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**Official visit of the Minister of National Education of Poland to Cyprus – Signing of the Cooperation Programme between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Poland in the fields of Science, Education, Culture, Sport, and Youth for the years 2026–2030**

Ms. Barbara Nowacka, Minister of National Education made an official visit to Cyprus on 26–28 November of Poland, at the invitation of Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Dr Athena Michaelidou.

During the visit, a working meeting was held between Dr. Michaelidou and Ms. Nowacka at the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, followed by a special ceremony for the signing of the renewed Programme of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Poland in the fields of Science, Education, Sport, and Youth for the years 2026–2030.

The renewed Programme of Cooperation supports collaboration in the fields of Science, Education, Sport, and Youth, promoting the exchange of information and best practices, school partnerships, and student and teacher exchanges through European programmes such as Erasmus+ and eTwinning. At the same time, it promotes policy dialogue on digital education, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development, as well as initiatives for sport and youth participation in public life.

During the signing ceremony, a new bilateral initiative was announced, jointly developed with the Embassy of Poland, entitled "The Spark of Discovery: Inspiring Future Scientists through Marie Skłodowska-Curie." The pancyprian STEM competition, inspired by the life and work of Marie Skłodowska-Curie, aims to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), with a particular emphasis on the participation of female students. The European Commission Representation in Cyprus is also participating in the programme.

During her visit, Ms. Nowacka visited the Pancyprian Gymnasium, where she was briefed on STEM programmes and spoke with students and teachers.

Ms. Nowacka's visit and the signing of the Cooperation Programme coincide with this year's 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Poland, reaffirming the steadfast bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.




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