Nicosia Master Plan — A Bi-Communal Rehabilitation of the Walled City Along the UN Buffer Zone

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Greek and Turkish Cypriot planners jointly rehabilitated Nicosia's walled city across the UN buffer zone from 1979 under UN auspices; it won the Aga Khan Award (2005–07 cycle) and a 2011 EU/Europa Nostra Grand Prix, but buffer-zone decay persists.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-07

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