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Project Details	
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Project Objectives, Description and Impact (300 words max)

Foreign domestic workers (FDW) are typically the female, third country nationals, who clean the homes of Cypriot families and care for their children, elderly and disabled members when relatives cannot, and the state will not, provide alternative support structures. This study's research objectives are to

- a) Identify the challenges faced by FDW in Cyprus;
- b) ground these in the theoretical literature; and
- c) make recommendations on how such challenges can be addressed at a policy level.

The study focuses on FDW as a particular category of migrants because a combination of four factors has made undertaking research in this area a pressing need. The first factor concerns the sheer number of FDW in Cyprus. The second relates to the vulnerability of FDW. Thirdly, the high numbers of FDW and their vulnerability are not unrelated to the policies that have been adopted to regulate their entry and stay in Cyprus. Despite their numerical prevalence and vulnerability, which has been worsened by problematic governmental policies, FDW have been the subject of very little interest among the academic community. Thus, the final factor

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necessitating additional research in this area, is the fact that what academic research has already been produced is limited in its focus and outdated.

The project will give rise to the publication of academic and newspaper articles, blog pieces, a report co-authored with the Ombudsman of the Republic of Cyprus, a policy paper to be published by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (Cyprus Centre) and a leaflet with information, that will be targeting foreign domestic workers.
