Journey to the road map

CAN-Cy project is more than an inter-communal civic engagement project. It is an opportunity to see a potential future becoming reality.
In the past 6 months we organized, co-organized and attended to various events introducing CAN-Cy project, engaging with the public via mini-SDDP workshops and presenting our results. We also ran various social media campaigns on facebook and via Pusula Platform. The mini-SDD events were free of charge and open to the public, and participants came together to share their thoughts and ideas in a structured and democratic environment.

Ideation;

We collected ideas towards our ideal future of Cyprus. We reached out to activists, NGO's, local authorities, associations, schools and universities and launched an online campaign. People recorded 1 min. video of themselves explaining their idea. We also co-organized 5 separate Mini-SDDP workshops island-wide to generate more ideas collectively. We collected 121 ideas in total, categorized in 6 different thematic areas, generated by 59 ideators from 5 different demographics, island-wide.

The thematic areas are;
- Education, Culture & Sports
- Good governance
- Economy & Technology
- Environment
- Social Cohesion & Inclusion
- Politics

The demographics of the ideators;
- Greek speaking Cypriots
- Turkish speaking Cypriots
- Armenian Cypriots
- Migrants and international students living in Cyprus
- Other groups including those who live in Nicosia

Evaluation and Public Voting;

We disseminated the ideas on social media and via our contacts. We encouraged the public and the ideators to vote for the ones they like the most on Pusula digital platform, view on YouTube and like, comment and share on Facebook. We shared and promoted Youtube videos on our Facebook page in order to create social media traffic, public engagement as well as encouraging the idea owners to share their own ideas through their own social media accounts. Pusulas instagram account was also utilized with the means of stories and posts to create more awareness of the Pusula campaign. Short listed ideas by categories;

Politics;
- "A federal state" by Fezile
- "A dream of united Cyprus" by Cengiz
- "Collaboration across the division" by Daniel
- "No borders" by Övgü
- "More crossing points" by Marian
- "Bi-zonal, bi-communal federal state" by Paraskevi
- "Inclusivity" by Rictus

Education, Culture & Sports
- "More respect to musicians" by Cengiz
- "Basketball court in Nicosia old town" by Alden
- "Media arts" by Adele
- "Reform in education system" by Maria
- "Education about emotional regulation and health in primary schools" by Nune
- "Reform in education system" by Kalia

Good Governance
- "No domestic violence" by Kyriaki
- "Road safety campaign" by Alden
- "No trading of illegal substances" by Nicolas
- "My dream for the future is for Cyprus to have the best health care." by Tabarek
- "A bi-communal policy for international students who are HIV+" by Rictus
- "To develop a global awareness as an island community" by Merve
- "An earthquake assessment done independently from construction companies for all buildings in Cyprus" by Wolfgang
- "Free social spaces" by Argyro
- "Inclusive and compassionate play grounds for kids" by Athos
- "Fair and just politics" by Rictus"More youth centres!" by Theodosia
- "Integrated and island-wide railway network" by Ali
- "Interactive parks" by Adele
- "A bi-communal policy to penalize human trafficking" by Rictus
- "Better communication between citizens and local authorities" by Christos

Economy & Technology

- "Affordable housing" by Ioanna
- "To become part of the international community and learn from their examples that are similar to ours." by Irmak
- "Free wifi and electricity in public parks" by Barış
- "A Cyprus which is a regional hub for MENA and south east Europe" by Alex
- "Better working conditions matter" by Christos
- "Nicosia Smart City" by Athos
- "Online supermarkets and grocery shops" by Sammy
- "Eliminate unemployment" by Costas
- "I dream of a city that is technologically advanced" by Nicolas

Enviroment

- "Public transport" by Maria
- "Eco-conscious urban planning" by Marina
- "Littering and respect for the environment" by Halil
- "Watering system for dry lands" by Selçuk
- "Sustainable energy" by Övgü
- "Agricultural development" by Selçuk
- "Environmental awareness and sustainability practices are adopted by everyone" by Tabarek
- "A healthy environment for birds" by Thasos
- "More protected natural areas" by Andrea
- "Efficient trash and recycling collection" by Alden
- "Action for the environment" by Chris
- "Bicycle focused" by Alden
- "Bicycle lanes for cyclists" by Pantelina
- "In my ideal world everything is Green!" by Antaia

Social cohesion & inclusivity

- "A new public holiday called Mazi/Birlikte Day" by Ilke
- "Young people helping elderly people with online bureaucratic work" by Sofia
- "Integrated youth" by Simbi
- "Empowering women" by Kriyaki
- "LGBTQ+ rights are enshrined in law and practice" by Alex
- "Free our nipples" by Katerina
- "Social awareness and empathy" by George
- "More polite people" by Cassandra
- "Free therapy for everyone to heal our intergenerational trauma" by Nune
- "Human rights violations" by Shahd Al-Sarori
- "Safe spaces for emotional health" by Nune

