



Eastern Mediterranean Think Tank

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The Eastern Mediterranean Think Tank is a nonpartisan group of Cypriots, who - together with partners and allies - are committed to assist and support the resolution of the “Cyprus Problem”. We have limited financial resources at our disposal but, nonetheless, we strive to lead Cyprus into a more peaceful, free, secure and prosperous world, committed to serve the ideals of freedom, political equality, human dignity and mutual respect.

The members of the Eastern Mediterranean Think Tank comprise experienced professionals, who are acknowledged authorities in their respective fields of professional activity and are willing to invest significant time on a gratuitous basis for promoting peace and prosperity, first in Cyprus and then in the wider region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Within the above-described framework, a set of ideas has been developed, which we believe could form the core of a plan that could serve as the basis of a feasible, viable and fair solution to the “Cyprus Problem”. The proposed plan is largely based on the convergences that have been attained in the past and on suggestions that have been made by United Nations officials.

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