

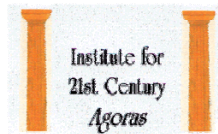
Economic Integration Co-laboratory

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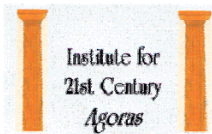
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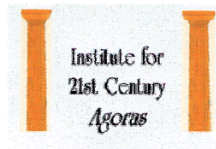


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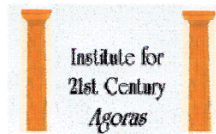


Session I: Envisioning



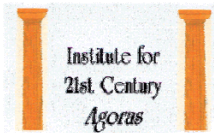
Triggering Question

„With the aim of economic integration, what are the benefits (opportunities) for Cyprus of free movement of goods and services within Cyprus and the EU?“



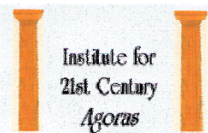
Cluster

- Interaction between the two communities
- Cyprus – Turkey relations
- Non-economic benefits
- Competition
- Fears / threats
- Benefits of free market
- Areas of cooperation
- Political initiatives
- Cyprus – EU relations
- Growth / GDP

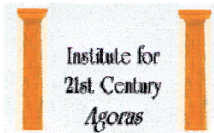


Most Voted Vision Statements

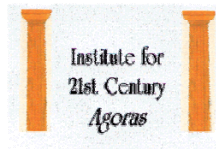
- Involvement in common economical interests will lead to development of better social dialogue (7 votes).
- Cooperation will provide greater understanding generating greater confidence in the relationships (6 votes).
- Economic parity will remove obstacles to unification, especially fears of GCs that they will have to bear the financial burden & fears of TCs that they will be absorbed by the economically stronger GCs (5 votes).



Vision Map

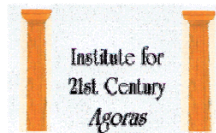


Session II: Problematique



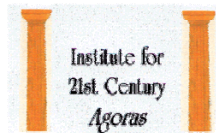
Triggering Question

„With the aim of economic integration; what are the obstacles including perceived threats in achieving free movement of goods and services within Cyprus and the EU?“



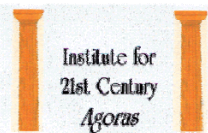
Cluster

- Lack of infrastructure
- EU's role
- Effects of Turkish accession process
- Harmonization and legal structure
- Cyprus problem
- Political elite
- Comfort of the status quo
- Recognition issues
- Psychological barriers
- Fear of competition
- Unclassified

