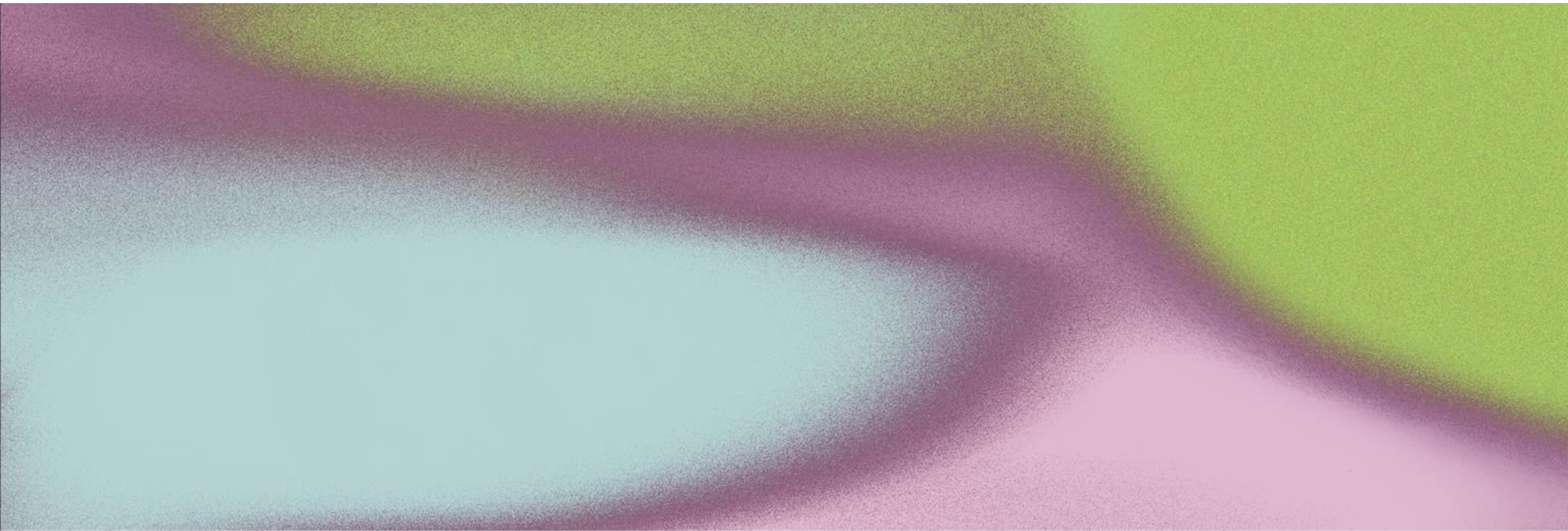
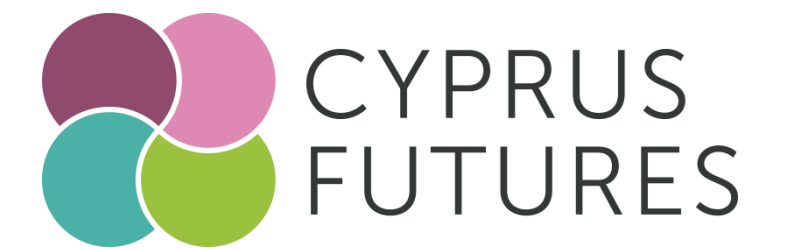
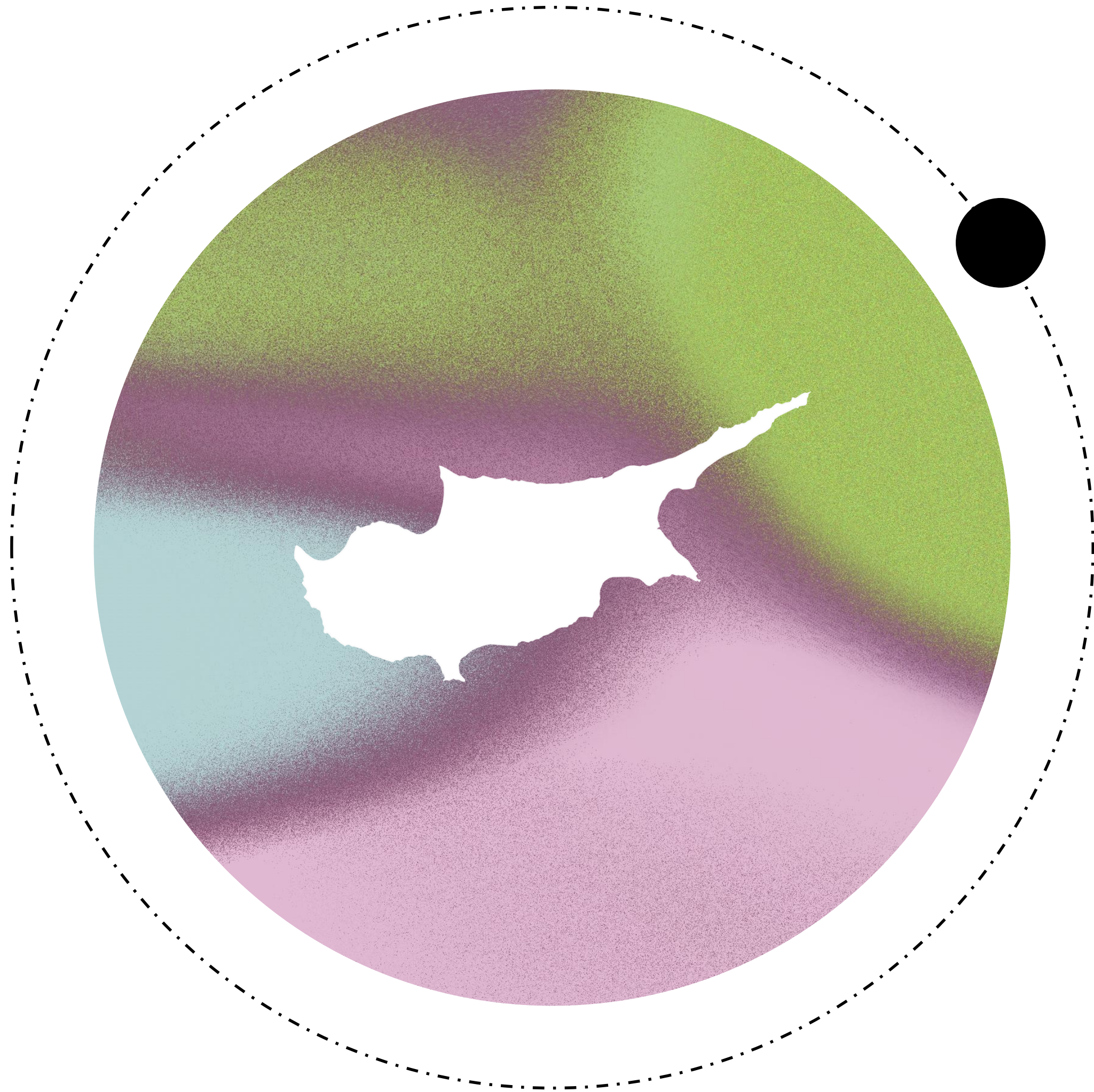


