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Short Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)

Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) is the Cypriot national agency for funding research, innovation and technological development, also responsible for the representation of Cyprus to the European funding frameworks programs (FP7) and other organisations (ESF, JRC, EUREKA, et.al).

Mrs Lina Tsoumpanou has a social sciences background and has been working for RPF since December 2008. She is a Scientific Officer in the European Research Programmes and International Collaboration Unit. She is the Cyprus National Contact Point (NCP) & Programme Committee Member (PCM) for the “Security” Thematic Priority and the “Research Infrastructures” Activity of FP7 and NCP for the Joint Research Centre. She has been actively involved in a number of EC funded projects.

HORIZON 2020

EU Funding Mechanism for Research and Innovation in Security:

‘Secure Societies – Protecting Freedom & Security of Europe and its Citizens’

This presentation will focus on the Societal Challenge of ‘Secure Societies – Protecting Freedom & Security of Europe and its Citizens’, as part of the HORIZON 2020, the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014 - 2020) and will explore the role of the Research Promotion Foundation regarding the relevant involvement of Cyprus in HORIZON 2020.

The first part of the presentation will address key concepts of the HORIZON 2020, the new financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Running from 2014 to 2020 with a more than EUR 70 billion budget, the EU's new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe.

The broad objectives of HORIZON 2020 have been grouped into 3 Priorities: Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership, and Societal Challenges. All specific Priorities work together to promote the EU as a world leader in those sectors.

Key themes of this presentation are the countries that HORIZON 2020 is open to; who can participate and when; the main components; and the budget available. An outline of the basic general rules that govern it, as well as the pertinent funding schemes and funding rates will also be addressed.

The second part of the presentation will deliver a description of the objectives of the HORIZON 2020 Security Theme that aims at making Europe more secure and resilient for its citizens and critical infrastructures, while strengthening its SMEs and industrial competitiveness. Special attention will be given to the cyber security topics for research and innovation.

The final part of the presentation will explore the role of the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation with regards to the Cypriot participation in HORIZON 2020.