

“Strengthening the investigation of serious crimes of CID”

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Project budget: €1.062.300,28

Description of the project:

The need to strengthen and upgrade the Nicosia and Headquarters Crime Investigation Departments arises from the multiple and complex number of cases they are required to investigate due to the rapid increase in crime in recent years. The Nicosia CID which is under the Nicosia Police Directorate and is staffed by 77 elite members/investigators, investigates all serious crimes in the Nicosia District and cooperates directly with the Anti-Crime Department (Headquarters), whose Police Director exercises supervision (Police Regulations 3 /1 and 3/2). In addition to serious crimes concerning the Nicosia District, he is responsible for the management of the following cases/tasks:

- Investigation of all serious crimes including Murder, Attempted Murder, Terrorist Offenses, Theft/Internet Fraud, Extortion of Money by False Representations, Fraud, Money Laundering, Organized Crime, Missing Persons, Racism, Xenophobia and Homophobia, Illegal Betting, etc.
- Investigating all burglaries in the Nicosia District, recording the details and methods of action of the perpetrators, and conducting operations.
- Investigation of complex economic crime cases in Nicosia District.
- Investigates all cases under the Domestic Violence Act except sexual offenses against minors, works with other agencies for victim safety and accommodation.
- Recording of crime scenes, locating, collecting and classifying the evidence of the scenes in Nicosia District. Crime Scene Investigators respond on a 24th base to support investigators in the process of investigating, documenting and recovering evidence of crime scenes and suspects in Nicosia County. The Crime Scene Investigation unit investigates an average of over 1000 crime scenes in the Nicosia District each year.

Within the framework of Special Objective 3 - Prevention and Combating Crime, the Cyprus Police in the years 2022-2025 will implement the following actions, which will contribute to **strengthening and upgrading the investigation of serious crimes and the operational capabilities of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Nicosia and Headquarters:**

a) Purchase of specialised means of transport

- Purchase of 10 off-line Police vehicles, with an installed GPS system with maps of Cyprus for the operations of the CID Nicosia/Headquarters, whose members take part in operations conducting investigations and arrests as undercover police officers.

- Purchase and configuration of a 4X4 crime scene van vehicle, which will be used for scene examiner work, as well as transporting and storing equipment. The van in question will contain a 12V to 24V power conversion device for battery charging, interior lighting, and an air conditioning system.
- Purchase and configuration of a van vehicle as a Mobile Station/Decision Center and deposit taking. It will contain special areas for transporting and storing equipment, specially designed offices for taking deposits, installation of a 12v to 24v power converter for battery charging, interior lighting, an air conditioning system and a portable generator.
- Purchase of two off-line motorcycles/mopeds for the needs of CID Nicosia.

b) Purchase of specialized technological equipment

- Purchase of 3d scanners to take measurements to create a 3D scene plan, with the possibility of representing the scene, as well as purchase of a Server to store the data from the 3d scanners.
- DRONE with portable high-definition thermal camera for taking photos and videos at crime scenes
- Handheld metal detector
- Flammable material detection equipment
- Equipment for removing shoe prints from crime scenes

c) Purchase of other technological equipment

- Portable computers (laptop / workstations), tablets for processing photos, cctv material and crime scene data as well as for taking statements in the field of investigations, two televisions with the possibility of video conferencing, two interactive tables for coordinating tasks, etc.
- Portable internet connection devices – WIFI
- Cameras of powerful specifications and portable high-definition cameras for taking shots from the scene of the crime and the possibility of sending them to the instruction center (live streaming) etc.
- Portable UV lights and portable lighting devices for examining scenes

According to Preamble no. 20 of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149 on the TEA, equipment and means of transport have a clear Union added value and are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Fund. These actions include equipment required for criminal investigations, secret surveillance, detection of explosives and drugs, as well as for any other purpose within the framework of the Fund's objectives.

d) Conducting Trainings

- For examination of the scene, level of ballistics, forensic ballistics, gsr-gunpowder- bloodstains with the participation of 8 people (4 members of the CID and 4 members of the Criminal Investigation Service (CIP)).

- The training will be implemented in Cyprus with the participation of two trainers (purchase of services) from abroad, lasting 5 days (8 hours per day) each.
- For handling victims of domestic violence and human trafficking with the participation of 20 people from the newly established Domestic Violence Unit. The level in question is part of CID Nicosia.

The training will be delivered in Cyprus with the participation of four lecturers from abroad (purchase of services) for a total duration of 10 working days and with a duration of 8 hours per day.

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