CYPRUS FUTURES

Transformative Scenarios Process

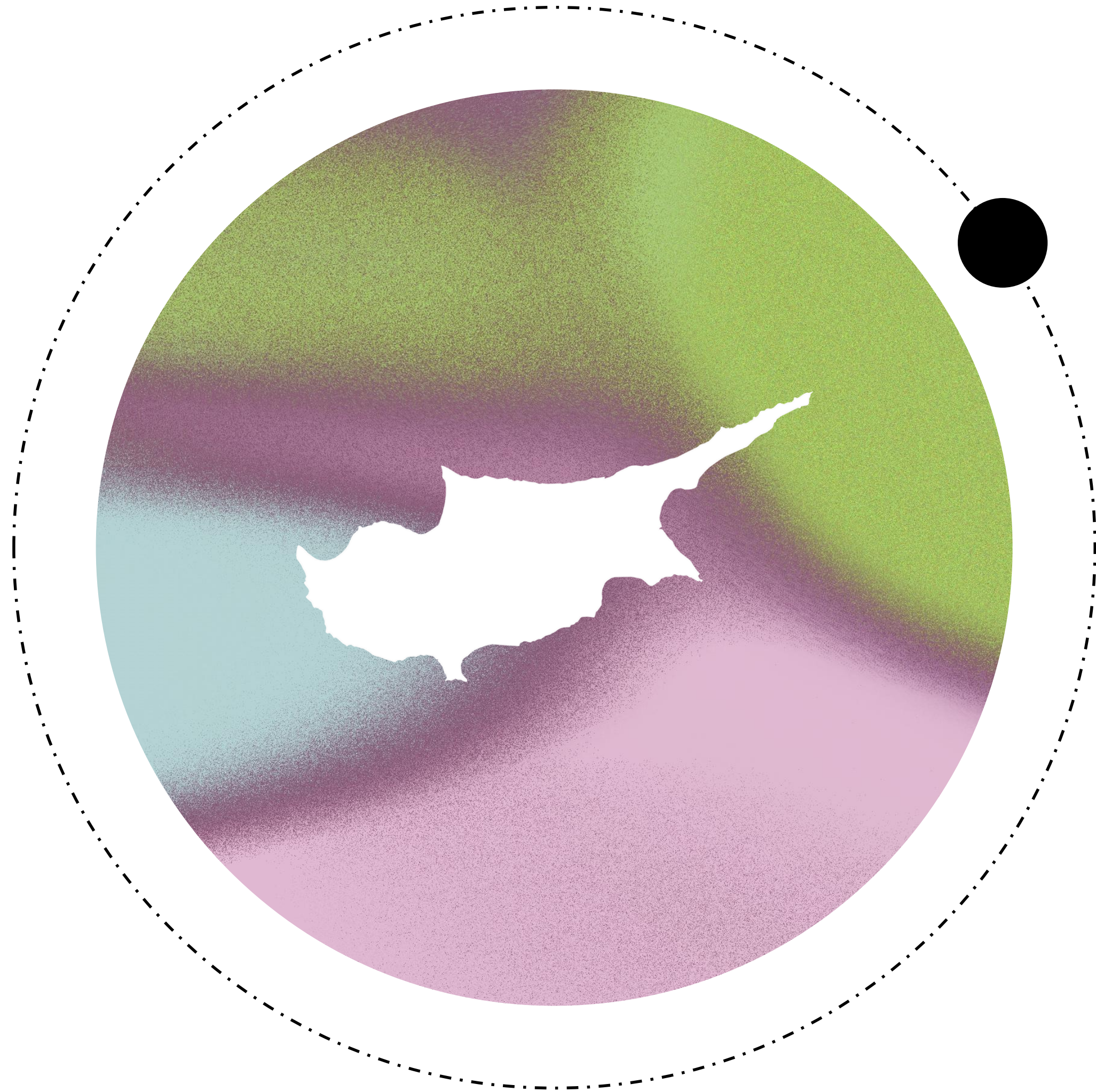


THE PROCESS



Why this process?

To catalyze open and reflective strategic thinking and conversation about the **possible futures of Cyprus**, and the opportunities, risks and choices these futures present.



How did this process come about?

- Engagement by Reos Partners worldwide, monitoring multiple contexts
- Conversations in Cyprus with diverse stakeholders to assess potential contribution and viability
- Identifying convening alliance and funders
- Convening the scenario team

What are Scenarios?

Scenarios are

NOT PREDICTIONS

Scenarios are

NOT PROPOSALS

They are multiple **STORIES** that describe possible pathways into a future, and which help us talk and think about our lived reality.

They need to be

RELEVANT,

CHALLENGING,

PLAUSIBLE,

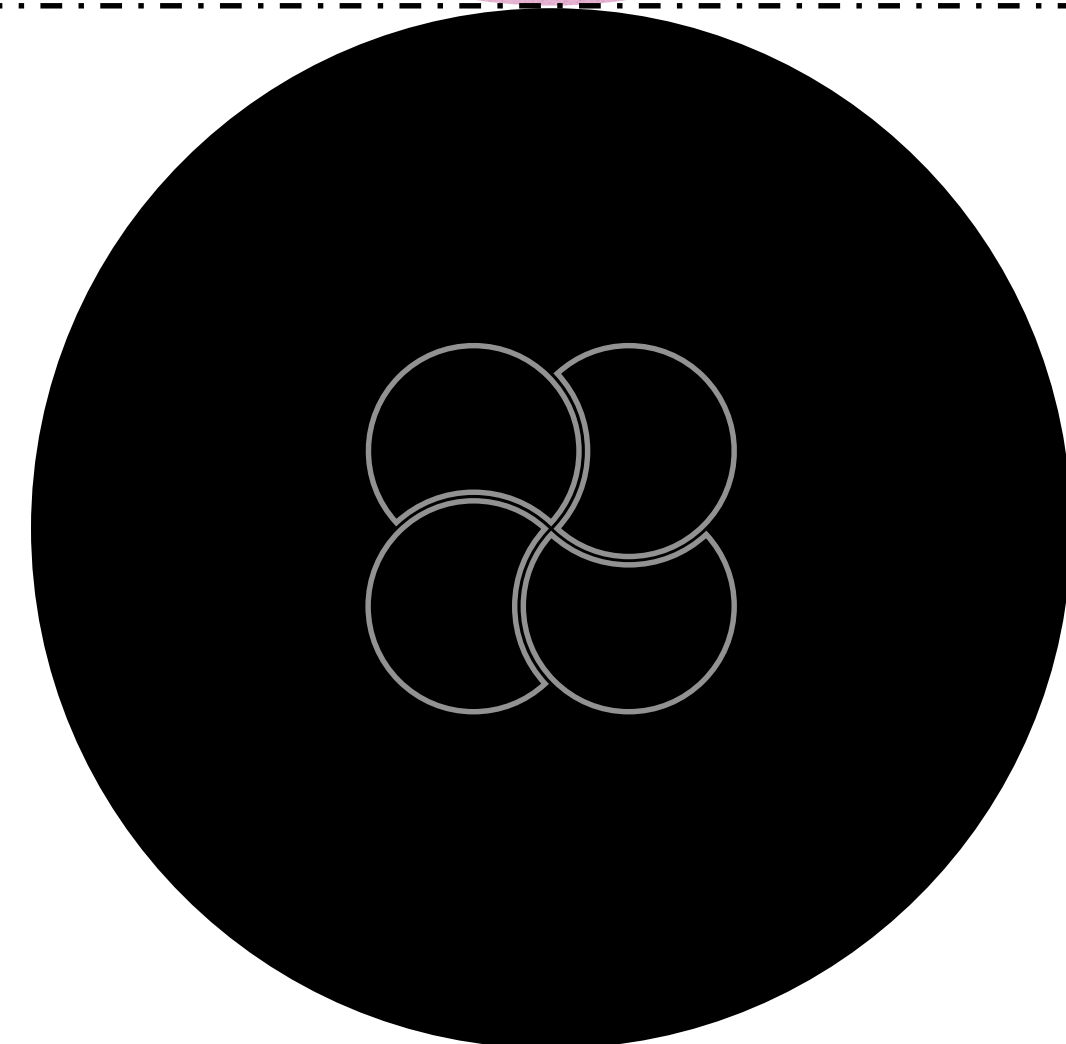
AND CLEAR.

