Local Governance Reform in Cyprus

Presentation for MedCities by Larnaca Municipality
• An ongoing effort of decades

• Research identified weaknesses in providing optimal services on a local level to communities and municipalities

• Attempt to unblock local governance dependance from the central government

• Purpose is to give local governance more authority and responsibility
• 350 communities to be merged to 35 complexes of communities

• 30 municipalities to be merged into larger complexes, final number tbd

(*in the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus)
Benefits of merging current municipalities and communities together:

- **Economies of Scale**
- **More funding by pooling together local governance taxation and fees**
- **Decreased costs by the merge of services and staff**
- **More control**
- **More transparency**
Local Governance will have control over:

- Social Welfare
- Schools
- Transport systems and mobility
Merging of Services:

- Sewerage Boards
- Water Boards
- Waste Management
- Technical Services
The purpose is to create sustainable, efficient and self-managed local authorities to tackle the problems faced by local communities and offer targeted solutions to the citizens without the intervention of the central government in municipal and communal affairs.
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