

## Review of Consultations Folder

This folder covers deliverables for Task 2 concerning "Minutes of consultations" and, in part, "Response to recommendations" (see follow-up section of each consultation). It also covers the stakeholder input to the Task 4 deliverable "Evaluations of experts and stakeholders."

# CONSULTATIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF DATA AVAILABILITY

*Five main meetings with the following central and local government organisations were undertaken in order to identify existing data and clarify format, scale and availability issues.*

## **1. Stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Strovolos, proposed as the URBANGUARD pilot test area**

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PURPOSE:	Clarification of the Municipality's intention to participate in the Project and provide support for the pilot run of the planning tool and preliminary assessment of the level of data availability.
DATE:	30 March 2004
PLACE:	Strovolos Town Hall
PRESENT:	Savvas Eliofotou (Mayor of Strovolos Municipality) Andreas Lambrou (Strovolos Municipality, Secretary) Panicos Xenofontos (Strovolos Municipality, Engineer) Charalambos Panayiotou (Atlantis) Anna Caramondani (ALA) Ioulia Moraitou (EAPAX) Didier Deroy (ADD)
AGREED:	It was decided that the Municipality was interested to participate. However, a number of data gaps were identified; it was thus decided that further investigations would be carried out to locate suitable alternative areas.
FOLLOW-UP:	After an evaluation of alternative areas based on the criteria of "willingness of local authority to cooperate," "capacity of local authority to assist with personnel and equipment," and "presence of the maximum possible number of land uses within a limited number of Environmental Areas," Strovolos was assessed to be the most appropriate choice, as it fulfilled all three requirements and had plans to set up an environmental centre, which would continue work initiated through the pilot implementation. It was therefore decided to take up the Mayor's offer.

## **2. Stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Department of Town Planning and Housing, responsible for spatial policy formulation and implementation at national and local levels**

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PURPOSE:	Briefing of Project Partners on spatial planning issues, policies and goals for the urban areas of Cyprus with an overview of procedures for the adoption and revision of Development Plans, with regard to current monitoring and sustainability assessment practices.
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DATE: 30 March 2004  
 PLACE: DTPH Headquarters, Ministry of the Interior grounds  
 PRESENT: Yiannos Papadopoulos (Director, DTPH)  
 Christos Ktorides (Chief Planner, DTPH)  
 Phaedon Enotiades (Planner, DTPH)  
 Charalambos Panayiotou (Atlantis)  
 Anna Caramondani (ALA)  
 Ioulia Moraitou (EAPAX)  
 Didier Deroy (ADD)  
 AGREED: DTPH representatives expressed their views on the main parameters that should be monitored through indicators. It was decided that DTPH would provide administrative support for data collection and make available an extended summary of the planning system of Cyprus, emphasising the spatial dimension of current planning policies in place for urban areas.  
 FOLLOW-UP: The relevant information was provided to the Project Team in July 2004 and has been included in Appendix 1 of the *First Progress Report*.

### **3. Stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Statistical Service, responsible for the collection and dissemination of official national statistical data**

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PURPOSE: Identification of data availability and presentation format  
 DATE: 31 March 2004  
 PLACE: CYSTAT premises, Ministry of Finance building  
 PRESENT: Georgia Ioannou (CYSTAT, Demographic Data Section)  
 Kika Sarris (CYSTAT, Demographic Data Section)  
 Pantelis Protopapas (CYSTAT, Housing Development)  
 Andreas Antoniou (CYSTAT, Establishments Registration)  
 Charalambos Panayiotou (Atlantis)  
 Anna Caramondani (ALA)  
 Ioulia Moraitou (EAPAX)  
 Didier Deroy (ADD)  
 AGREED: Issues on the spatial and temporal resolution of data collection as well as data availability in printed and electronic form were clarified. It was decided that CYSTAT would provide all published data free of charge through DTPH requisitions, while unpublished data would be provided to DTPH at a cost to cover the man-hours needed for their compilation.  
 FOLLOW-UP: CYSTAT has been providing a steady flow of data requisitioned through DTPH throughout the pilot study phase. Several follow-up meetings were carried out as needed in order to further clarify data issues.