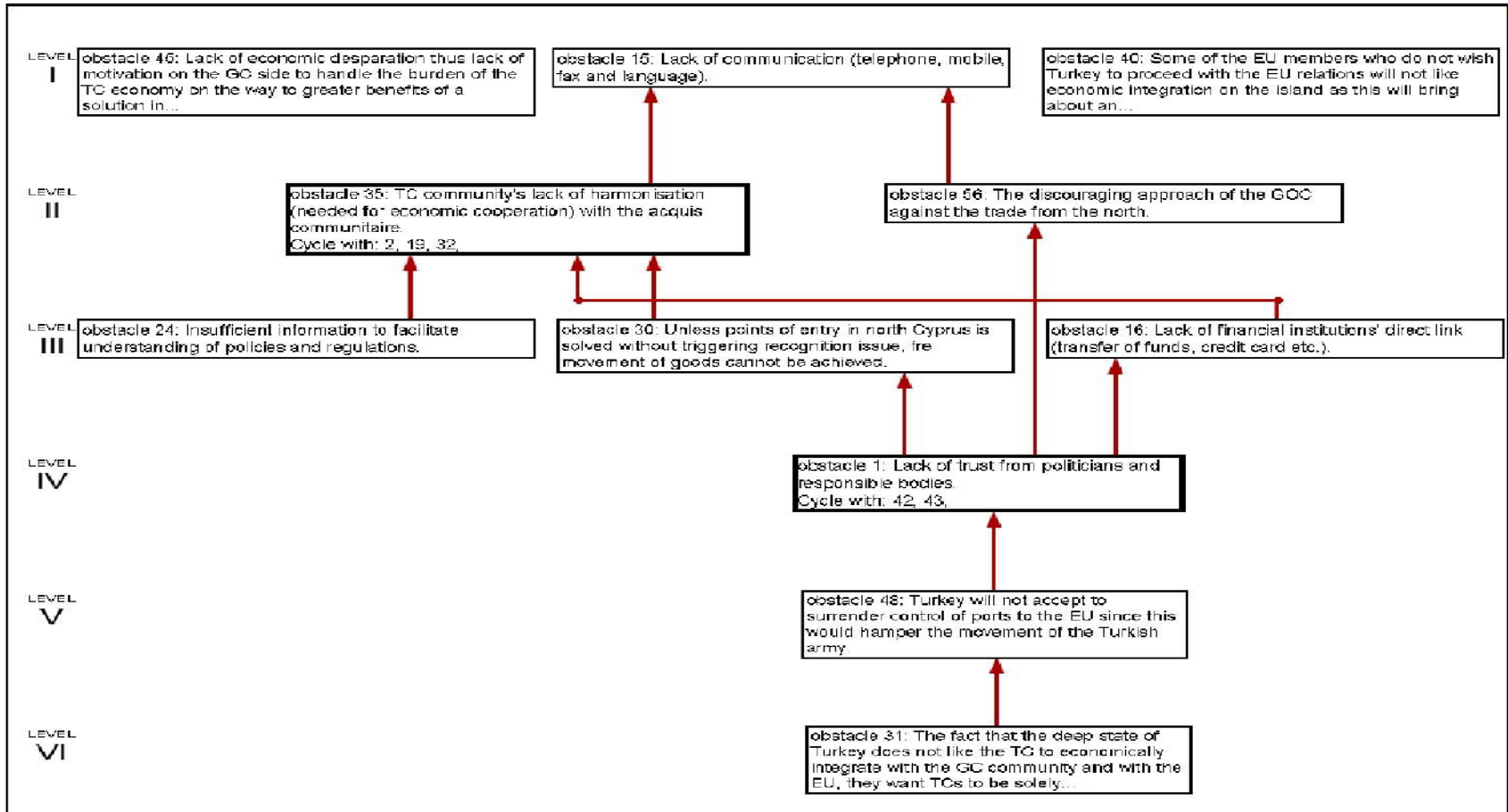


Primary Areas of Concern

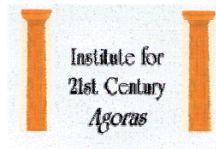
- TC communities lack of harmonisation (needed for economic cooperation) with the aquis communitaire (5 votes).
- Lack of economic desperation thus lack of motivation on the GC side to handle the burden of the TC economy on the way to greater benefits of a solution in the future (5 votes).
- The fact that the deep state of Turkey does not like the TC to economically integrate with the GC community and with the EU, they want TCs to be solely dependent on Turkey (4 votes).



Problematic Map

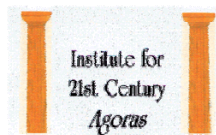


Session III: Action Plan



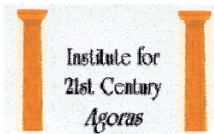
Triggering Question

„With the aim of economic integration; what actions should be taken to overcome the obstacles and to reap the benefits in achieving free movements of goods and services?“



Cluster

- Actions towards Turkey
- Actions towards the EU / UN
- Actions towards the local leaders
- Actions towards business people



Project Proposal Drafts

Project 1

Democratic control of the military and deep state in Turkey

Aim:

Persuade the EU to actively and directly pursue the control of the military by democratic process in the EU accession negotiations

How?

By specifically placing the military under the ministry of defence

By in-depth research and information on the democratic control of the military

By lobbying the EU with the research and the findings

Project 2

Try to find ways to influence the media in Turkey, especially the influential writers in Turkey; the solution in Cyprus is in Turkey's interest in the long run and that they take steps accordingly

Aim:

Provide correct information on the situation in Cyprus for Turkey and generate public discussion on specific issues such as:
Greenline regulation and crossings

Free trade

Demographical change in the north

Issues of convergence

Harmonisation with the EU

How?

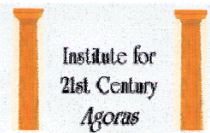
Involve TUSIAD and trade unions

Write and publish press releases and articles in Turkish newspapers

Organise regular information trips to Cyprus and conferences in Turkey

4 information trips to Cyprus involving prominent Turkish journalists

4 conferences in Turkey, involving prominent Turkish journalists, TUSIAD and trade unions



Project 3

Progressive politicians and NGOs in Turkey should be convinced that free trade can solve the Turkish ports issue and improve Turkey-EU relations

Aim: Defining Free Trade accurately and persuading both communities, the EU and Turkey to work for its achievement in Cyprus

How?

In-depth research on the trade issue, especially on:

Customs union vs. de facto customs union

Free trade area

Full membership

Application of the *acquis* (i.e. Procurement, CAP and quality regulations)

Mechanisms and tools which are available or can be created

Lobbying the interested stakeholders in Cyprus, Turkey and the EU, including the commission and the parliaments

Project 4: Regional Cooperation among Greece, Turkey and Cyprus

Aim: Bring business people and chambers of commerce together

How?

By encouraging protocols and agreements among the business people and the chambers

By garnering popular support in all three countries

By exerting pressure on politicians

By including wide publicity

By gaining international fora's support

By involving the EU

By arguing in non-political ways

Project 5: Twinning

Aim: invoke business people to put proposals and establish joint ventures

How?

By encouraging businesses to design proposals on product development, training institutions, consultancy and company oriented proposals

By bringing different business owners together at a round table and by matching and grouping them

By twinning the companies and teaching them basics of joint ventures (i.e. accountancy)

Proposals will come from individuals, or individual companies

By working on joint projects like recording a DVD on most beautiful mosques and churches of Cyprus

