



**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Enlargement - Turkish Cypriot community Task Force**

seeks four

TASK MANAGERS

responsible for the implementation of projects funded under the aid programme to encourage the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community, in the following sectors:

1. SME (Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise) support/private sector development

SME support and private sector development builds on work financed by the European Union (EU) and carried out by UNDP. The aim is to improve the environment in which SMEs operate and to help them to become more competitive and prepared to meet EU rules. EU support will also be focussed on improving the working of the financial sector in support of SMEs.

2. Community scholarships and people-to-people contacts

To bring the Turkish Cypriot community closer to the EU, two grant scheme will be set up as follows 1) a community scholarships grant scheme enabling Turkish Cypriot students and teachers to spend up to one academic year in a university in one of the EU Member States, and 2) a people-to-people contacts grant scheme supporting broad sections of the Turkish Cypriot community to enter into contact with counterparts in the European Union.

3. Infrastructure/civil engineering

The programme will support a wide range of construction works – e.g. in the field of water and waste water, solid waste, urban and rural rehabilitation, telecommunications and energy networks. Works will be carried out following the European Commission and FIDIC procurement rules for external aid.

4. Information on the European Union

Under the programme, a project will be funded to provide to the Turkish Cypriot community information on the EU political and legal order, as well as its main policies and activities.

The four Task Managers will report directly to the Head of the Programme Team based in Cyprus on a long term mission. The work will be based in Nicosia and carried out throughout the northern part of Cyprus. Occasional trips to Brussels may be required.

The job of the Task Manager is to take the project approved by the European Commission and turn it into reality on the ground. The Task Manager will need to liaise with beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders, define in detail the work to be carried out by contractors, participate in the tendering and contracting procedures, oversee the work of contractors and report regularly within the Commission on the progress of the project.

The successful candidates for each post must:

- be an EU citizen,
- speak Turkish and English fluently; knowledge of other EU languages will be an advantage,
- have a level of university education attested by a diploma,
- have appropriate professional experience of at least three years,
- have a thorough knowledge of EU policy and programmes in the sector for which they are a candidate,
- have a sound overall knowledge of general EU policy and programmes, especially with regard to Cyprus,
- have a thorough knowledge of the project cycle.

The successful candidates will be employed full time by the European Commission, as contractual agents (Function Group IV) for an initial period of one year, with a possibility of two further extensions by one year.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CV in English together with a letter of interest (maximum one A4 page), indicating which sector they are applying for to Mr Andrew Rasbash, Head of Unit of the Task Force for the Turkish Cypriot community by e-mail to

Elarg-A4-applications@ec.europa.eu,

by 20 October at the latest. Candidates should be available for interview in Nicosia on 30 October.