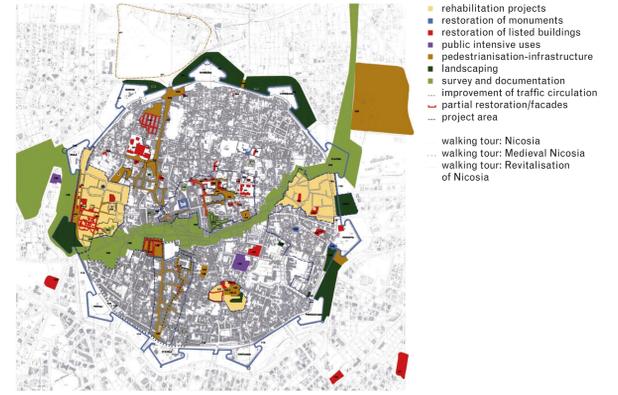


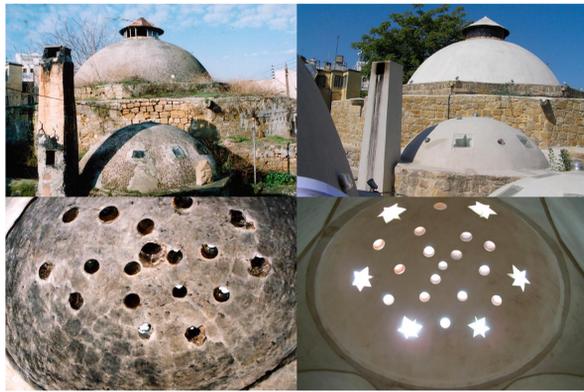


**Rehabilitation of the Walled City**  
Nicosia, Cyprus

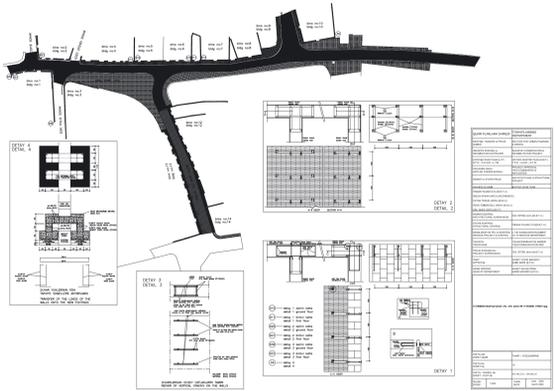
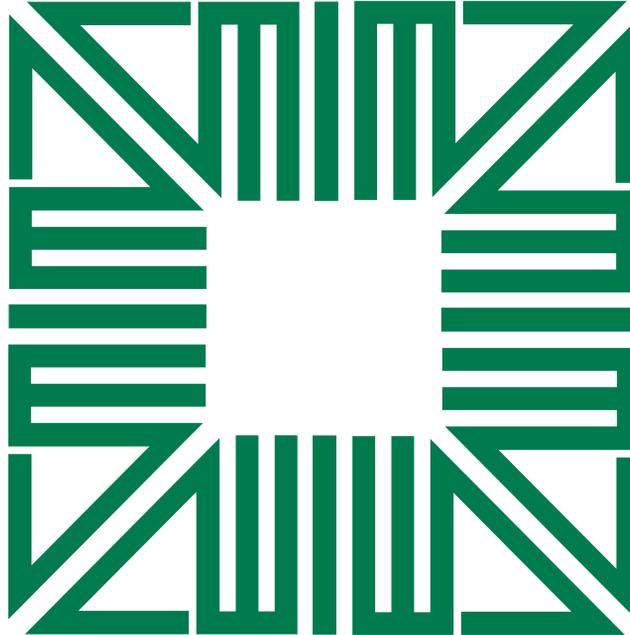
Nicosia's rich and sometimes turbulent past is reflected in its urban and architectural composition, most markedly in its historic walled core. The city experienced centuries of foreign rule – Ptolemaic, Roman, Byzantine, Crusader/Lusignan, Venetian, Ottoman and British – before becoming the capital of an independent Cyprus in 1960. In 1974 the city was split into two sectors as a result of conflict between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. About 10 per cent of the walled city is taken up by a buffer zone between the two sectors. Since 1979, a remarkable effort has been made to regenerate the walled city and protect its architectural and urban heritage. What makes this initiative unique is the fact that it has been carried out on the local level with close cooperation between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities of the city. This was the first (and for some time the only) joint project carried out by the two communities and it has been a sustained effort, uninterrupted by the ebb and flow of politics. The project has maintained a high standard of workmanship and skills in historic preservation and adaptive reuse, and has provided an impetus for private investment, attracted new residents, encouraged tourism and strengthened economic activity.



Landmark Achievements



2007



Repair and Reinforcement



- Client**  
Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities of Nicosia
- Initiators**  
Lellos Demetriades, Representative to the NMP (1979–2000)  
Mustafa Akıncı, Representative to the NMP (1979–1990)
- Current Representatives**  
Eleni Mavrou, Representative of the Greek Cypriot community  
Cemal Bulutoğuları, Representative of the Turkish Cypriot community
- Coordinators**  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)  
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- Sponsors**  
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
and the European Union
- Nicosia Master Plan Teams**  
Greek Cypriot community: Agni Petridou, team leader  
Turkish Cypriot community: Ali Güralp, team leader



Elevations

**Project Data**  
Site area: 2,010,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Cost: US\$ 18,749,000 (Greek Cypriot side) 1986–2007  
Cost: US\$ 6,900,000 (Turkish Cypriot side) 1986–2007  
Commission: 1979  
Planning: 1981  
Design: 1986 ongoing  
Construction: 1987 ongoing  
Occupancy: 1989 ongoing

**Websites**  
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