We also engaged 10 experts to evaluate the ideas in their fields based on their impact, inclusivity, feasibility and desirability and score them out of 5 for each category.
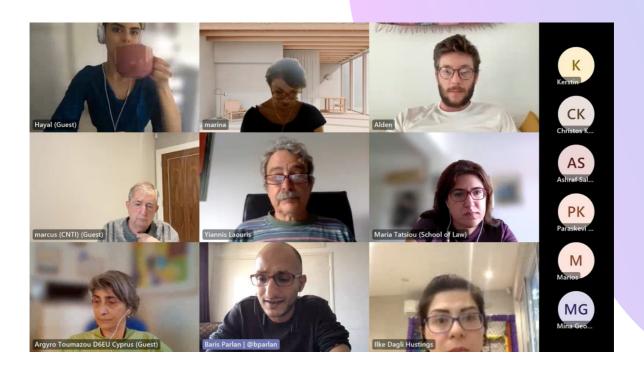
In addition to expert evaluation we conducted an internal evaluation where each member of the team selected their top 30 ideas. We then paired up ideas that were similar, but didn't receive enough public votes, in order to maximize the inclusivity of the selection process as well as making sure that each thematic area has been covered. This multilayered evaluation helped us select the top 62 ideas that took part in the road mapping process.

The selected 62 ideas were announced on our facebook page with visuals and the idea owners were notified via email. The stats mentioned above were also shared in video format on our facebook page. We also published another video solely for Idea Prism.

The refinement and formation of the road map

Once all the selected 50 ideators were informed, we moved into the next stage of idea refinement and formation of the future road map.

All the ideators were invited to one hour long online meeting in order to introduce themselves and their ideas as well as their expectations.

We then proceeded to the Structured Democratic Dialogue Process sessions lead by Yiannis Lauoris. The sessions were hosted by Goethe Institut Zypern in buffer zone so that it is accessible for participants who cannot cross to either sides of the border. Both sessions were 3 hours long where participants were asked to actively participate in decision making and voting processes as well as as influence mapping.

Due to some unforeseeable obstacles the second session was made available for online attendance in addition to face to face. Each participant were given 10 stickers to vote for the ideas that they believed should be included in the road map. They could use their votes as they wished, all for one idea or spread across. This helped further filter the 62 ideas to 37. The participants then deliberated about the relationship between the ideas and discuss which has a signficaint facilitating influence on which, using a software based on a structured equation algortihm called Cogniscope, the participants structured the ideas into an influence map via a democratic deliberative process. Through this process a draft road map is formed and it will be presented to the ideators for their feedback before finalization.

Legend:
- Good Governance
- Environment
- Economy & Technology
- Social Cohesion & Inclusion
- Politics
- Culture & Education

Levels: Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5

- Idea54: Sustainable energy
- Idea22: Eco-conscious urban planning
- Idea55: Agricultural development
- Idea47: Road safety campaign
- Idea24: A Cyprus where environmental awareness and sustainability is practiced by everyone
- Idea12: Bicycle focused Idea25: Bicycle lanes for cyclists
- Idea48: Efficient trash & recycling collection Idea43: Littering and respect for environment
- Idea14: An earthquake assessment done independently from construction companies for all buildings in Cyprus
- Idea36: I dream of a city with more polite people
- Idea34: More respect for musicians
- Idea37: Social awareness and empathy
- Idea27: A Cyprus which is a regional hub for MENA and South East Europe
- Idea42: Eliminate unemployment
- Idea51: Free therapy for everyone
- Idea19 & Idea 60: Reform in education system
- Idea3: Better working conditions matter!
- Idea13: Fair and just politics
- Idea2: Young people helping elderly with online bureaucratic work
- Idea21: Education about emotional health
- Idea20: A federal state
- Idea31: Human rights violations addressed
- Idea6: Integrated Youth
- Idea5: Affordable housing
- Idea59: LGBTQ+ rights are enshrined in law and practice
- Idea57: More crossing points
- Idea52: Safe spaces for emotional health
- Idea61: Collaboration across the divide
- Idea26: A bicommunal policy to penalise human trafficking
- Idea11: Better public transport
- Idea28: More youth centres
- Idea39: I dream of a city that is technologically advanced Idea53: Nicosia smart city
- Idea29: Free our nipples
- Idea16: Free wifi & electricity in parks to bring people together & help them enjoy outdoors more
- Idea56: A new public holiday valled Mazi/Birlikte day for local community cooperation
- Idea32: Interactive parks in Cyprus

In total the ideators participated 9 hours of Structured Democratic Dialogue Process, including visioning and influence mapping as part of Civic Action Now for Cyprus Project and they will all receive a certificate for their contributions and participation.

Public Launch event

Final version of the road map will be revealed during the public launch event at Home for Cooperation on 13th July. Two representatives from the ideators will be presenting the road map. We are partnering with Cyprus Peace Dialogue Centre to for the Launch Event, where the Norwegian Consul Mr. Antoniades and Dr. Meltem Onurkan Samani will be making opening remarks. The event will also host UNFCYP representatives, ambassadors, mayors and civil society leaders and it is crucial part of CAN-Cy since it is also a presentation to the key stakeholders and decision makers. We aim to use this momentum to engage the publics attention and create sustainable networks for actualization of the projects.

The next stages;

The project will move forward into capacity building and refining the ideas into actionable projects. We will be providing trainings from experts unique to each ideas needs in order to become reality. Through Idea Prism the necessities of core projects will be identified and uniquely tailored trainings will be provided.