

Cyprus Association of Scientists and Environmental Engineers

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To: Costa Nostrum Ltd

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Topic: New Certification Standard for the Sustainable Management and Development of Mediterranean Beaches, COSTA NOSTRUM ®

During a meeting in November 2015, the Cyprus Association of Scientists and Environmental Engineers, whose primary objective is the identification and promotion of projects and activities aimed at the establishment of Sustainable Development as an Environmental Protection Tool, **recognized** the importance and relevance of the adoption of a common standard that would assist Organizations of both Private and Public interest to develop such projects and activities, and eventually contribute to the protection of the Mediterranean Coastline. More specifically, the management plans that are expected to emerge through the implementation of the COSTA NOSTRUM ® Standard will be greatly conducive to the sustainable management and development of each beach, with their ultimate goal being the promotion of environmental protection, the financial development of the areas around the beach as well as social prosperity. During the completion and execution of the management plan (for beaches), a number of sustainability indicators should be taken into consideration and recorded in order for the beaches to be effectively categorized into different environmental and sustainability levels.

This standard can be adopted and implemented either by individual coastal areas-beaches of certain municipalities or regions, or by the entire coast of each municipality or region.

Further to your request and following the presentation of the “Certification Standard for the Sustainable Management and Development of Mediterranean Beaches, Costa Nostrum ®” to the members of the Board of Directors via Skype, we have decided to express our support towards the Costa Nostrum ® standard. All authorities involved in the conservation of coastal areas should arrange the implementation of appropriate standards that will ensure the sustainable development of the Tourism sector in our country along with the protection and promotion of our natural and environmental beauty.

These initiatives constitute excellent examples to emulate as well as valuable instruments for raising public awareness and encouraging the development of environmental, ecological and sustainability consciousness.

Sincerely,

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