bi-communal Cyprus Environmental Stakeholder Forum (CESF) will brief us on the work of the Forum.
- Ms Meral Akinci, chairwoman of the Turkish-Cypriot NGO KAYAD together with Xenia Loizidou from the Greek Cypriot NGO AKTI ([www.akti.org.cy](http://www.akti.org.cy)) will brief us on their common work on promoting sustainable development and peace in Cyprus.

However, considering the sensitivity of the situation and the logistics, this may not be possible and an alternative programme will be provided.