How were these scenarios created?

The Cyprus Futures scenarios are the **collective creation** of a group of 36 Cypriots who together are broadly representative of the Cypriot society.

This team worked together over the course of **15 days workshops** to identify key forces at play, ask burning questions about what might happen, and create a set of stories about possible futures. They applied the *Transformative Scenarios* approach.

The scenario team **collectively drafted** the text with the support of a scenario editor. They are the authors. Reos Partners is not the author but rather an impartial facilitator.



Who created the scenarios?



Greek Cypriots, Turkish Cypriots, and religious minorities

Diverse professions

entrepreneurs, community builders, educators, clergy, artists, activists, business-people, lawyers, doctors, and academics

Gender balanced



Ages range from

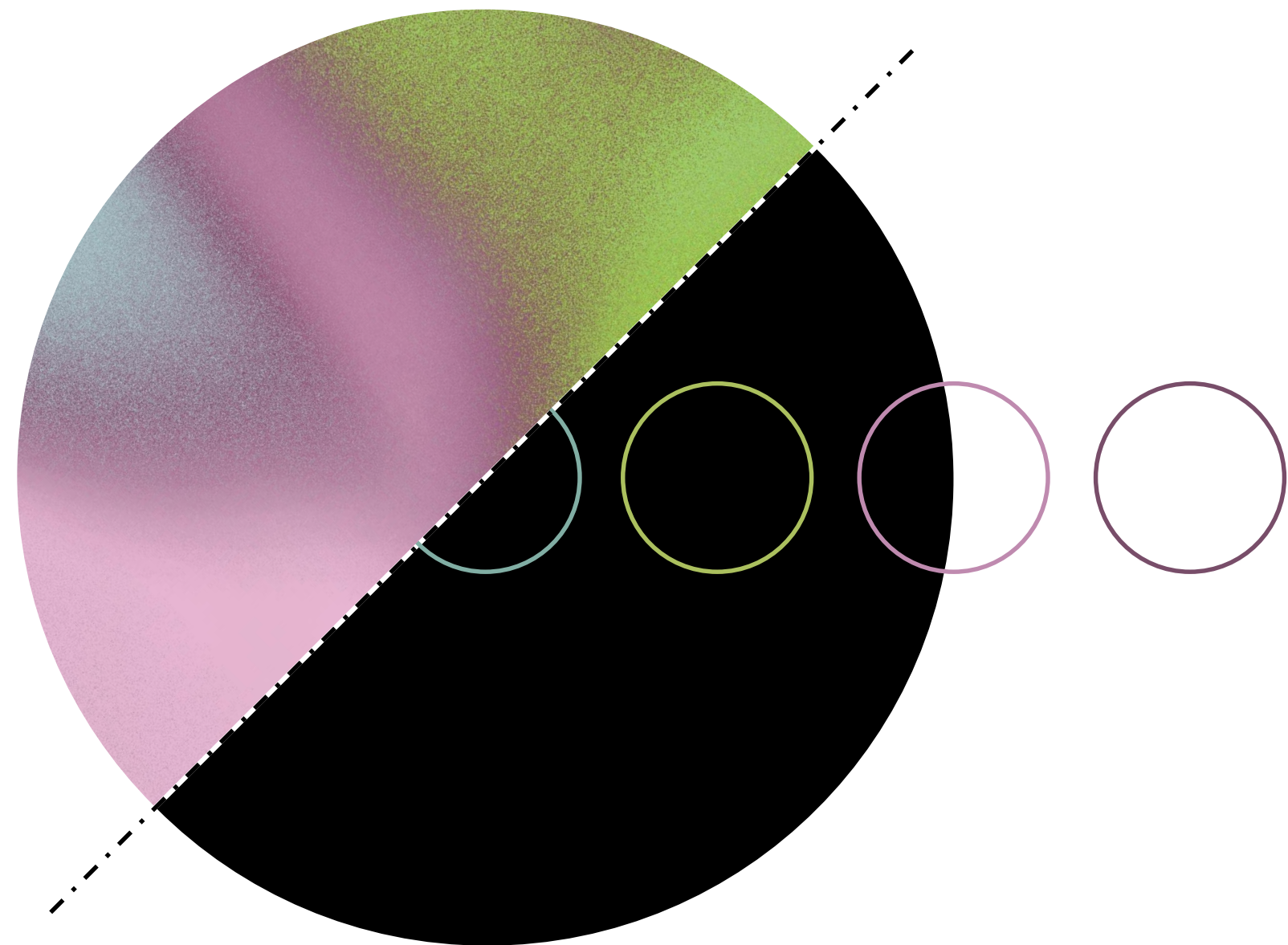
20's to 60's

Not a group of "usual suspects"



Each participant joins this process as an individual rather than as a representative of a specific institution or constituency, and each brings their full knowledge, perspective, and experience to the process.

Endorsements of the transformative scenarios approach



One of the most significant events
in my country's search for peace.

— Juan Manuel Santos

Pushed us to confront historically held beliefs
and positions and then to see what we could do.

— Tito Mboweni

Broke a taboo on options.

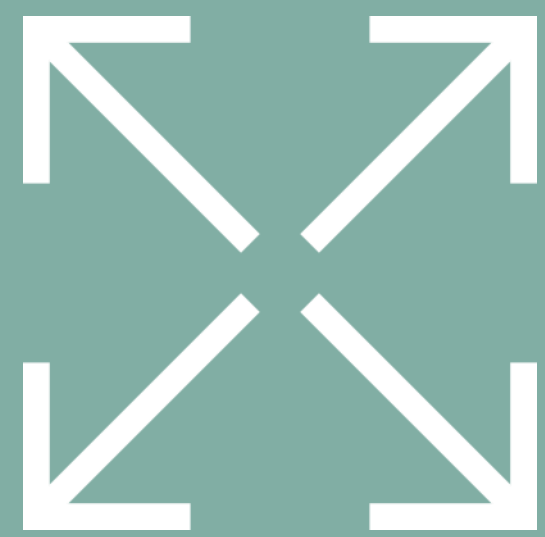
— Fernando Henrique Cardoso

Broke down the barriers to transparent
dialogue and paved the way toward a debate
without blinders or false prejudices.

