

Cyprus: A dynamic business and investment centre



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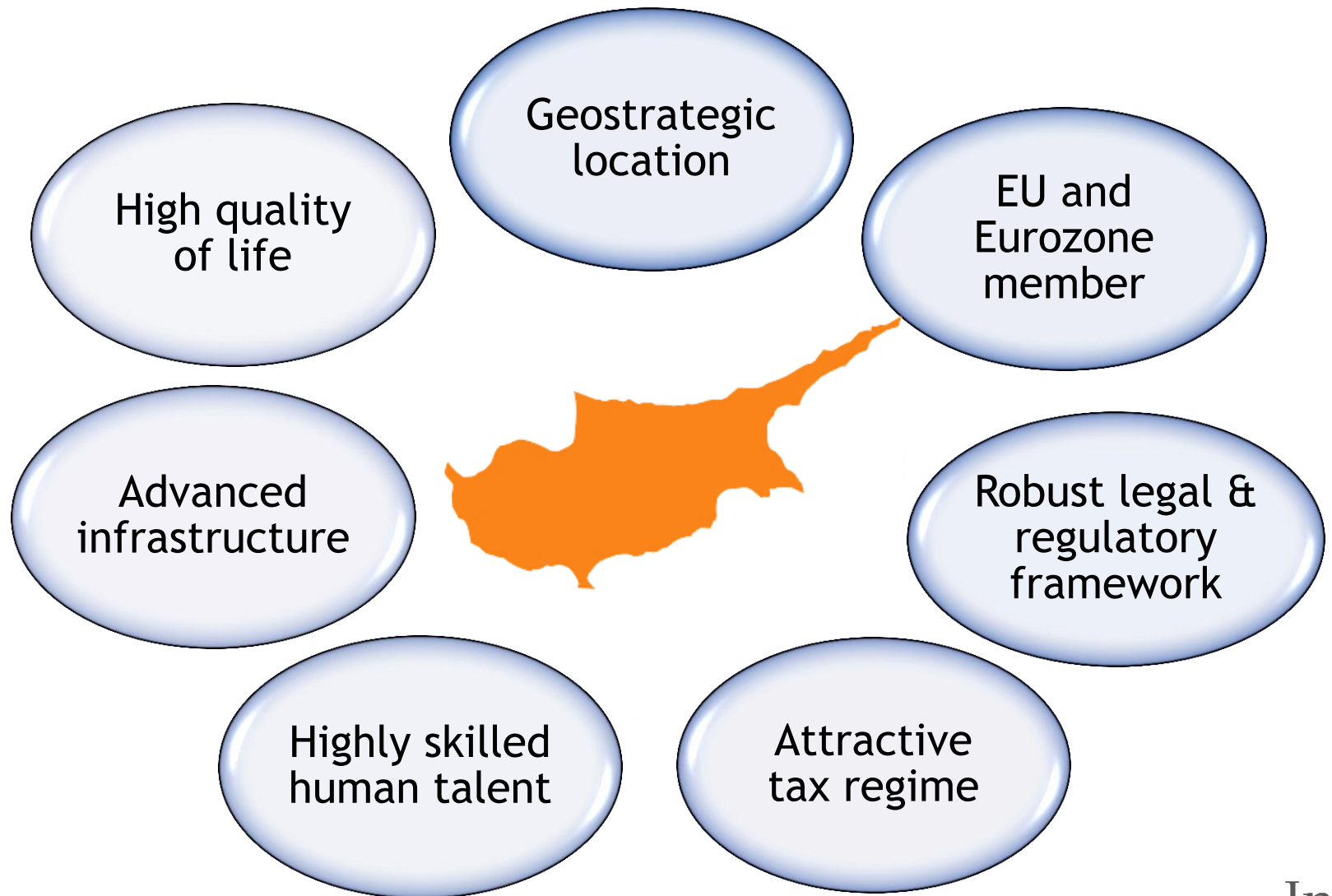


Cyprus: an international business hub

- A destination of choice for doing business
- A long-established reputation as an international "centre of excellence"
- Opportunities in a wide range of economic sectors



