# Shaping Tomorrow: Enhancing Civic Participation in Cyprus





Saturday, 24 February 2024



## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

9:30 - 10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 - 10:30 INTRODUCTION SPEECHES

- Welcome by EMERGE Project Team, Dr. Charalambos Vrasidas, Executive Director, CARDET
- Welcome Speech, Panayiotis Palates, Commissioner for the Citizen

10:30 - 10:50 KEYNOTE SPEECH - 'Mobilisation, Political Participation and Civil Society in Cyprus'

• Dr. Giorgos Charalambous, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Nicosia

#### **DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

10:50 – 11:20 Participatory Policy Making, Decision Making and Lobbying

- Discussants:
  - George Isaia, Operations Executive, Nomoplatform
  - Dr. Nicolas Kyriakides, Member of the Executive Committee, Oxygono
- Facilitator:
  - Dr. Marinos Papaioakeim, Team Leader, CARDET

**BREAK: 11:20 - 11:30** 

11:30 – 12:00 Enabling Environment for Civil Society Organisations: Challenges and Opportunities

- Discussants:
  - Eleni Karaoli, Legal Advisor, Civil Society Advocates
  - Evrim Peker, Team Leader, Civic Space
- Facilitator:
  - Marina Vasilara, Vice President, Civil Society Advocates

12:00 – 12:40 Young People at the Forefront of Change

- Discussants:
  - Andreas Kyprianides, Project and Policy Officer, Cyprus Youth Council
  - Christiana Xenofontos, Vice President, European Youth Forum
  - Evgenia Chamilou, President, Cyprus Youth Diplomacy
  - Melek Kaptanoglu, Member, Winds of Change
  - Paris Zingis, Member, Winds of Change
- Facilitator:
  - Nicolas Athinis, Team Leader, CARDET







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12:40 – 13:10 Media in the Era of Truth Decay: The Impact of Disinformation

- Discussants:
  - Dr. Constantinos Adamides, Associate Professor, University of Nicosia
  - Miranda Lysandrou, Journalist
  - Nicholas Karides, Director, Institute for Mass Media, Universitas Foundation
- Facilitator:
  - George Georgiou, Journalist

13:10 - 13:30 CLOSING

**LUNCH & NETWORKING: 13:30 - 15:00** 

#### **SUPPORTERS**



