— José Miguel Insulza

What makes this process unique?

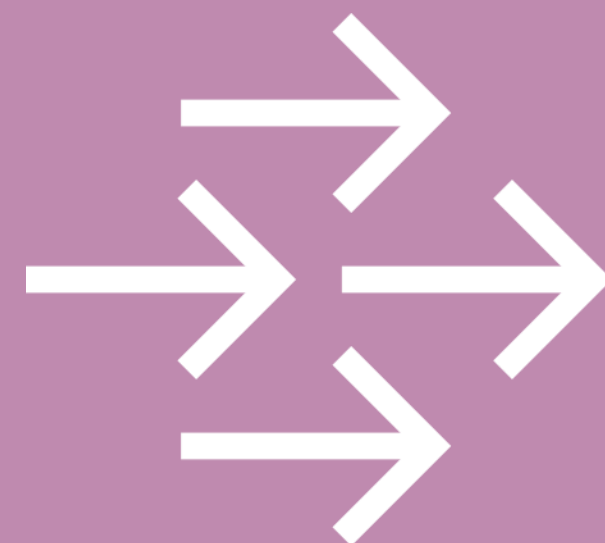
Broadening the conversation beyond the 'Cyprus problem'



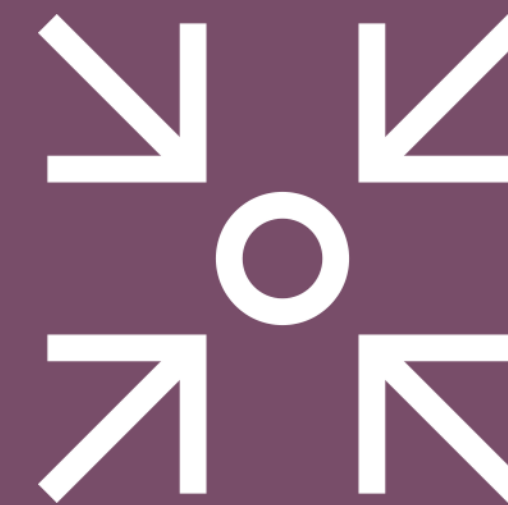
Engaging non-political stakeholders across sectors



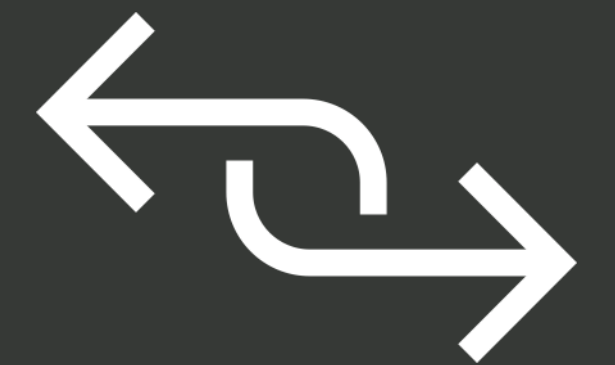
Future-oriented conversation



Feeding into existing dialogue processes

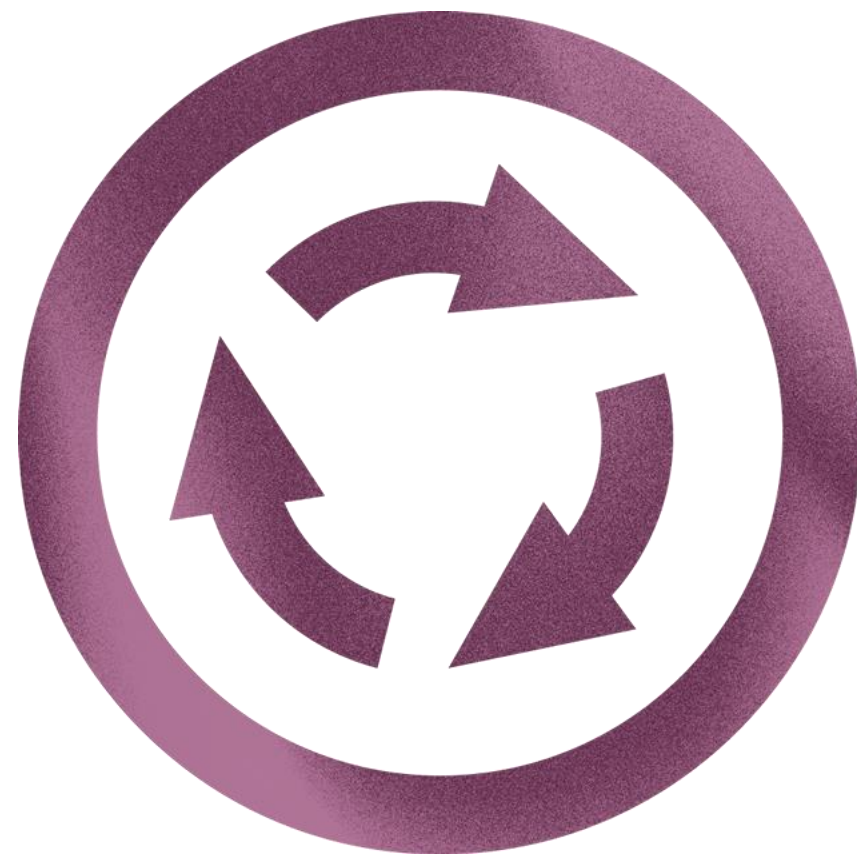


Engaging divergent actors in a conversation where there is no requirement to agree on what should happen



