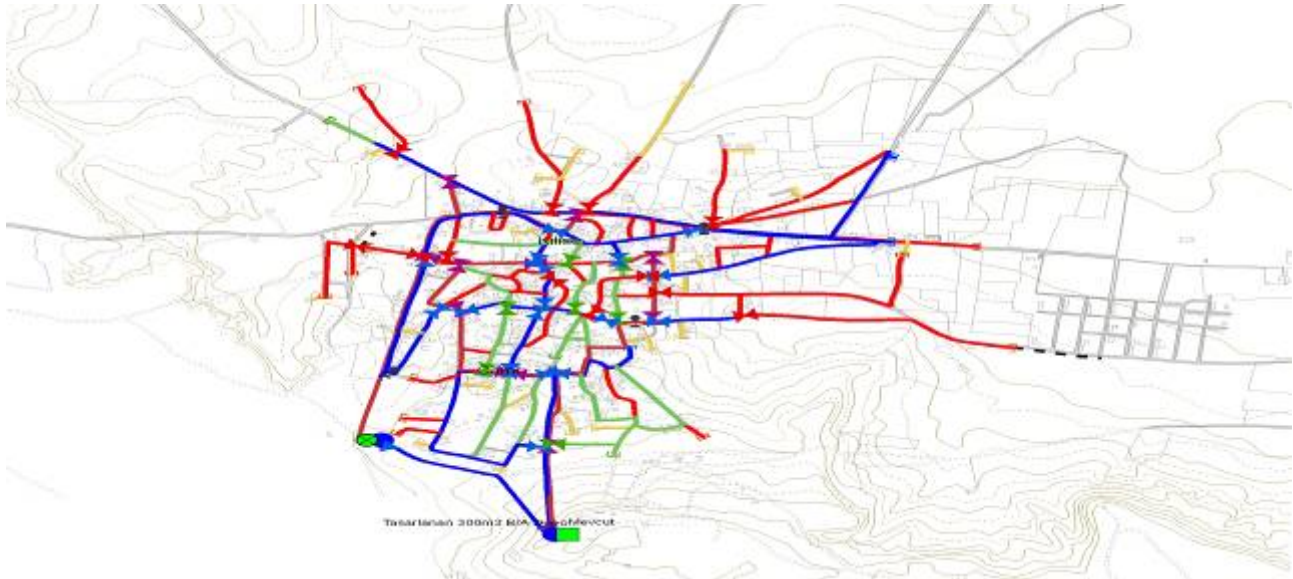


## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**

### **4th Users Group Meeting**



Engineers and technicians interested in GIS are invited to participate in the fourth of a series of meetings on SAVE's GIS activities. During this meeting, the Users Group will be updated on the progress of SAVE's on-going work. James Price and Can Kara will discuss the various ongoing and planned GIS activities as well as training opportunities, including related to water pipe network systems, antiquities sites, and soil and agricultural product analysis.

SAVE's work in GIS is designed to improve land use planning and the management of natural resources and cultural heritage sites. This work is being implemented based on the expressed needs of environmental managers and planning professionals. The GIS Users Group provides an opportunity to actively collaborate in the work being done by SAVE and the local GIS community.

SAVE works on building local capacity to better protect and manage Cyprus' valuable natural and cultural resources. SAVE is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and is implemented by International Resources Group (IRG).

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#### **DATE – TIME – PLACE**

Wednesday, 30 January, 2008

10:00 – 11:30

EU Coordination Center -- İlhan Sayut Street No: 8 Köşklüçiftlik

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & TO RSVP**

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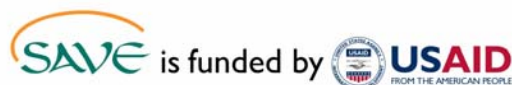
*Picture of the participants and the trainers, highlighting the completion of the first “Introduction to ArcGIS I” training organized by SAVE in December, 2007.*

**James A. Price** is the SAVE GIS Program Manager and leads the GIS team. He has over 20 years of experience in the geospatial industry, with both the public and private sector. Throughout his career Mr. Price has worked in all aspects of GIS implementation, management, and application development. Most recently he has worked for the City of New Orleans, in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. As an authorized ESRI Instructor, Mr. Price has hired and trained GIS staff. He has designed, specified, procured, and installed GIS workstations and servers, led entire departments in the upgrading of their GIS hardware and software, developed production tools for automation of GIS production work, and led the implementation of internet map services. He has experience in all types of data and data management issues including creating and maintaining metadata, converting paper maps into digital GIS databases, and modernizing data products for agencies including the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the US National Hurricane Center.

**Can Kara** is the SAVE GIS Deputy Program Manager. He has over 7 years of experience in the planning industry with both public and private sectors. He has worked with the “Nicosia Master Plan” extension project, UNOPS “Vision for the Care of Nicosia” project funded by UNDP and USAID, and development of Bafra, Morphou and Kyrenia planning regulations and related digitization work. He has also coordinated digitization projects for Nicosia and Famagusta. Mr. Kara has been applying landfill location development for the Waste Management Project in cooperation with the European Union Coordination Center. He also has experience with the Urban Research and Development Center at Eastern Mediterranean University creating and maintaining data and converting paper maps into digital maps using GIS.

### **AGENDA**

<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Registration and Coffee
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	Welcome & Update on GIS Project Status
<b>10:25 – 10:40</b>	Presentation on SAVE GIS Projects in cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot GIS community
<b>10:40 – 10:50</b>	BREAK
<b>10:50 – 11:00</b>	GIS Training Update & Plans
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Group Discussion on GIS Issues
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	Plans for the 5th GIS Users Group Meeting on February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 & Closing Remarks



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