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**Lidl Cyprus is Top Employer 2023**

**The award for the 6th consecutive year is proof of the company’s continuous efforts to ensure a human-centric working environment.**

For the **6th consecutive year**, **Lidl Cyprus** has been awarded the title of Top Employer in Cyprus and Europe by the internationally recognized **Top Employers Institute** for its orientation and activities for its big team.

This reward is a result of Lidl Cyprus’ activities. The company designs and implements a plethora of activities to ensure a friendly and team-centric working environment with continuous training, growth, and development, supporting the family and offering equal opportunities to each one of its over 700 employees.

Spyros Kondylis, General Manager of Lidl Cyprus, stated ‘‘This 6th consecutive year in which we receive the Top Employer certification highlights the activities we've been implementing in recent years. We overcome challenges such as the constantly shifting environment, and continue to systematically and consistently offer all that is needed in order for each and every member of our big team to thrive. **It is a working environment based on the concept of "Together**".

David Plink, CEO of Top Employers Institute, noted that ‘‘The particular times we live in bring out the best in people and Organizations. We noticed that this year in our certified Top Employers program: our 2023 certified Top Employers performed excellently. These employers demonstrated that they always care about the development and well-being of their people. In so acting, they collectively enrich the working world. Proudly, we announce and celebrate this year's team of top human-centric employers: the Top Employers 2023’’.

The **Top Employers Institute** is an international, independent organization that aims to certify those companies that are characterized by the excellent working conditions they offer. The organization has 30 years of presence and activity in the industry, and this year, over 2,000 Top Employers were recognized from 121 countries. Overall, thanks to the certified Top Employers for 2023, over 9.5 million employees around the world have a better working environment.

**Furthermore, Lidl Cyprus was recently awarded** the **‘‘Equality Employer’’** certification by the National Certification Body, which reflects the active promotion of gender equality practices and initiatives within companies. Additionally, **the company has signed the Diversity Charter**, which comes to stress our commitment to an inclusive and diverse work environment, **free from direct or indirect discrimination and stereotyping**.

Today, we remain **the only company in Cyprus,** regardless of industry, that received the **Top Employer** certification for 2023 from the independent international organization "Top Employer Institute", and for a 6th consecutive year in fact, as a result of a range of activities that put our people center-stage.

The company plans to hire new staff in 2023 for stores, logistics centers, and offices, further strengthening its presence in the retail market of Cyprus, seeking to remain an **employer of choice, with consistency and responsibility**.

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