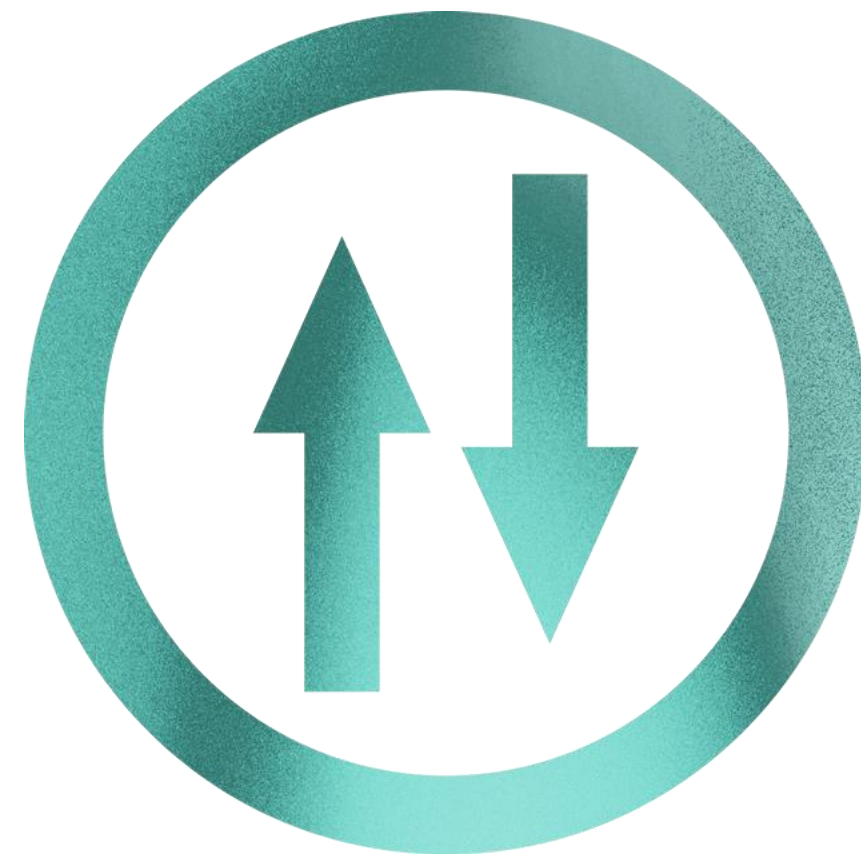
THE SCENARIOS

The Cyprus Futures scenarios



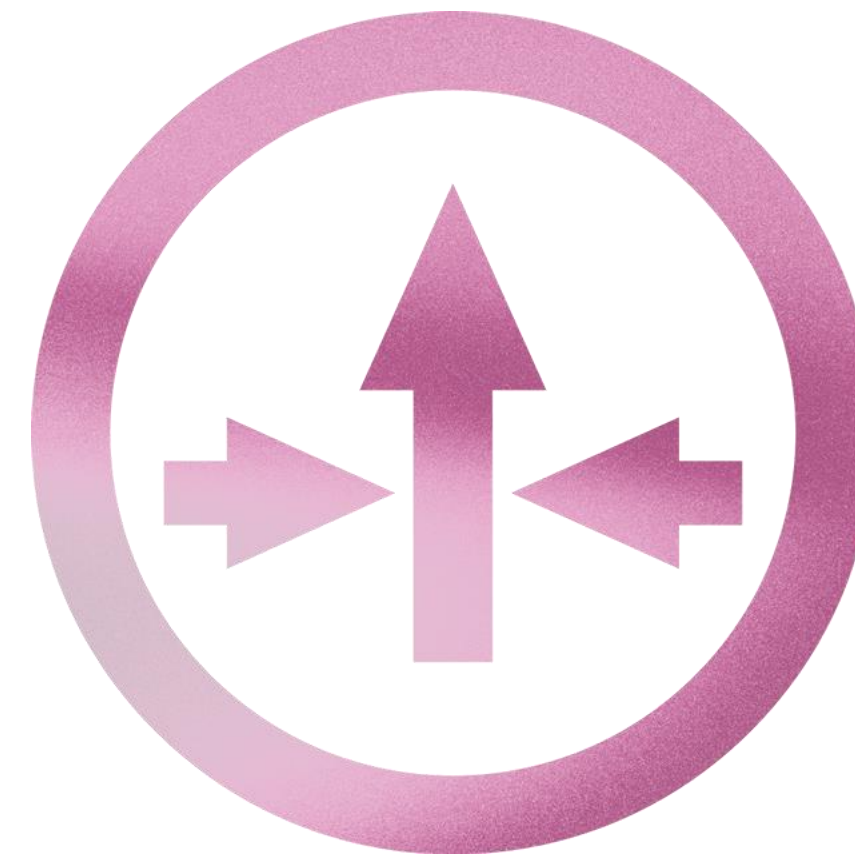
NO WAY

A scenario of stagnation and inaction



MY WAY

A scenario of divergence and opposition



THEIR WAY

A scenario of peace under pressure



OUR WAY

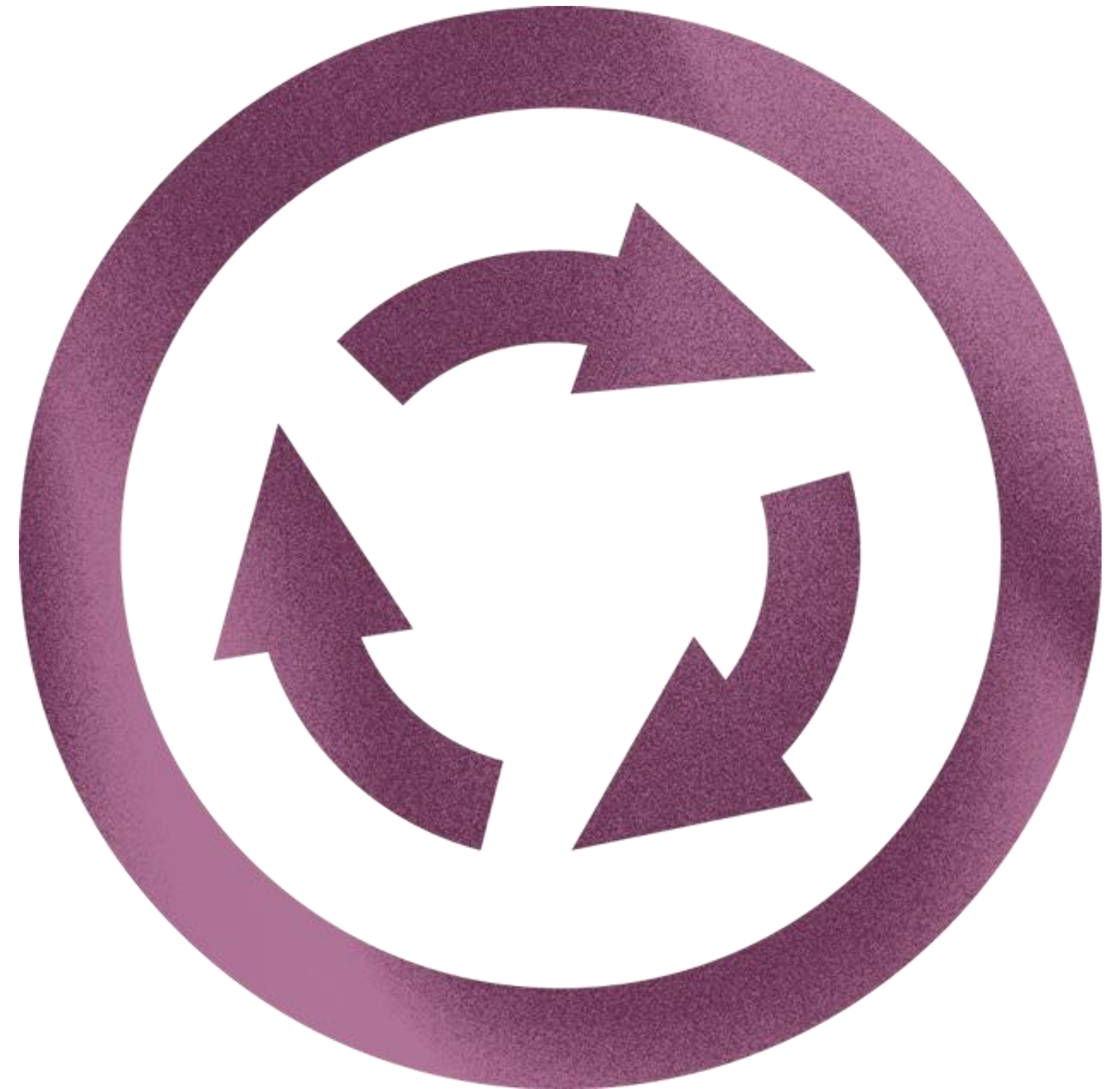
A scenario of resilient peace

THE WORLD OF 'NO WAY'

A scenario of stagnation and inaction

In the face of continuous failures of the peace process, divisions between the two main communities in Cyprus steadily deepen and solidify resulting in the north's gradually increasing dependence on and integration with Türkiye along with increased security concerns in the south and overall militarisation of the island.