Cyprus: Competitive advantages



Legal system

Fully
transparent

Based on UK
Common Law
Principles

Harmonized
with
international
standards

Application
of EU
directives

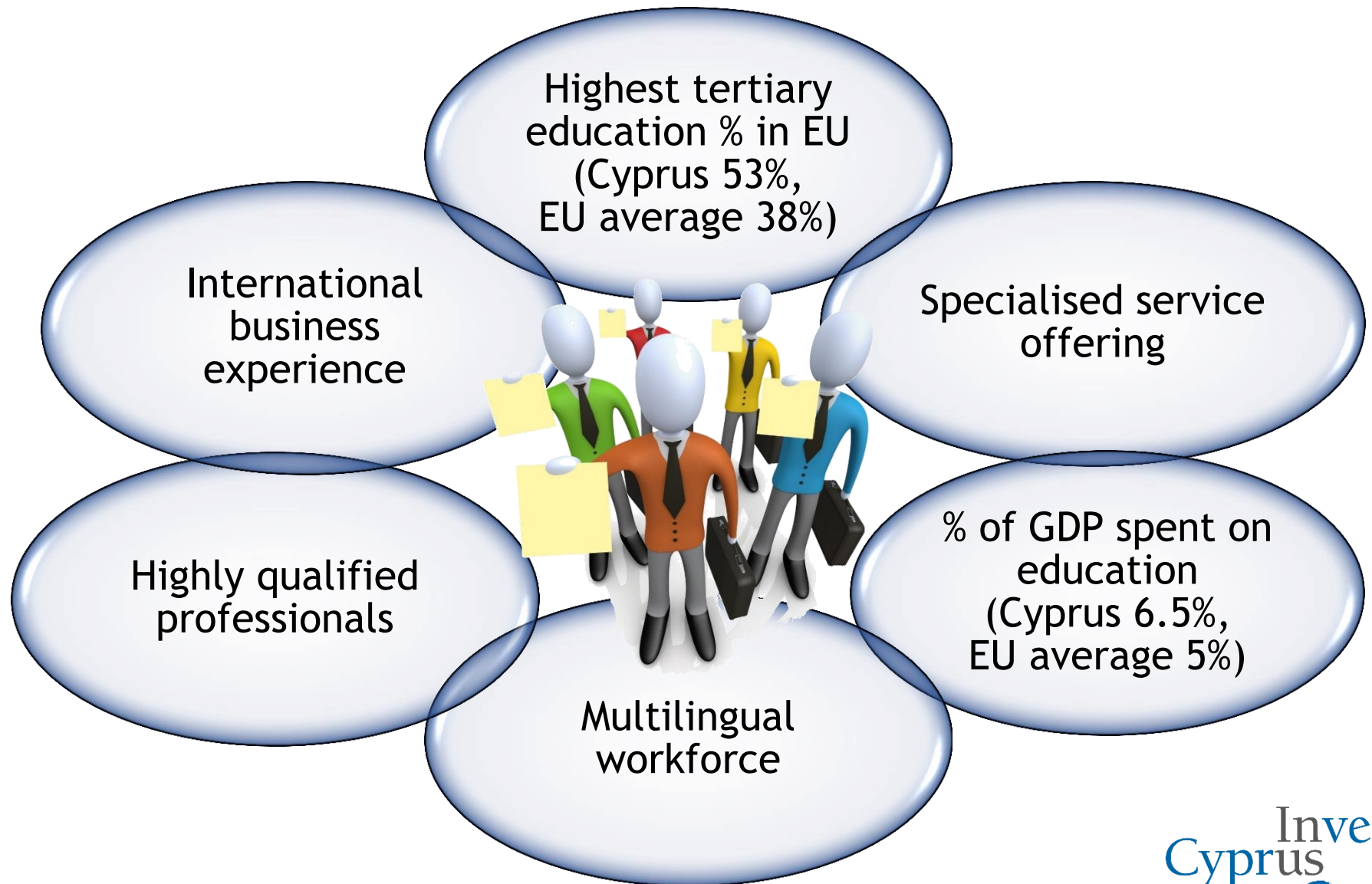


Attractive tax regime

- EU & OECD Compliant / Access to EU directives
- Corporate tax rate at 12,5%
- Dividend participation exemption
- No tax on profits from disposal of securities
- No withholding taxes
- No taxation of capital gains under conditions
 - Notional Interest Deduction (NID) on investment in Cypriot companies
- No Controlled Foreign Company (CFC) rules
 - Attractive IP Regime



Human talent



Professional services

- Widely recognised as International “Centre of Excellence”
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for 3+ decades
- 1st jurisdiction being authorised for the training of UK Chartered Accountants and CIMA outside the UK



- 120+ accounting firms
- 160+ law firms
- 90 members of Cyprus Association of Actuaries (CAA)

Cyprus: An ideal Regional Headquartering location

- A robust and modernized business hub with easy access to a market of 500 million EU citizens
- A reliable partner within the European Union that can offer competitive benefits and solutions for companies affected by Brexit
- Cyprus is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations



