## Redevelopment of the area along the moat of the Venetian Walls of Nicosia

Our latest project, Phase A2.3 of Nicosia's Master Plan, is about the total redevelopment of the area beside the bastion Constanza, alongside Nicosia's historical Venetian Walls. This project of outstanding importance is expected to change the face of the historic Nicosia center and turn it into an iconic one that will last the test of time. The commencement agreement was signed on October 5<sup>th</sup>, with the presence of the Mayor of Nicosia.

The project, with a total cost that is estimated to be approximately 3.2 million, VAT excluded, is funded by the EU Cohesion Fund and national resources from within the framework of the programming period of 2014-2020. Cyfield is the main contractor while <u>Platonas Stylianou & Associates Civil and Structural Engineers L.L.C</u> has undertaken the supervision following its structural design and detailing.

This project focuses on a general infrastructure and landscape upgrade, in order to provide a more attractive environment to residents, visitors and business activities. By implementing modern elements to be harmonised with the old city, there will be an elevated ambience and refreshed atmosphere that will feel both welcoming and enhanced.

The project is located near the "OXI" roundabout area, extending from the Ayios Antonios park towards the newly renovated and rejuvenated Eleftheria Square. More specifically, the individual works include the reconstruction of the northern sidewalk of Stasinou Avenue with an extended timber deck offering view over the moat. The timber deck will be alternated with poured epoxy floor details that will reach as far as the limits of Ayios Antonios' garden. The timber platform will be supported on a light steel structure based on 87 piles aiming for the smallest possible intervention of the monument thus avoiding extensive excavations that a common foundation would entail.

The added highlight of the timber deck over the steel structure will implement a bright note to the new project, along with pleasant extra touches, such as three staircases and lifts that will enable direct and inclusive access to the level of the moat for everyone. A pedestrian promenade with cycling paths, connected to the larger cycling network, will also be constructed at the ground level among the moat with bicycle parking spots and rentals.

Water features, rest areas and benches, green details and garden designs will be included along the project for the purpose of contributing to the increased plantation and vegetation, as well as the relaxing ambience in the center of Nicosia. Among others, maintenance works will be carried out on the existing stone storm drain and the <u>various monuments</u> found at the boundaries of the area will be highlighted.

All in all, the project will be a harmonious extension that will highlight the striking contrast of the old features with the new elements that will further elevate and enhance the center of the capital. The primary goal – and simultaneously – expectation, is to create a future reference point of importance equal to the seafront of a coastal city.