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Evretou/Evretu Mosque



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Start Date: **June 2014**

End Date: **March 2015**

Type of intervention: **Conservation works**

Total cost: **82,000 Euro**

Evretou/Evretu Mosque was built at the beginning of the XX century on the main road of a small village located in the Paphos district, was selected as part of the priority intervention emergency projects of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

The project was funded by the European Union and implemented by the UNDP in partnership with the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage.

Selected as part of the priority intervention emergency projects of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, the interventions carried out for this monument comprised emergency and conservation measures.

Emergency measures to the Evretou/Evretu Mosque included clearing/cleaning the mosque and the surrounding area, removal of the collapsed parts, strengthening of the walls and floors, installing doors and windows, constructing the roof of the collapsed section and some masonry work.

In November 2014, at the request of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage the project was elevated from emergency measures to conservation.



Conservation works focused on the cleaning of the site including removal of vegetation, excavation for the purposes of natural drainage and prevention of further erosion of the external stonewall, repair of windows and the entire reconstruction of the roof. The project also included repairing of the internal and external walls, strengthening of the structure with metal rods, restoration of stonework and rebuilding and sealing of joints.

The project was fully funded by the **European Union**. Total cost (including works, designs and supervision costs) was **82,000 Euro**.

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The Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage - The Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage works in line with the mutually agreed mechanism for the preservation of the island's common heritage. In 2009 the Advisory Board was set up by a decision of the two leaders as the executive body of the Committee. The aim of the Board is to protect, preserve and facilitate the preservation, physical protection and restoration (including research, study and survey) of the immovable cultural heritage of Cyprus. This mechanism allows for the practical aspects of preservation to be considered in a non-political manner so that practical measures can be taken to improve the situation on the ground.

United Nations Development Programme – Partnership for the Future (UNDP-PFF) - The Agreement on the establishment of the Advisory Board for the Preservation, Physical Protection and Restoration of the Immovable Cultural Heritage of Cyprus recognizes a special role to **UNDP in Cyprus** as a **politically accepted implementation body** by both communities. For this reason, UNDP-PFF was requested by the European Commission to become the lead coordinator under which the project would be implemented fostering dialogue, cooperation and confidence building between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots.

European Union - Since 2012 approximately **€6.7 million of European Union funds** have been provided by the European Commission to implement the priorities of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage for the preservation of the island-wide cultural heritage in Cyprus. The European Union is the biggest supporter of the work of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in Cyprus.