

# Cyprus Local Authorities

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# **OLD CIVILAZATION**

## **since c. 10000 B.C.**

- Hunters Gatherers**
- Neolithic Era**
- Greek heritage**
- Romans**
- Byzantines**
- Franks**
- Venetians**
- Ottomans**
- British**

# **MODERN STATE & GOVERNMENT**

- ❑ **Independent State since 1960**
- ❑ **Divided by force since 1974**
- ❑ **Member of the E.U. since 2004**
- ❑ **Presidential system of Government**
- ❑ **Separation of Powers**
- ❑ **Executive – Legislative – Judiciary**
- ❑ **District and Local Administration**

# LAND AND PEOPLE\*

- ❑ c. 840.000 inhabitants (2011 census)
- ❑ 9.251 sq. km.
- ❑ 3% **British Military Bases**
- ❑ 36.2% **illegal Turkish Military occupation**
- ❑ 3% **green line (U.N. controlled)**
- ❑ **Mediterranean topography and culture**

\* **Only in the Government controlled area**

# LOCAL AUTHORITIES

524 LOCAL AUTHORITIES (144,5 occupied by Turkey):

- ❑ 39 MUNICIPALITIES (9,5 occupied by Turkey)
- ❑ 485 COMMUNITIES (135 occupied by Turkey)
  
- ❑ 6 DISTRICT AUTHORITIES

# DISTRICT AUTHORITIES

## Six Administrative Districts and towns:

- ❑ **Nicosia \***
- ❑ **Limassol**
- ❑ **Pafos**
- ❑ **Famagusta \***
- ❑ **Keryneia \***
- ❑ **Larnaca \***

\* Partly or wholly occupied by the Turkish Army

# **LOCAL AUTHORITIES LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- ❑ **THE MUNICIPALITIES LAW**
- ❑ **The Municipalities Regulations**
- ❑ **THE COMMUNITIES LAW**
- ❑ **The Communities Regulations**
  
- ❑ **NATIONAL AND E.U. LEGAL FRAMEWORK**
- ❑ **E.U. Law – Constitution – National Law**



# MUNICIPALITIES

- ❑ **With more executive powers  
(i.e. publish regulations)**
- ❑ **Elected Mayors and Council Members**
- ❑ **Deputy Mayor elected by the Counselors**
- ❑ **Executive Management Committee (budget)**
- ❑ **Other advising Committees**
- ❑ **Mayors and Counselors are paid**





# COMMUNITIES

- ❑ **Elected President and Council Members**
- ❑ **Deputy President elected by the Counselors**
- ❑ **Assisted on technical and other matters by the Central Government, mainly through the 6 District Officers**



# AUDIT

- ❑ **Independent only within the Laws**
- ❑ **Legality of decisions and actions**
- ❑ **Central Government**
- ❑ **Auditor General**
- ❑ **Attorney General**

# **POWERS / OBLICATIONS**

- Town planning**
- Public health**
- Water supply**
- Sewerage and drainage**
- Public areas maintenance**
- Cemeteries**
- Regulating public markets, road safety rules etc.**

# FINANCE / BUDGETS

- ❑ Prepared by Municipal / Community Councils
- ❑ Approved by the Ministry of Interior
- ❑ Balancing Revenues vs. Expenses

## Major Revenues:

- ❑ Taxes & fees
- ❑ Government grants
- ❑ E.U. grants (i.e. for eligible projects)



# CHALLENGES

- ❑ **Division of Cyprus by the Turkish Army**
- ❑ **Economic crisis on all levels of Government**
- ❑ **Public Administration structural issues**
- ❑ **Disproportional size of Local Authorities  
(i.e. Communities occupy c. 90% of territory)**



# THE FUTURE

- ❑ **Reunification of Cyprus**
- ❑ **Lessons from the economic crisis**
- ❑ **Restructuring and reformation**
- ❑ **Networking and cooperation**
- ❑ **Strategic planning, evaluation and learning cycle**



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