The Cyprus problem gradually deteriorates.

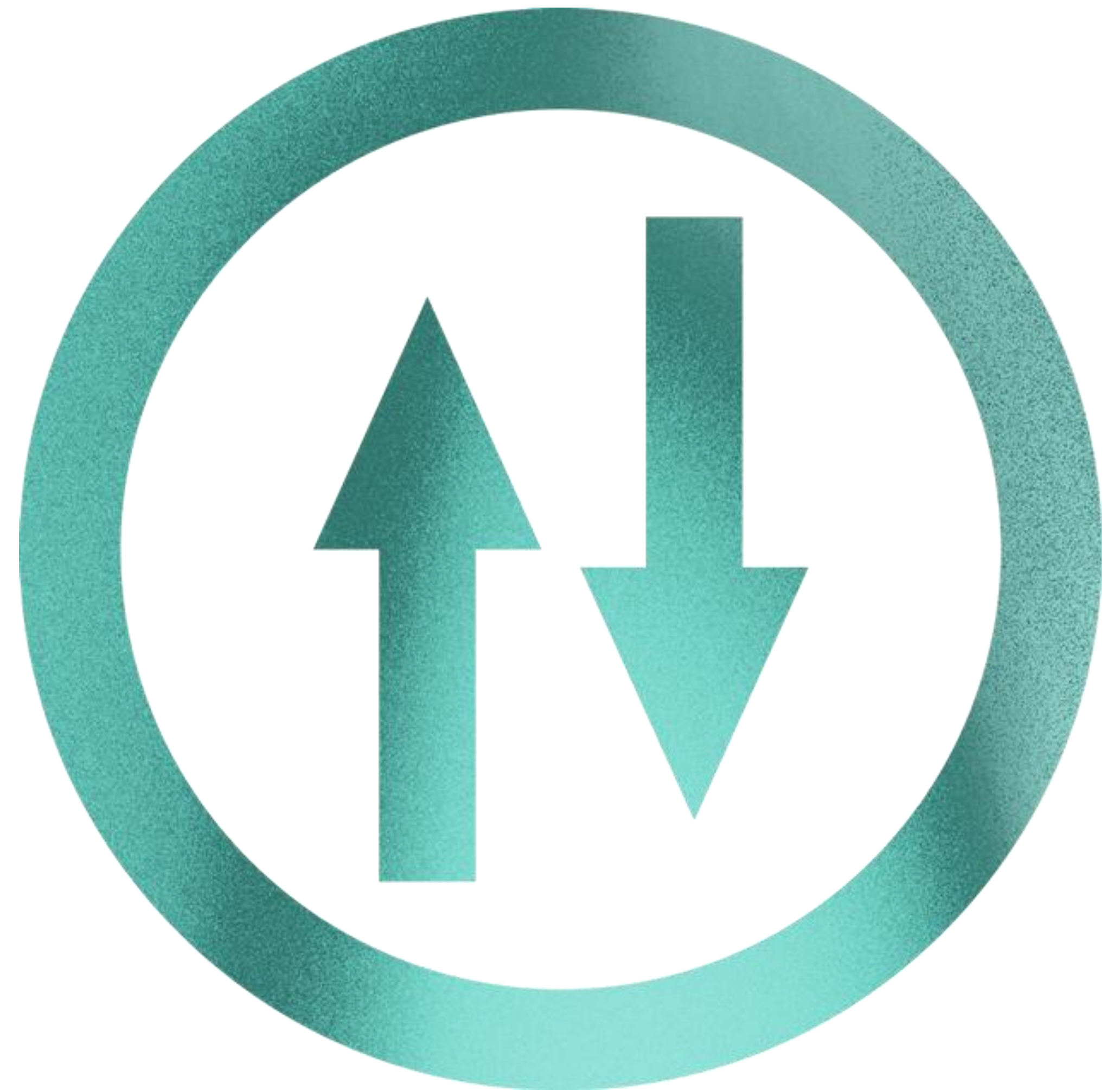


THE WORLD OF 'MY WAY'

A scenario of divergence and opposition

Intent on breaking out of long-standing isolation, Turkish Cypriots no longer hold out for an agreed settlement of the Cyprus problem and actively pursue international engagement and recognition as an independent state, prompting strong resistance from Greek Cypriots and condemnation by international organisations.

The Cyprus problem escalates rapidly.

