

NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS

OBJECTIVES (under discussion)*

1. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is an open forum for reflection, dialogue and proposals for an “other Cyprus”. It is a forum for free expression and synthesis of views and ideas.
2. The main objective of NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is the mobilization of society in order to prepare a new, visionary and attainable project for Cyprus, one that aims at profound changes, reforms and breakthroughs, which will offer new perspectives to the Cypriot society.
3. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS seeks a different architecture of development and an alternative path for the future of our country.
4. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is not a political party. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is a contemporary social movement.
5. All Cypriot citizens, all Cypriots of the diaspora and all European citizens living in Cyprus can become friends of NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS.
6. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS seeks to have a say and play a role in shaping the social, economic, cultural and political life of Cyprus.
7. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS provides a meeting point for all citizens who love and are passionate about Cyprus, those who refuse to compromise with misery, stagnation and inaction, those who wish to see Cyprus advance, modernize and steadily improve.
8. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS provides a meeting point for all productive, creative and far-sighted people of the country, people who envision Cyprus becoming a modern European society, rooted in its tradition but without being trapped in it.
9. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is deeply committed to safeguarding all public assets that define a civilized society, the most important being *education, health and environment*. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is convinced that access to quality education for all is a fundamental element of social justice and *the most efficient mechanism for social mobility*. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is convinced that access of all citizens to a public, modern, and effective health system of high-standards is a crucial element of social justice and equality. Furthermore, NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS believes that quality living in a protected natural environment is a basic human right.
10. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS also considers it extremely important to safeguard public security and justice. This can be achieved through establishing a public space of freedom as well as through creating the

necessary social contracts, always with respect for all fundamental human rights.

11. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is against all forms of corruption, intertwining interests, nepotism, cronyism and inefficient governance and management, which harm citizens, override fairness, undermine the institutions and, ultimately, damage the whole country and the future of our children.
12. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS envisions a society that feels proud for all those who do a bit more, for all those who stand out through their work and contribution, for those who want and are able to make our country better. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS considers excellence to be a huge motive for development, a source of inspiration and creation. Excellence lives in all, not in the few, since it is not related to aristocracy, but is a concept that is open to the efforts of all of us to steadily raise the bar of expectations and demands from ourselves. This is precisely what can function as a compass for the future of our country.
13. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS advocates a comprehensive community as well as responsible individuals—a decent society needs both. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS stands against social inequality and all forms of discrimination. It embraces diversity and recognizes it as a great wealth for humanity.
14. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS firmly believes that there is a solution to the Cyprus problem. The division of our country and the violent separation of the communities and its people can be defeated.
15. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS looks forward to cooperating with all European fora that believe in and promote unification of Europe on the basis of respect for the specific characteristics of each people.
16. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS promotes green sustainable development and the blue economy.
17. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS associates with all international organizations fighting against policies that cause climate change and the climate crisis.
18. NEO KYMA – THE OTHER CYPRUS is an ally of all those forces who advocate the power of knowledge, the pursuit of innovation, the value of intangible goods and the promotion of entrepreneurship and the competitive economy, by respecting—at the same time—social relevance, a sustainable, qualitative, meritocratic and fair working environment, and the tax-paying citizens.

19. For NEO KYMA - THE OTHER CYPRUS, the size of a country is not defined by its geographical or population size. The real size of a country is measured by the size of the capacities and creativity of its people.

20. NEO KYMA - THE OTHER CYPRUS fights against passivity and fatalism. It believes that a different Cyprus is necessary and feasible. To attain this, citizens need to be vigilant. Only active citizens who know and participate are capable of envisioning and acting. The “other Cyprus” will not emerge magically, nor will it come as a result of a supposed historical necessity. It will only emerge if many of us long for it and actively pursue it.

* The objectives are still under discussion. The finalized text will be ratified at the founding conference.