



European Destinations of Excellence – EDEN “Tourism and Protected Areas”

APPLICATION FORM

The application form should be submitted in printed form (handwritten applications will not be accepted) and electronic form. Copies of the Application Form in electronic format are available at info@sociallab.com or by calling at 22 447822 or 99877092. Please follow the Submission Instructions.

Part A

Destination:

Destination website:

Organization Name:

(e.g. Community, Group of
Communities, Municipality,
Development Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations etc.)

Contact Person:

Email:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:





Part B

Please provide the following information:

Please provide a summary of the project. Describe the destination list your partners, the main infrastructure and tourist attractions and the reasons why a tourist would visit your destination. It is mandatory that you submit material in digital form (photographs, films, maps etc), brochures, etc.



Complete the following:

(It's not necessary to fill in all the information below. However this information will provide the Evaluation Committee with a better portrayal of your destination and its potential.)

Access / Facilities	Name	Distance (km)
Nearest Airport		
Nearest Town		
Nearest Bus Station		
Taxi		
Travel Agents		
Information Center		
Internet Access (Internet Cafes etc)		
Other (Please Specify)		

Landscape	Please mark with an X
Sites of Interest	Please mark with an X
Forest	
Traditional houses	
Salt Lake	
Museums	
Rivers	
Cultural	
Monuments	
Areas of natural beauty	
Information/Cultural Centers	
Geological structures	
Churches	
Other Cultural landscape sites (watermills workshops, traditional olive presses) (Please Specify)	



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Stone bridges, fountains etc	
Nature Trails	
Thematic Routes (wine routes, cycling routes etc.)	
Other _____ (Please Specify)	



Part C

Answer **ALL** the questions:

1. Does the destination have less than 10.000 overseas holidaymakers per annum? (See Eligibility Criteria)

YES	NO

2. Is your destination based on a protected area that is part of the NATURA 2000 as defined by the Laws N.152(I)/2003, N.153(I)/2003 and the amended law N.131(I)/2006, which falls within the boundaries of your destination (partly or as a whole)?

YES	NO

3. Are local authorities actively involved in the organization of local events and activities, aiming at the promotion of the protected and surrounding areas, ensuring its social, cultural and environmental sustainability?

YES	NO

Please describe in detail (namely) who participates in the management of the candidate destination, the organization of local events and activities, and how your destination fulfils the principles of social, cultural and environmental sustainability.

4. Please provide details about your destination, specifically: (See Evaluation Criteria)

- I. *Please describe the use of effective methods, infrastructure and services and effective tourist information and communication channels for the visitor (e.g. destination website, inclusion in world wide web search engines, inclusion in tourist guides, information centre, information displays, sign-posting etc).*



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- II.** *Describe the level of accessibility to the destination and quality of the destination of the destination (e.g. adoption of quality standards for facilities and services; user friendly reservation systems; quality and environmental management systems; international quality awards etc).*



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- III. *Please describe how the tourism offer contributes to the improvement of the quality of life of the local people as well as the environment in the area (involvement of the local community in the tourism offer, availability of Action Plans for the protection of the environment, organization of fairs, festivals and other events, traditional hospitality, promotion of environmental protection as an attraction for tourists, etc).*



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- IV.** *Please describe how you contribute to the promotion of the value and the presentation of the unique features of the protected and/or the surrounding area. Describe:*
- a) *Action plans and activities aiming at local people and especially youth for the promotion of the value of the protected area (i.e. environmental awareness campaigns, environmental education and awareness centers, organization of information/educational seminars)*
 - b) *Activities and programmes contributing to the promotion of the unique features of the protected and/or the surrounding area (i.e. Environmental awareness centers, publication of multilingual leaflets and other information material, maps, organisation of excursions and other activities focused on the presentation of important flora and fauna, bird watching facilities, nature trails etc).*





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- V. *Please describe innovative ways and actions for the presentation and promotion of protected and/or the surrounding area's unique ecological features (new technologies, multimedia, special interest websites, CTO information, cooperation with tour operators, participation in special interest tourism packages, etc).*



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VI. *Please describe sustainability characteristics of your destination with regards to preservation of its authenticity, its natural and built environment, management capacity (e.g. employment of trained staff, knowledge of English and other foreign languages, availability of equipment and infrastructure, strategic planning with the involvement of local stakeholders etc), and the availability of required infrastructure (e.g. means for environmental protection and control, hotels, agro-tourism establishments, restaurants, taverns, etc.)*





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5. In case you are selected as the Cyprus winning EDEN Destination, how would this contribute to your planning and local development? What are your expectations resulting from your participation in the competition and how do these expectations relate to your planning and local development?





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6. Please provide details concerning accommodation at your destination or a nearby areas (within 15 km) Include category ¹ (i.e.CTO licensed accommodations and tourist establishments*), whether the accommodation operates all year round, room capacity and other facilities. Add as many rows as needed.

Name of Tourist Accommodation	Address & Website	Category ¹	All Year-round Accommodation (Yes / No)	Bed Capacity	Facilities

* Traditional Buildings, Tourist Villas etc.

Facilities:

Facilities	Please mark with an X
Bank	
Taxi	
Car Hire	
Restaurants or other catering units, Coffee Shops etc.	
Gas Stations	
Shops	
Other	

(Please Specify)	



Terms & Conditions

Please verify the following:

1) I have answered all the questions	
2) I enclose 2 copies of my application	
3) I enclose material describing the destination (photographs in digital form, DVDs, brochures, maps, etc).	
4) My application is NOT hand-written, and is submitted in print and digital form (CD ROM)	
5) I attach the CV of at least one permanent staff member who is English-literate.	



Letter of Commitment

Please include a letter of commitment for **each** collaborator/ partner (member of the organization) according to the following template:

Cyprus Tourism Organization
European Destinations of Excellence (EDEN)
"Tourism and Protected Areas"
Attention Ms. Maro Kazepi
EDEN Project Manager
19 Limassol Avenue
2112 Nicosia

(date)

Declaration

I hereby declare that I commit to the priorities and scope included in the application form submitted by -----
----- (network administrator) for the program **European Destinations of Excellence (EDEN)** titled
«Tourism and Protected Areas».

(sign)
(full name)
(position)