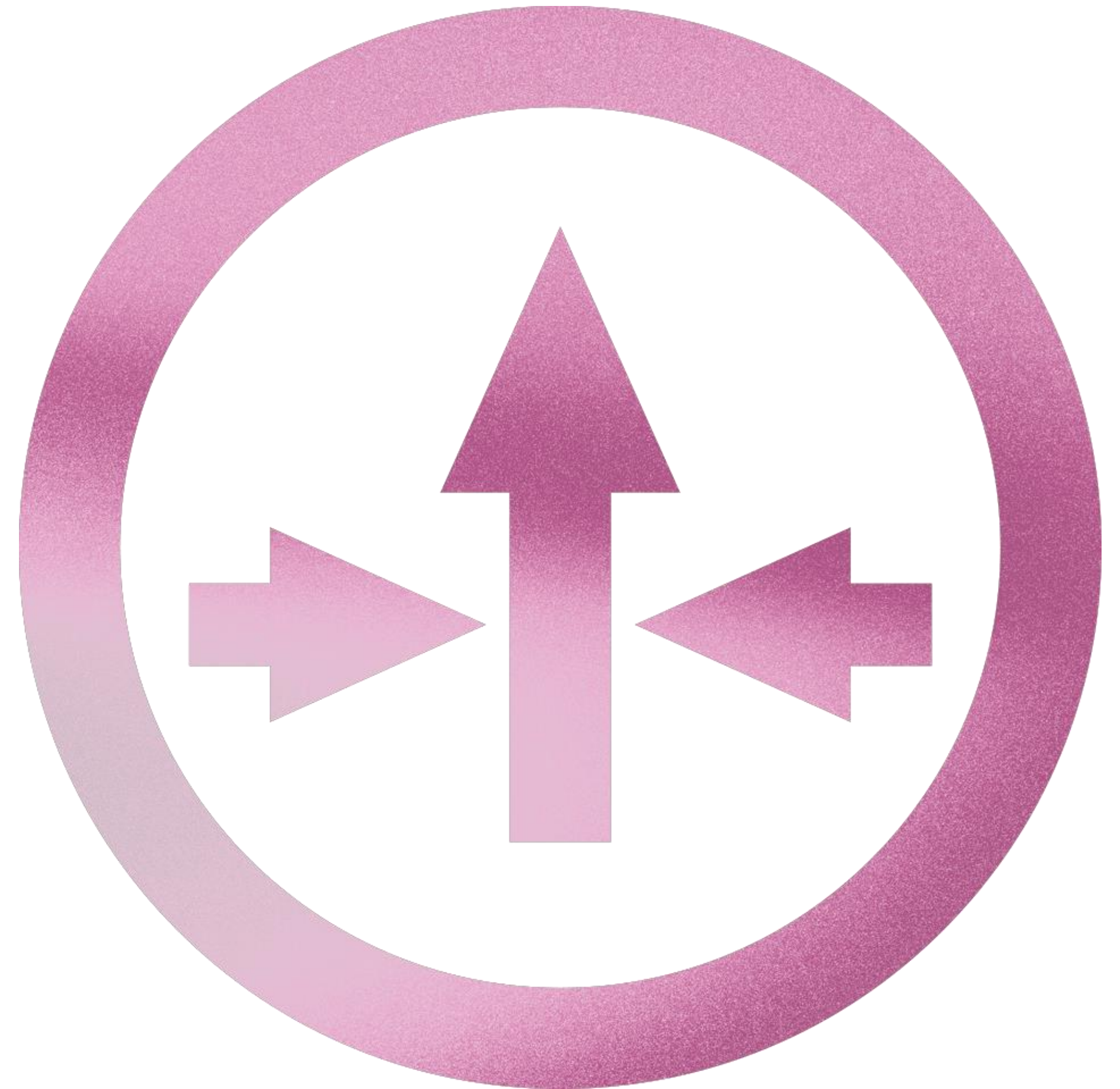


THE WORLD OF 'THEIR WAY'

A scenario of peace under pressure

Pressured by external forces and relying on international experts, a federation is established in Cyprus through a top-down process that fails to prepare communities for changes ahead, resulting in a dispensation that reinforces mistrust and ethnic divisions and has little capability to handle stress.

The Cyprus problem gets settled on the surface.



THE WORLD OF 'OUR WAY'

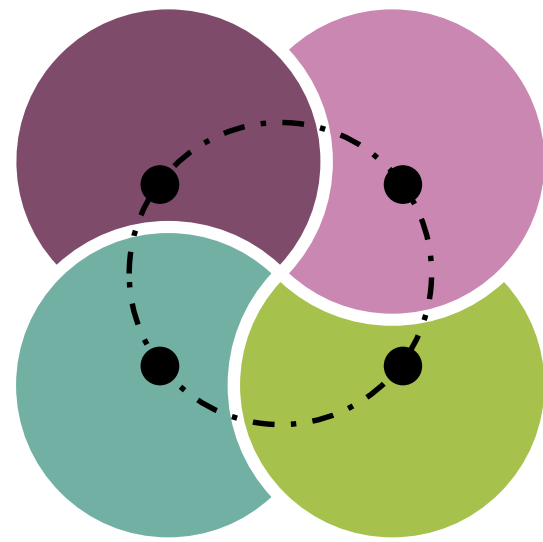
A scenario of resilient peace

Taking charge of their own future through a participatory process, the two main communities on the island acknowledge their interdependence in an evolving context as well as the economic and social benefits of peace and become partners in a federation that is resilient and inclusive.

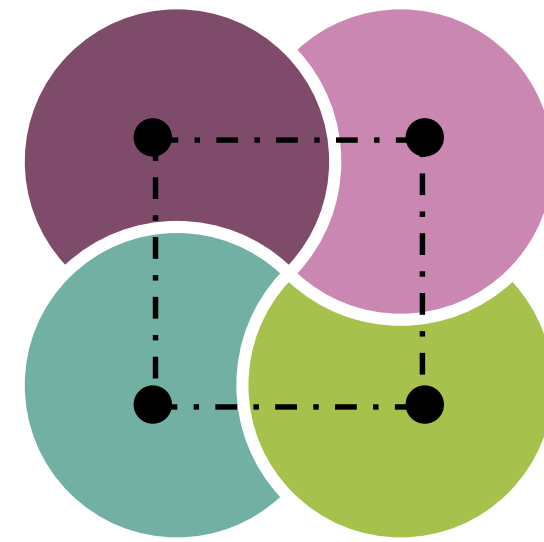
The Cyprus problem gets transformed.



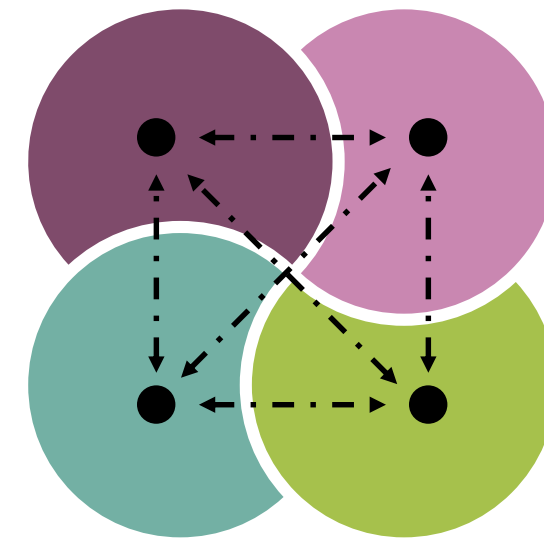
Key implications according to the Scenario Team



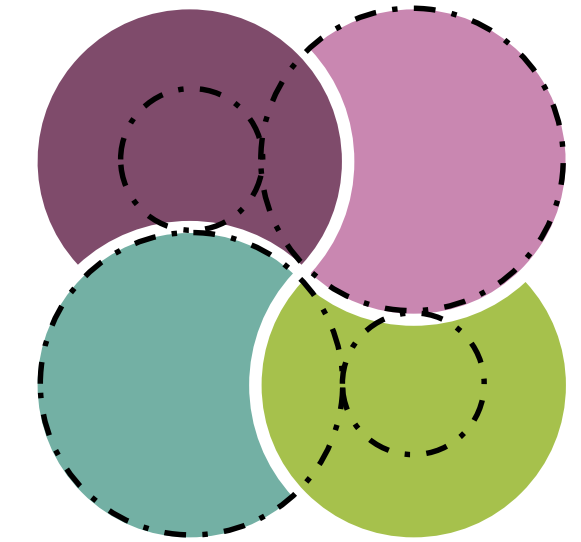
The **interdependence** of Cypriots is a reality in all scenarios - it is not going away, even if it's not visible and felt for everyone.



The Scenario Team developed comprehension of the other community – there is a need for **sincere interaction**. The decision to engage or not engage with the other community is a decisive factor determining which scenario materializes.

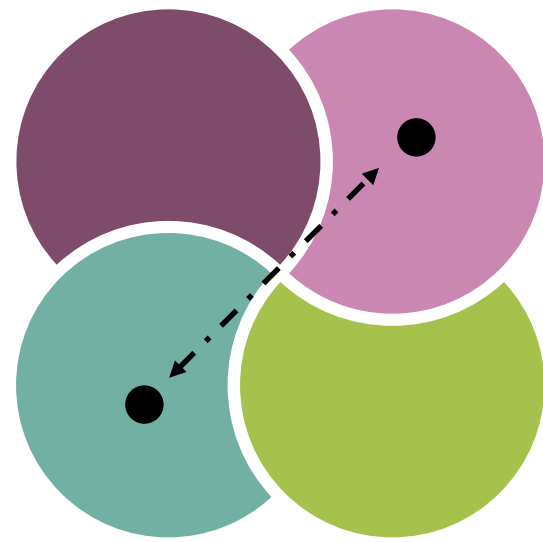


The situation on the ground is constantly changing. The current conditions in Cyprus are not resilient to the rapidly **changing context**.

