



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED
FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS,
THE GUARANTOR POWERS,
THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND THE UNITED NATIONS
ON HOW THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED**

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A bicomunal twelve-member think tank have formulated a comprehensive and detailed solution to the Cyprus problem that could be accepted by all the parties involved in the process. Certain key elements of the proposed solution are set out below:

- Immediate reunification of Cyprus, with one international personality, one sovereignty, and one international citizenship.
- Transformation of the Republic of Cyprus into the Federal Republic of Cyprus, thus securing the continuity of all the international commitments and obligations already assumed and the undertakings given by the RoC, save those referred to in the following paragraph.
- As at the date of the effective transformation, simultaneous assumption by the future South Cyprus Federated State of all the debts owed and all the unexpired guarantees given on behalf of the RoC and by the future North Cyprus Federated State of the corresponding debts owed and all the guarantees given by the Turkish Cypriot administration, save those which will be forgiven by Turkey.
- On the date of the effective transformation, withdrawal of all the Greek and Turkish military forces (save the 950-strong Greek contingent and the 650-strong Turkish contingent participating in the European Rapid Deployment Force that will be permanently stationed in Cyprus).
- Adequate security offered to Greek Cypriots & Turkish Cypriots through the presence of a European Union military and police force, in which Cypriots will participate.
- Replacement of the Treaty of Guarantee with a new Treaty of Friendship and Good Implementation of the Agreed Solution.
- Transfer of a substantial part of the land, presently administered by the future North Cyprus Federated State to the future South Cyprus Federated State (including the fenced-off part of Famagusta and part of the Morphou area), to attain a split of 28.5% and 71.5%.
- Compensation of the refugees who will not be able / will not choose to return to their homes, on the basis of a “Dual-Track” Valuation Approach: either a quick mechanistic approach or a personalised professional valuation approach, at the option of the dispossessed owner / user.
- Introduction of Greek, Turkish and English in the civil service throughout Cyprus.
- Compulsory use of place-names and road signs in Greek and Turkish throughout Cyprus.
- Respect of cultural heritage of both communities throughout Cyprus.
- Equitable settlement of the EEZ dispute between Cyprus and Turkey.

- Recognition of the right of Turkish citizens to settle in Cyprus and restriction of the right of Greek citizens to 1 in 4, thus maintaining the population mix unaltered.
- As from the date of the effective transformation into a Federal State, full harmonization and full compliance with the European Acquis throughout Cyprus.
- One currency (the €) and a unified common market throughout Cyprus.
- Separate but interlinked healthcare, pension, social cohesion and taxation systems.
- A unified structure in respect of the legislative process (save the legislative decrees, which will be enacted by the constituent states on the strength of the authority delegated by the federal legislative bodies on a case-by-case basis, requiring 1-positive vote from both sides), and a decentralised, federated structure in respect of the executive and the judiciary arms of the state.
- Presidents of the two constituent states of the federation elected separately by the voters of each constituent state, but on the basis of a weighted common electoral platform, to secure an adequate level of commonality of objectives and a corresponding harmony in the policies followed, throughout the term of their engagement. The presidents of the two constituent states shall also serve as the federal alternating presidents, for terms of 42 and 18 months for the south and the north constituent state presidents, respectively.
- Adoption of the model of a bicommunal, bizonal federation.
- Acceptance of political equality and the right of an effective participation (1-positive vote from each constituent state on all decisions at the federal level).
- Granting of Cypriot citizenship to specified descendants of Turkish immigrants.
- Joint Greek Cypriot & Turkish Cypriot management of natural resources, on the basis of a system similar to that of the administration of the Federal Government.
- Allocation of the distributable profits of the exploitation of the natural resources on the basis of 50% to the Federal Budget and 50% to the Budgets of the constituent states (on the basis of their respective populations). An additional allocation of 5% shall be made to the economically weaker constituent state (at the expense of the Federal Budget), for as long as the inequality persists.
- Adoption of Turkish as an official language of the EU.
- Recognition of Turkey's role as an important regional player.
- In general, adoption of a solution based on the Resolutions of the United Nations, the Guterres Framework, the European Acquis and the convergences attained to date.

Detailed information on the proposed solution can be found on the web, at the following address:

<https://www.eastmed-thinktank.com>.