Quality of life

- 🌊 1st in safest small countries and 5th globally (Value Penguin 2015)
- 🌊 Limassol, 4th best retirement destination globally (Knight Frank 2016)
- 🌊 1st in cleanest waters and most blue flag beaches in the EU (Eurostat)
 - 🌊 2nd best climate worldwide (InterNations Survey 2015)



Key economic sectors



Banking & Financial Services

Investment Funds

Shipping

Tourism

Health & Wellness Tourism

Real Estate

Start-Ups & Innovation

Energy

Filming

Hospitality and Tourism - Large-scale projects



Marinas

Hotels

Luxury Developments

Leisure & Theme Parks

Luxury Resorts

Golf Courses

Integrated Tourism Resort

Integrated Casino Resort

Banking and Financial Services

- The Banking Sector has attracted significant amounts of FDI, including funds from the EBRD
- EIB supports Cyprus for the last 35 years with investments of €2.7B
- Cypriot Banks are fully recapitalized and regulated by the ECB under very strict guidelines
- Cyprus has implemented the Anti-Money Laundering Law (188(I)/2007)



Investment funds



Cost-efficient and simple to set-up and run

Robust & business friendly regulatory framework

Supervised by a competent & accessible regulatory authority

Most income of a Cyprus tax resident Fund is tax free

No restrictions by the Regulator on type of investments

Reduced reporting requirements

Research and Development

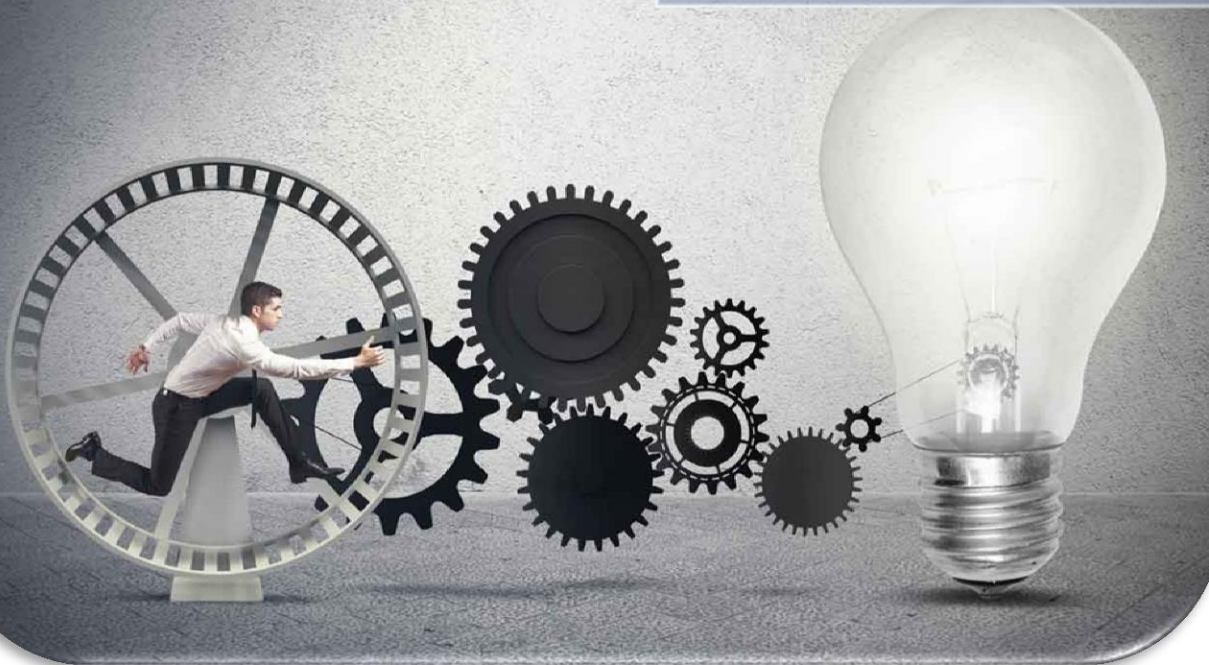


- Attract international know-how to harvest local talent
- Build Centres of Excellence
- Encourage foreign investment into local start-ups

Start-Ups and Innovation

Incentives

- Income tax relief of up to 50% of taxable income for natural persons investing in qualifying Start-ups
- Upper limit of deduction €150,000/year
- Right to claim the tax relief within a 5-year time period
- Start-up visa for qualifying applicants



Filming Industry



- ✓ New incentive scheme currently in draft
- ✓ Synergies with India and opportunity to establish mutually beneficial partnerships
- ✓ **Ideal filming conditions:** natural light with ample amount of sunshine, pictures locations, culture, antiquity & natural beauty, various landscapes to choose from

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Thank you!



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