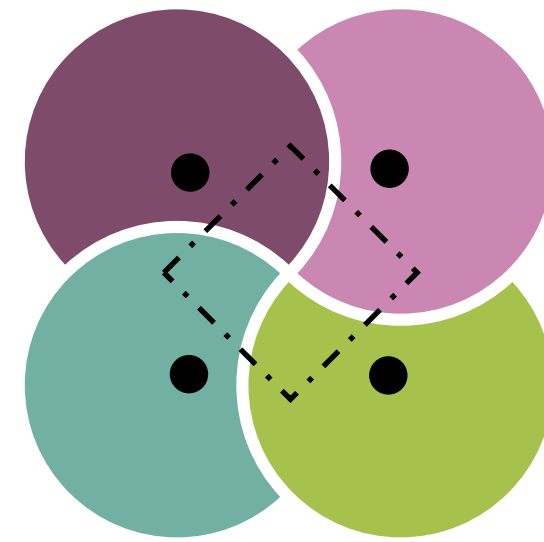


Our **actions and inactions** of today are shaping the future. Thinking in terms of scenarios can help us to consider the decisions each of us needs to make today.

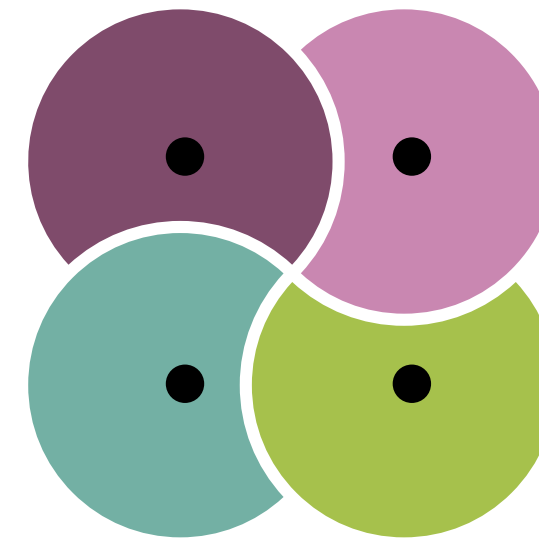
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A federation can emerge and operate in different ways – how it comes about matters for its success (how much and type of **participation and engagement**).



We need to consider the scenario we want but also the scenarios we don't want – then we reclaim our agency and the ownership of our future. **Reclaiming agency** reduces the risk that we will end up with a scenario where external influences are the dominant driving factor.



Each person and each institution has a **role to play** in shaping the future of Cyprus and in engaging in the conversation about that future.

COMMUNICATION

AND ENGAGEMENT

What has already been produced?

A **report** with the full scenario narratives

Approx. 10 pages per story



An **executive summary** with a comparative table relating the scenarios to each other



A guidebook for **how to use** the scenarios



Social media accounts

Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram



A **crowdfunding** page



A **website** with all the above materials



A communication **strategy**



Presentations at *Cyprus Forum* (with former President Santos) and *BuildPeace Conference*



Private briefings

In progress



Upcoming communication and engagement



Press release



Private briefings (cont'd)



Dialogue workshops

Video screenings and incorporation of scenarios in existing initiatives and fora



Satellite events

Outside Nicosia, diaspora and online



International events / briefings

Brussels / EU parliament, Geneva



Video production



Possible creative approaches

Virtual reality experience, online “TV series”, work with artists

Summary of communication strategy

Remember the aim is society-wide dialogue about the future.



Communicate scenarios as a whole set, not separately.



Develop, cultivate, and use the language of the scenarios – titles and icons (distinct visual identity).



Use the report to establish credibility. Use all available media formats to communicate.



Communicate concurrently on multiple levels. Above, through, below the line, top-down/bottom-up.



Use scenarios to ignite and to provide a platform for conversation. Embed the scenarios in existing fora and discussions.



Don't just disseminate. Engage and invite people into the conversation.



Center the Scenario Team rather than Reos Partners. Be transparent about funding including the investment of the ST.



How can you help?

Continue to **share** and talk about the scenarios in formal and informal settings.



Support us to **frame** the initiative correctly: impartial initiative, inclusive of all voices, intention is to stimulate dialogue and agency in relation to the future.



Include the scenarios and their implications in discussions among initiatives you support and internally in your team and the diplomatic community. Gently help the scenarios to find their place in the communities you engage with.



Focus on the **questions** the scenarios raise: Could this happen? Is this a risk? What would it take?

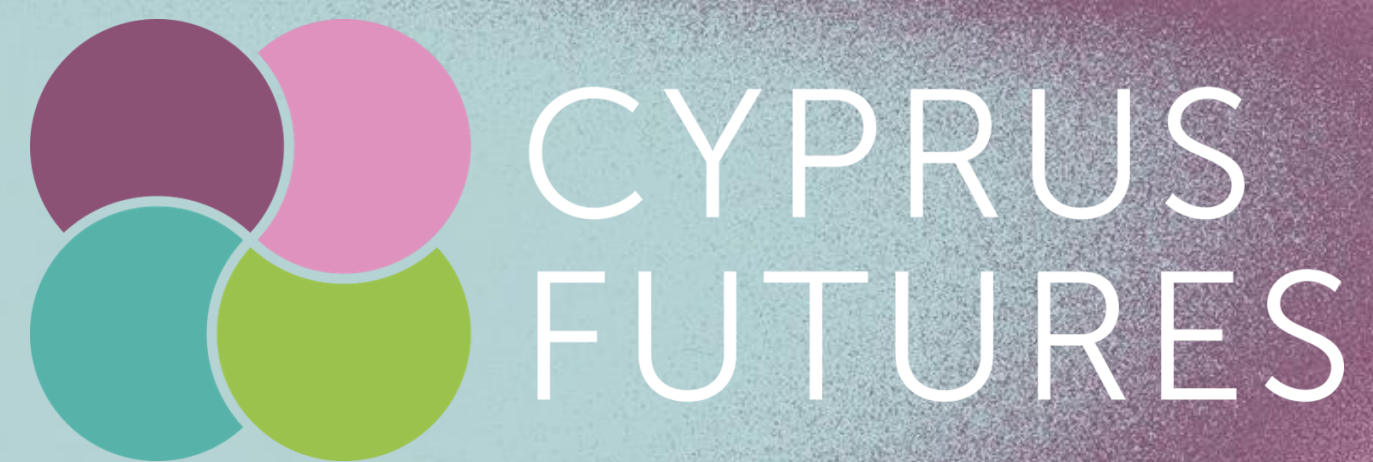


Use the scenarios as a **reflection tool** for your own strategy.



Convey that the scenarios are not proposals - the initiative does not advocate a specific future. We are advocating for thoughtfulness, **creativity**, reflection, and engagement.





POSSIBLE FUTURES OF CYPRUS 2022 – 2035

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