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Dear partners and friends in Cyprus!

Thank you that we are all together today! We are launching a European network project today, and we are doing so in Cyprus. We want to contribute to Europe's social security, which has become relevant right now. Thanks to Eleni Karaoli and the Cypriot team!

My experience shows that a country does not always have to be big to achieve big goals. Latvia is small; Cyprus is even smaller if we look at the map. I have visited Cyprus twice before and received support from non-governmental organizations. Our task is to promote social activity in order to increase people's well-being.

Whether we have succeeded in achieving the project's goals will be seen in a year and later. However, I believe in our partnership, the experts of our NGOs, led by Ruta from Estonia, Alina from Poland, Iris from Romania, Jacopo from Italy, Paul from France, Ingmarie from Sweden, Honoratte from Norway and Panayota from Greece.

Our project is called BOSS, so it would be good if we, as BOSS, could carry out our tasks together and then see changes in social policy and legislation, not only at national level, but at European level.

I believe that the daily work of the project partners is a heroic job – to help all kinds of vulnerable people. The BOSS project is our tool, our contribution to making our daily work even more efficient.

I wish the Cyprus Conference to be a milestone for every partner and for the BOSS project as a whole! I wish partner teams' endurance and strong health! I think, however, we still want to ask the European Commission for money for our important purposes.

Thank you very much!