#### **4. Stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Strovolos, selected as the URBANGUARD pilot test area**

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PURPOSE: Discussion of details pertaining to the pilot application of the project in the area of Strovolos Municipality.

DATE: 28 September 2005

PLACE: Strovolos Town Hall

PRESENT: Savvas Eliofotou (Mayor of Strovolos Municipality)  
Athena Philippidou (Strovolos Contact Person)  
Phaedon Enotiades (DTPH)  
Charalambos Panayiotou (Atlantis)  
Anna Caramondani (ALA)

AGREED: It was decided that the Municipality would support the pilot implementation phase of the project by making local data available to the project team and facilitating the overall progress of the project. It was regretted that the environmental centre had not yet been implemented, but it was considered that all necessary input would be provided by technical services personnel through the coordination of the designated contact person, who is also the desk officer in charge of EU Programmes.

FOLLOW-UP: The Municipality has been providing a steady flow of data requested directly by project partners throughout the pilot implementation phase. Several follow-up meetings were carried out as needed in order to further clarify data issues.

#### **5. Stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Statistical Service, the Public Works Department, the Department of Labour Inspection and the Union of Cyprus Municipalities**

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PURPOSE: Update on pilot test initial results, presentation of project group suggestions for and further coordination for the completion of data gaps concerning the indicator system

DATE: 26 September 2006

PLACE: DTPH Headquarters, Ministry of the Interior grounds

PRESENT: Phaedon Enotiades (DTPH)  
Soteria Kokkinou (UCM)  
Aristotelis Savva (PWD)  
Alexis Avgoustis (PWD)  
Christos Papadopoulos (DLI)  
Georgia Ioannou (CYSTAT)  
Anna Caramondani (ALA)  
Charalambos Panayiotou (Atlantis)

AGREED: The Union of Cyprus Municipalities (UCM) will provide feedback on the questionnaires to poll citizen opinion on sports and cultural facilities and events, as well as

suggestions for the most appropriate methodology of information collection. The Departments of Labour Inspection (DLI) and Public Works (PWD) will provide feedback on the correspondence of the URBANGUARD indicators to current EU environmental and transport indicator reporting requirements implemented by their organisations. Finally, CYSTAT will provide feedback to suggestions for the collection of additional information deemed necessary by the project partners.

**FOLLOW-UP:** Data stakeholders present participated in the workshop on the URBANGUARD tool, in October 2006 as well as the final conference of the project, in December 2006, through which they were further updated on indicator finalisation and pilot test status. Following project completion, DTPH will provide the final indicator list, methodology sheets relevant to each data stakeholder's area of competency and official requests for the provision of additional data as agreed.

A number of other, less formal meetings were also held to assess data availability. The most important of these have been described in the second part of the Local Perspectives Report (Cyprus Indicator Status Review) in Appendix 2.

# CONSULTATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF INDICATORS

*Three plenary stakeholder meetings and correspondence with public organisations, local authorities and civil society were undertaken in order to facilitate the indicator selection process.*

## **1. Plenary meeting of stakeholders at project kick-off**

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PURPOSE: Presentation of the Project, its objectives and deliverables and first reactions from stakeholders.  
 DATE: 30 March 2004  
 PLACE: DTPH Headquarters, Ministry of the Interior grounds  
 PRESENT: List of Participants:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Institution Represented</b>
1 Yiannos Papadopoulos	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
2 Christos Ktorides	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
3 Ermis Klokkaris	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
4 George HadjiMichael	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
5 Phaedon Enotiades	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
6 Michael Kyriakides	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
7 Christina Antoniadou	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
8 Maro Anastasiou	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
9 Niki Paschalidou	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
10 Thasos Christofides	Public Works Department (MCW)
11 Evi Fiouri	Department of Antiquities (MCW)
12 Lia Georgiou	Water Development Department (MANRE)
13 Efstathios Kyriakou	Geological Survey Department (MANRE)
14 Antonis Koutalianos	Department of Forests (MANRE)
15 Tasoula Kyprianidou	Department of Labour Inspection (MLSI)
16 Elena Stylianopoulou	Environment Service (MANRE)
17 Georgia Ioannou	Statistical Service (MOF)
18 Athena Metaxa	Cyprus Tourism Organisation
19 Christos HadjiYiangou	Union of Municipalities
20 Panayiotis Damianou	Union of Communities
21 Jacovos Phedonos	Cyprus Town Planners' Association
22 Christos Theodorou	Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations
23 Charalambos Panayiotou	Atlantis
24 Anna Caramondani	ALA
25 Ioulia Moraitou	EAPAX
26 Didier Deroy	ADD

