



Το Πρόγραμμα συγχρηματοδοτείται
από την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση (ΕΤΠΑ)
και από Εθνικούς Πόρους
της Ελλάδας και της Κύπρου



PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Communications and Works, Department of Antiquities, announces the launching of the project entitled “EUMATHIOS PHILOKALES, “Promotion of Selected Middle Byzantine Monuments of Crete and Cyprus, using innovative methods”.

The project was approved within the framework of the thematic priority related to the environment and risk prevention of the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Greece-Cyprus, 2007-2013. The project was selected to be co-funded by the Programme’s Monitoring Committee on the 8th of April 2011. Specifically, 34 projects were selected, of 31 million euro cost, 80% of which will be funded by the European Regional Development Fund of the European Union (ERDF) and 20% will come from national funding.

The designing and implementation of the EUMATHIOS PHILOKALES project is the result of the cooperation between the Department of Antiquities, the Church of Cyprus (Holy Monastery of Panagia Amasgous, Bishoprics of Limasol and Trimithus) and the 28th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities of Western Crete of the Greek Ministry of Culture.

The project is comprised of actions of a total cost of 1.303.800 euro, of which 519.000 euro will be spent on the restoration and promotion of two Middle-Byzantine monuments in Western Crete: Panagia Patso in Syvritos and Agios Eutybios at Chromonastero in Rethymno. The remaining funds, amounting to 784.800 euro will be spent on the restoration and promotion of two Middle-Byzantine monuments in Cyprus: Agia Marina at Kandou and Panagia Kofinou.

Excavations in the surrounding areas of the aforementioned Cypriot monuments already began on the 25th of July and the 8th of August, under the supervision of two contract archaeologists, Ms. Doria Nikolaou and Ms. Demetra Demetriou, while the two monuments’ restoration works are currently being prepared.