



## **DEPUTY MINISTRY OF TOURISM**



## **ACCESSIBLE BEACHES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL ACCESS NEEDS**

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism, in its efforts to upgrade island's beaches, is an active supporter of issues related to accessibility. Cyprus now has 50 beaches for people on wheelchairs or reduced mobility, including 29 fully accessible and 21 partially accessible beaches.

### **FULLY ACCESSIBLE BEACHES**

The following 29 beaches have full access to the beach, as the wheelchair user is able to get from the beach into the sea moving on a wooden or plastic corridors. Hygiene facilities and parking places for disabled persons are also provided.

Worth mentioning is the fact that at four of these beaches there is an innovative system (Seatrac) that enables disabled people to have a full and autonomous access into the sea. It is an automatic system powered by photovoltaic energy, consisting of a seat fixed on a rail that carries the disabled person into the sea at an approximate depth of 60cm. Moreover, many beaches have Floating Wheelchairs that can easily move on the sand and float on the water thanks to their floating armrests and wheels. Seatracs and Floating Wheelchairs are available for use by the public free of charge and relevant information may be obtained from the trained lifeguards on the beaches.

AMMOCHOSTOS (FAMAGUSTA) (7 beaches)

Agia Napa: Lanta (Floating Wheelchair), Pantachou (Floating Wheelchair), Vathia Gonia (Seatrak) .

Sotira – Agia Napa: Agia Thekla (Floating Wheelchair).

Paralimni: Protaras /Fig Tree Beach (Floating Wheelchair), Louma (Floating Wheelchair), Vrysi C' / Yianna Mari (Seatrak and Floating Wheelchair).