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AGREED: The representative of the Statistical Service reiterated her organisation's willingness to provide the necessary data. The representative of the Environment Service suggested that the valuable information and expertise on environmental indicators gained by several

Departments of the MANRE within the effort to transpose EU *acquis* over the last few years should be utilised by the Project Team; representatives of all MANRE organisations AGREED to provide all needed data and know-how. The representative of the Department of Antiquities requested that cultural heritage should be considered in addition to environmental sustainability; it was AGREED that cultural sustainability should be a major component of any indicator system. The representative of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO) expressed keen interest in the Project, as her agency was considering the use of tourism sustainability indicators; it was AGREED that DTPH and the CTO should cooperate on this issue. The representative of the Union of Municipalities wondered why local authorities had not been consulted at an earlier stage; it was explained that this was the first public presentation of the Project and it was AGREED that the Union of Municipalities would act as a bridge between DTPH and the local authorities of urban areas. The representative of the Union of Communities expressed disappointment at the exclusion of rural areas from the study; it was explained that the Project was a first effort to create a systematic monitoring system for spatial planning in Cyprus, thus it had necessarily been limited in scope in order to assist in drawing the first conclusions and it was AGREED that rural areas should be considered in the future. The representative of the Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations congratulated DTPH for taking the initiative and stressed that it was necessary for the monitoring of spatial plans to be validated through a transparent and scientific process, such as the one proposed.

FOLLOW-UP: Consultations in writing were carried out by the Beneficiary DTPH according to the process described below.

## **2. Written consultation with stakeholders for indicator selection**

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### *(i) Letter to cooperate with CTO on tourism sustainability indicators:*

PURPOSE:	Definition of tourism sustainability assessment parameters
DATE:	15 November 2004
RECIPIENTS:	Cyprus Tourism Organisation
RESPONSE:	20 December 2004
FEEDBACK:	Suggestion to use indicators measuring tourism density (number of beds/ unit area), density of development in

designated tourist areas, proportions of developed and vacant land in designated tourist areas, overall natural area and coastal zone protection, proportion of beachfront designated for tourism related land uses.

*(ii) Letter to local authorities to identify their main concerns:*

PURPOSE: Identification of main urban issues and problem areas  
DATE: 15 November 2004  
RECIPIENTS: Union of Cyprus Municipalities (UCM), Union of Cyprus Communities (UCC)  
RESPONSES: 20/12/2004 (Nicosia); 28/12/2004 (Agios Athanasios); 18/02/2005 (UCM); in December 2004 telephone responses were also received from the Municipalities of Paphos and Limassol, stating their main concerns and that they will be covered by the Union of Municipalities.  
FEEDBACK: Suggestion by the Union of Municipalities to concentrate on issues of transportation and traffic, control of urban sprawl, holistic approach in the planning of conurbations, protection of natural areas and historic cores, neighbourhood regeneration, parks and recreation, provision of community services, heritage rehabilitation. Suggestion by the Municipality of Nicosia to concentrate on issues concerning the adaptive reuse of vacant buildings, heritage rehabilitation, economic activity concentration, provision of bicycle paths, ambient air quality, quality of life in downgraded neighbourhoods, citizen participation in spatial planning, safety and crime, and specifically to set up indicators measuring parameters related to public transport, and the promotion of a healthy population mix in downgraded areas in order to prevent the creation of social /ethnic ghettos. Suggestion by the Municipality of Agios Athanasios to concentrate on issues of land use distribution, community services provision, road network quality in new subdivisions, speculative retention of land from the market.

