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***"Grant Scheme for the Establishment and Enrichment of Tourism Facilities and Services for Health, Wellness, Rehabilitation, Accessibility and Independent Assisted Living in Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Establishments with the aim of attracting Health and Wellness Tourism"***

Following a decision of the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Tourism announces a Call for applications under the Grant Scheme for the Establishment and Enrichment of Tourism Facilities and Services for Health, Wellness, Rehabilitation, Accessibility and Independent Assisted Living in Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Establishments, with the aim of attracting Health and Wellness Tourism.

The Grant Scheme will be implemented under the C3.1I8 Measure *"Enhancing the added value of the tourism sector with a focus on the countryside, as well as in the mountainous and remote areas"* of the Cyprus Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) and will be funded by the European Union's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

The aim of the Grant Scheme is to provide financial subsidies for upgrading and/or creating new facilities and equipment of existing hotels and tourist accommodation establishments with the ultimate aim of attracting all year-round tourism in: health, wellness, rehabilitation and independent assisted living. In addition, Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Establishments should be fully accessible and friendly to visitors regardless of any disability.

The total amount for the current Grant Scheme Call is €5,000,000.

Interested parties can obtain the final "Project Guide" with all the terms and details, including the "Annexes" and the "Application Form", through the below link on the Deputy Ministry of Tourism website:

<https://www.tourism.gov.cy/tourism/tourism.nsf/All/D9DF58A59496D05EC22589D3002FE4CD?OpenDocument>

All documents of the Grant Scheme such as the "Project Guide", the "Application Form" and the "Annexes" are in Greek. Any interested parties who do not have knowledge of the Greek language, are informed that the cost of the External Consultants / Experts is partially subsidized (% of the total proposed investment). Further information can be found in the "Project Guide".

Deadline for applications is the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at 12.00pm. or until exhaustion of the available budget.

Evaluation of the applications, will be established on the basis of the chronological order of the submission of proposals (direct evaluation).

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