



Cylingo

Cypriot Dictionary | Κυπριακό Λεξικό

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## Cylingo nominated for WSA 2026 as Cyprus's most innovative digital solution in Culture & Heritage

*Cyprus's sole national nominee in the category, Cylingo will bring the island's linguistic richness and multicultural heritage to an international stage at the World Summit Awards 2026.*

**CYPRUS, 9 October 2026** — Cylingo Kıbrıs Sözlüğü / Cylingo Κυπριακό Λεξικό has been selected as Cyprus's national nominee in the Culture & Heritage category of the 24th World Summit Awards (WSA). In its official notification to Cylingo, the WSA Global Office described the project as Cyprus's most innovative digital solution in this field. The nomination was made by Irene Polycarpou, WSA National Expert for Cyprus.

**Under WSA rules, each country may nominate only one project in each category, including Culture & Heritage.** Cylingo therefore stands as Cyprus's sole national nominee in the category for WSA 2026, with the opportunity to be considered by an international jury. Global award winners will be determined following the international evaluation process.

Cylingo is a free digital platform that brings together words and expressions unique to Cyprus, offering their Turkish, Greek and English equivalents alongside interactive games and learning resources. With more than 2,000 dictionary entries, the project continues to grow through community contributions; users can also suggest new words and idioms to expand its collection.

The initiative began when a group of young people could not find the meaning of a Cypriot word online. What started as a simple idea has since grown into a volunteer-led effort to preserve the island's linguistic diversity and make visible the cultural ties shared across its communities.

*"When we first started Cylingo, our aim was to preserve Cyprus's rich, deeply rooted cultural heritage on our island, keep it alive and pass it on to future generations. Through this nomination, however, our work now has the opportunity to reach beyond the island and introduce Cyprus's multicultural identity and linguistic richness to an international audience. This is a tremendous honour for us.*

*We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has shared their words, knowledge and efforts with us and contributed to this project."*

— Doruk Ekingen, Co-founder of Cylingo

### About Cylingo

Cylingo is a non-profit, community-driven dictionary and language-learning initiative dedicated to documenting, teaching and making accessible Cyprus's local languages, dialects, words and oral heritage through digital technology.

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*Editor's note: The official nomination email and images are available upon request.*