*(iii) Notes to specialised sections of DTPH:*

PURPOSE: Comments on/ additions to the extended shortlist of indicators (attached to Memo)  
DATES: 3 January 2005 (Planning Sector); 4 January 2005 (Other Sections)  
RECIPIENTS: Sections/ Sectors of: Spatial Planning, Environment, Transportation, Housing, Preservation and Development Control  
RESPONSE: 14/01/2005 (Preservation Section); several oral comments taken down at a joint meeting in the Director's Office in January 2005  
FEEDBACK: Criticism was made and general comments were given on indicator content and coherence; several indicators



were suggested from the Preservation Sector, including the numbers of World Heritage Sites, archaeological sites, sites open to the public, archaeological parks, scheduled Ancient Monuments, listed buildings in urban and rural settings, historic landscapes, conservation areas, protected trees and groups of trees, abandoned listed buildings/ monuments, as well as the existence or absence of antiquities/ listed buildings inventories, total expenditures on listed buildings/ scheduled monuments per GDP and per inhabitant; other comments were centred, as expected, around public transportation and the modal split, the physical environment and nature protection, quality of life in residential areas etc. All these comments and suggestions were compiled by an internal indicator evaluation working group and made available to the Project Team. In turn, these were evaluated by the local Project Partners and, where appropriate, incorporated in the draft final shortlist of indicators after meeting with the relevant DTPH working group on 9 February 2005, when the "Policy Objectives Summary" and "Thematic Policy Areas List" were also presented to the Project Team (these have been incorporated in the Planning Policies and Goals Matrix, already submitted to the Commission, which will be used in the development of the final urban sustainability indicators list).

*(iv) Follow up letter to all stakeholders to identify their main concerns*

PURPOSE: Comments/ additions to draft final list of indicators

DATE: 10 May 2005

RECIPIENTS: see table below

<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Date of response</b>
1 Union of Municipalities	09/08/2005 (oral feedback)
2 Union of Communities	13/06/2005
3 Ministry of the Interior	
4 Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	26/05/2005
5 Planning Bureau	
6 Cyprus Tourism Organisation	09/08/2005 (oral feedback)
7 Statistical Service	13/06/2005
8 Department of Lands and Surveys	27/06/2005
9 Public Works Department	09/08/2005 (oral feedback)
10 Department of Antiquities	29/06/2005
11 Water Development Department	20/05/2005
12 Geological Survey Department	14/06/2005
13 Department of Forests	09/08/2005 (oral feedback)
14 Department of Labour Inspection	09/08/2005 (oral feedback)
15 Environment Service	(telephone communication)
16 Cyprus Scientific Technical Chamber	
17 Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations	(personal communication)

18	Cyprus Association of Town Planners	(personal communication)
19	Cyprus Cultural Heritage Organisation	(personal communication)
20	Game Fund Service (letter sent 22/06/2005)	06/07/2005

RESPONSE: see above table

FEEDBACK: Eight of the stakeholders provided feedback in writing either expressing their overall approval of the list, reiterating their support with the provision of data, or making suggestions to include additional indicators in areas as diverse as cultural heritage, water resources, geological formations, bird protection etc. Several other stakeholders expressed their positive or critical views orally at the August 2005 workshop and were duly taken into account by the project team; while a few were informed in other meetings (i.e. the representative of the Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations was informed at a Landscape Workshop in May 2005 by Phaedon Enotiades; the Executive Committee of the Cyprus Association of Town Planners were updated on several occasions by Phaedon Enotiades; and the President of the Cyprus Architectural Heritage Organisation was continually kept updated by Phaedon Enotiades), without expressing any specific suggestions other than general approval of the effort.

*(v) Follow up letter to all stakeholders on indicator selection progress*

PURPOSE: New comments on modified final shortlist of indicators, invitation to discussion within the framework of an indicator workshop planned for 8-9 August 2005

DATE: 26 July 2005

RECIPIENTS: see table below

	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Union of Municipalities	Umbrella Organisation
2	Municipality of Nicosia	Main Municipality, * capital
3	Municipality of Limassol	Main Municipality*
4	Municipality of Larnaca	Main Municipality*
5	Municipality of Paphos	Main Municipality*
6	Municipality of Agios Dometios	Nicosia Urban Area
7	Municipality of Aglantzia	Nicosia Urban Area
8	Municipality of Enkomi	Nicosia Urban Area
9	Municipality of Lakatamia	Nicosia Urban Area
10	Municipality of Latsia	Nicosia Urban Area
11	Municipality of Strovolos	Nicosia Urban Area
12	Municipality of Agios Athanasios	Limassol Urban Area
13	Municipality of Germasogia	Limassol Urban Area
14	Municipality of Kato Polemidia	Limassol Urban Area
15	Municipality of Mesa Geitonia	Limassol Urban Area
16	Municipality of Aradippou	Larnaca Urban Area
17	Municipality of Geroskepou	Paphos Urban Area
18	Municipality of Pegeia	Paphos Urban Area
19	Union of Communities	Umbrella Organisation

20	Community of Geri	Nicosia Urban Area
21	Community of Agios Tychon	Limassol Urban Area
22	Community of Monagroulli	Limassol Urban Area
23	Community of Moni	Limassol Urban Area
24	Community of Moutayiaka	Limassol Urban Area
25	Community of Pano Polemidia	Limassol Urban Area
26	Community of Parekklesia	Limassol Urban Area
27	Community of Pyrgos	Limassol Urban Area
28	Community of Cherkez Chiflik	Limassol Urban Area
29	Community of Ypsonas	Limassol Urban Area
30	Community of Dromolaxia	Larnaca Urban Area
31	Community of Leivadia	Larnaca Urban Area
32	Community of Menneou	Larnaca Urban Area
33	Community of Oroklini	Larnaca Urban Area
34	Community of Pyla	Larnaca Urban Area
35	Community of Agia Marinouda	Paphos Urban Area
36	Community of Emba	Paphos Urban Area
37	Community of Kissonerga	Paphos Urban Area
38	Community of Koloni	Paphos Urban Area
39	Community of Konia	Paphos Urban Area
40	Community of Lemba	Paphos Urban Area
41	Community of Mesa Khorio	Paphos Urban Area
42	Community of Mesogi	Paphos Urban Area
43	Community of Tala	Paphos Urban Area
44	Community of Tremithousa	Paphos Urban Area
45	Community of Khlorkas	Paphos Urban Area
46	Ministry of the Interior	Central Government
47	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	Central Government
48	Planning Bureau	Central Government
49	Cyprus Tourism Organisation	Statutory Body
50	Statistical Service	Central Government
51	Department of Lands and Surveys	Central Government
52	Public Works Department	Central Government
53	Department of Antiquities	Central Government
54	Water Development Department	Central Government
55	Geological Survey Department	Central Government
56	Department of Forests	Central Government
57	Department of Labour Inspection	Central Government
58	Environment Service	Central Government
59	Game Fund Service	Central Government
60	Cyprus Scientific Technical Chamber	Statutory Body
61	Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations	NGO, Umbrella Organisation
62	Cyprus Association of Town Planners	Professional Association
63	Cyprus Cultural Heritage Organisation	NGO

\* The Main Municipalities denoted by an asterisk are the hubs of the four Functional Urban Areas of Cyprus (FUAs) according to the ESPON European system of urban typologies (2004).

RESPONSE: Nine local authority organisations and five other bodies were present at the discussion

FEEDBACK: On the eve of the pilot test inauguration, 63 local authorities, government agencies and civil society organisations had received the final shortlist of indicators. Feedback had been received from

approximately 30 of these stakeholders in one way or another and presumably all await pilot study results.

(vi) Follow up letter to all stakeholders on GIS tool preparation

PURPOSE: Comments on list of selected indicators, invitation to discussion within the framework of a GIS workshop planned for 26 October 2006

DATE: 3 October 2006

RECIPIENTS: see table below

<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1 Union of Municipalities	Umbrella organisation
2 Municipality of Nicosia	Main Municipality,* capital city
3 Municipality of Limassol	Main Municipality*
4 Municipality of Larnaca	Main Municipality*
5 Municipality of Paphos	Main Municipality*
6 Municipality of Agios Dometios	Nicosia Urban Area
7 Municipality of Aglantzia	Nicosia Urban Area
8 Municipality of Enkomi	Nicosia Urban Area
9 Municipality of Lakatamia	Nicosia Urban Area
10 Municipality of Latsia	Nicosia Urban Area
11 Municipality of Strovolos	Nicosia Urban Area
12 Municipality of Agios Athanasios	Limassol Urban Area
13 Municipality of Germasogia	Limassol Urban Area
14 Municipality of Kato Polemidia	Limassol Urban Area
15 Municipality of Mesa Geitonia	Limassol Urban Area
16 Municipality of Aradippou	Larnaca Urban Area
17 Municipality of Geroskepou	Paphos Urban Area
18 Municipality of Pegeia	Paphos Urban Area
19 Union of Communities	Umbrella organisation
20 Ministry of the Interior	<i>for information</i>
21 Planning Bureau	<i>for information</i>
22 Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	Central Government
23 Cyprus Tourism Organisation	Statutory Body
24 Statistical Service	Central Government
25 Department of Lands and Surveys	Central Government
26 Public Works Department	Central Government
27 Department of Antiquities	Central Government
28 Water Development Department	Central Government
29 Geological Survey Department	Central Government
30 Department of Forests	Central Government
31 Department of Labour Inspection	Central Government
32 Environment Service	Central Government
33 Game Fund Service	Central Government
34 Cyprus Scientific Technical Chamber	Statutory Body
35 Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations	NGO, Umbrella Organisation
36 Cyprus Association of Town Planners	Professional Association
37 Cyprus Cultural Heritage Organisation	NGO

RESPONSE: Twelve local authority organisations and eleven other bodies were present at the discussion

FEEDBACK: As the conclusion of the project draws near, almost 40 local authorities, government agencies and civil society

organisations have had a steady involvement in the indicator deliberations and increased awareness of progress in the development of the URBANGUARD GIS-based planning tool.

### **3. Plenary meeting of stakeholders at SDI workshop**

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**PURPOSE:** Presentation of sustainability indicator selection, assessment, use and interpretation theories and methodologies; follow-up on project progress and shortlist of indicators

**DATE:** 9 August 2005

**PLACE:** Ministry of the Interior Conference Room (Old Secretariat Building)

**PRESENT:** List of Participants:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Institution Represented</b>
1 Christos Ktorides	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
2 Phaedon Enotiades	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
3 Constantinos Alkides	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
4 Anastasia Papageorgiou	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
5 Christiana Francopoulou	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
6 Kalia Martides	Union of Municipalities
7 Achilleas Kalopedis	Municipality of Larnaca
8 Christiana Makridou	Municipality of Larnaca
9 Androula Evthymiou	Municipality of Paphos
10 Procopis Pattihis	Municipality of Aglantzia
11 Andreas Arotis	Municipality of Enkomi
12 Polys Polidorides	Municipality of Lakatamia
13 Philippos Levkatis	Municipality of Latsia
14 Kyriakos Kappellides	Municipality of Strovolos
15 Charalambos Ioannou	Community of Agios Tychon
16 Christos Pavlou	Community of Agios Tychon
17 Panikos Panayides	Game Fund Service (MOI)
18 Kyriakos Kyriakou	Department of Forests (MANRE)
19 Constantinos Kondeatis	Public Works Department (MCW)
20 Marios Avraamides	Public Works Department (MCW)
21 Savvas Kleanthous	Department of Labour Inspection (MLSI)
22 Georgia Ioannou	Statistical Service (MOF)
23 Athena Metaxa	Cyprus Tourism Organisation
24 Charalambos Panayiotou	Atlantis
25 Anna Caramondani	ALA
26 Ioulia Moraitou	EAPAX
27 Didier Deroy	ADD
28 Carlo Aall	Western Norway Research Institute

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**AGREED:** The representatives of the Union of Municipalities and several Municipal Engineers expressed their eagerness

to see the results of the indicator selection process; it was AGREED to provide copies of all presentations made at the workshop and keep local authorities informed on the final outcome of the process. The representative of the Game Fund Service noted that although some of the indicators suggested by his organisation (responsible for the implementation of the EU Birds Directive) were more appropriate for use in rural areas, the main issues that need to be addressed in urban areas include the containment of urban sprawl, which adversely affects bird habitats and breeding areas in urban fringes, as well as the effective protection of green corridors within urban areas; it was AGREED that urban sprawl and nature protection within urban areas should be addressed by the indicators selected. The representative of the Department of Labour Inspection criticised the fact that he was only then informed of the ongoing Project whereas he could have provided valuable feedback on indicator evaluation criteria if asked earlier; it was explained that all correspondence had been sent to his organisation along with all other stakeholders from the beginning of the process, while the DLI had been represented in the previous plenary meeting, and it was AGREED that the Project Team would be in touch with DLI for further exchange of expertise.

**FOLLOW-UP:** As a result of the discussions and deliberations taking place in this workshop, further minor modifications were made to the tentative indicator shortlist by the addition of indicators on energy conservation and waste management. Minutes and copies of presentations were sent to all workshop participants and other stakeholders.

#### **4. Plenary meeting of stakeholders at GIS tool workshop**

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**PURPOSE:** Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and their applications; follow-up on project progress and list of indicators; presentation of URBANGUARD tool and its use

**DATE:** 26 October 2006

**PLACE:** Civil Servants Trade Union Conference Room ("PASDY" Building)

**PRESENT:** List of Participants:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Institution Represented</b>
1 Phaedon Enotiades	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
2 Alexia Georgiadou	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
3 Esperia Eliadou	DTPH, Ministry of the Interior
4 Soteria Kokkinou	Union of Municipalities
5 Georges Phedonos	Union of Communities

6	Antonis Charalambous	Municipality of Limassol
7	Andreas Hadjigeorgiou	Municipality of Limassol
8	Vassos Steliou	Municipality of Larnaca
9	Maro Christou	Municipality of Agios Dometios (Nicosia)
10	Procopis Pattihis	Municipality of Aglantzia (Nicosia)
11	Andreas Arotis	Municipality of Enkomi (Nicosia)
12	Polys Polidorides	Municipality of Lakatamia (Nicosia)
13	Philippos Levkatis	Municipality of Latsia (Nicosia)
14	Georgios Athanatos	Municipality of Germasogia (Limassol)
15	Rolandos Kafkalias	Municipality of Mesa Geitonia (Limassol)
16	Kyriakos Leandrou	Municipality of Geroskepou (Paphos)
17	Klito Demetriou	Department of Lands and Surveys (MOI)
18	Georgios Vasilas	Department of Lands and Surveys (MOI)
19	Thecla Kadi	Public Works Department (MCW)
20	Kyriakos Kapitanis	Antiquities Department (MCW)
21	Popi Chrysostomou	Antiquities Department (MCW)
22	Anastasia Pashiardi	Department of Labour Inspection (MLSI)
23	Christos Papadopoulos	Department of Labour Inspection (MLSI)
24	Anastasia Papaioannou	Water Development Department (MANRE)
25	Josephina Stylianou	Geological Survey Department (MANRE)
26	Efthymios Tsiolakkis	Geological Survey Department (MANRE)
27	Georgia Ioannou	Statistical Service (MOF)
28	Athena Metaxa	Cyprus Tourism Organisation
29	Theodoros Hadjigeorgiou	Cyprus Association of Town Planners
30	Christos Theodorou	Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations
31	Anna Caramondani	ALA
32	Michalis Michael	ALA
33	Charalambos Panayiotou	Atlantis
34	Constantia Achilleos	Atlantis
35	Dr. Stratos Stylianidis	GeoImaging Ltd – DTPH Consultant
36	Dr. Nicolas Karanicolas	GeoImaging Ltd – DTPH Consultant

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**AGREED:** Several of the representatives of local authorities (including Aglantzia, Lakatamia, Latsia etc.) expressed strong support of the URBANGUARD initiative, but stressed that its application will only be effective if the appropriate structural revisions are made to the current planning system, especially with respect to the establishment of relevant monitoring committees for the four urban agglomerations covered by the main Local Plans. It was AGREED to provide copies of all presentations made at the workshop and send invitations for the final conference to all local authorities. The representatives of the Cyprus Association of Town Planners expressed their eagerness to see the application of the monitoring system and promised to provide a support letter with suggestions to the project team. The representative of the Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations also expressed support for the indicator

process and stressed that the local authorities' and professional organisation's concerns must be heeded if the future of the URBANGUARD system is to be successful.

FOLLOW-UP: While the attention and interest shown by participants was encouraging to the project partners, it has become clear that suggestions must be made for the future implementation of the URBANGUARD system once it is delivered. Plans were therefore made to secure as much political support during the project's final conference in December 2006.