

University of Cyprus joins YERUN!

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YERUN is delighted to announce that the **University of Cyprus (UCY)** has officially become a YERUN member! By welcoming UCY into the network, YERUN expands its representation towards South-East Europe. For YERUN, the University of Cyprus is a fantastic fit: in only thirty-two years since its foundation, UCY has established itself as a leading research institution in the Euro-Mediterranean region, and its values and goals resonate perfectly with those of YERUN. A big welcome to UCY into the Young European Research Universities Network!

Prof. Bernd Scholz-Reiter
YERUN President



"I am pleased and honoured to welcome the University of Cyprus in YERUN. As the leading university and the most active research institution in Cyprus, UCY is a great fit within our network and it will bring an immense added value in terms of expertise in research and education, diversity and cultural richness."

Prof. Tasos Christofides
Rector of the
University of Cyprus



"The University of Cyprus is proud and excited to be a member of YERUN. Through its participation in the Network, UCY intends to make its own contribution towards the realisation of YERUN's mission, by being actively involved in its activities. At the same time, UCY will greatly benefit from its membership in YERUN, by building strong bonds with its partners, participating in projects and workshops and exchanging know-how and good practices. We are looking forward to collaborating closely with all YERUN partners."

Silvia Gomez Recio
YERUN Secretary General



"Welcoming the University of Cyprus in YERUN lays the foundation of a bridge that will connect us with the most modern and innovative university in Cyprus. This joyful event will open a new era of collaborations for the network, multiplying practice exchanges, cooperation opportunities, perspectives and experiences, to the benefit of all YERUN partners."

About the University of Cyprus



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About

The University of Cyprus (UCY), based in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, is a modern, diverse, and evolving student-centered institution established only three decades ago. With around 7.000 students and 800 faculty and staff members, UCY is a rapidly expanding university and the biggest employer in Cyprus for young graduates and researchers. It currently employs about 700 young scientists, using external research funds. Its 8 faculties and 22 departments offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, whilst its numerous, highly cited researchers give UCY a cutting - edge. All programmes of academic study function under the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Furthermore, UCY awards the Diploma Supplement with DS Label.

International Outlook

UCY is globally networked and actively contributes to European and international scientific developments. UCY's involvement in the international arena is many-folded. More specifically, UCY:

- Maintains close relations with top institutions internationally through the signing of more than 250 Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation;
- Is an active member in more than 60 international university networks and associations;
- Participates in the university alliance YUFE (Young Universities for the Future of Europe) with 9 other European universities;
- Participates in the ERASMUS+ Programme since 1998;
- Has developed strategic partnerships with the establishment of the Aula Cervantes and the Confucius Institute on its premises.

Research

UCY is considered the leading university and the most active research institution in Cyprus. With 15 Research Centres and various research laboratories, UCY has implemented a large number of research projects funded by the European Union, the national Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF) and several public and private Research Organizations.



Under H2020 UCY:

- ranked 1st in Cyprus with 136 research projects and with total funding of over €64,4 million from January 2014, the start date of H2020 program, until February 2021. UCY ranked 148th in securing funding among the nearly 40,000 organizations participating in the Program and 106th among all the academic institutions involved. This is a great distinction for UCY since it surpasses, in absolute numbers, other famous and much larger European universities. In general, UCY excelled in all pillars of H2020 program. Since 2017, UCY has secured 3 Teaming in Excellence projects (for the development of independent research centres aiming at becoming Centres of Research Excellence). Two of these three grants are worth €15 million each.
- ranked 1st in securing funding in the pillar "Spreading Excellence" among all organizations from the 27 widening countries. Under this pillar, UCY secured 21 research projects with total funding of €28.6 million (3 Teaming Phase 2 - €23million, 7 Teaming Phase 1 - €1million, 1 Era Chair - €2.5 million, 4 Twinning - €1.6 million and 6 Widening Fellowships - €911.647)

Since the establishment of the European Research Council in 2007, UCY has received the highest number of ERC grants in Cyprus. More specifically, it was awarded 6 Starting Grants (FP7 and H2020), 3 Consolidator Grants, 2 Advanced Grants and 6 Proof of Concept Grants. These numbers are impressive given that ERC funds only top researchers in Europe, excellence being the sole criterion for selection, and helps them pursue great ideas at frontiers of knowledge. UCY has secured 7 projects under the "Industrial Development" axis with 5 projects in Information and Communication Technologies, 1 project in Space Action and 1 in Advanced Manufacturing and Processing, as well as 1 project under the EURATOM initiative and 2 projects in the horizontal priority "Science with and for the Society".

Currently, UCY implements 22 Marie Skłodowska-Curie projects. Apart from Individual Fellowships, it participates in ITN and RISE Actions. UCY has so far successfully implemented 64 Marie Skłodowska-Curie projects.

From the beginning of 2017 until February 2021, UCY secured over 164 research projects with total funding of over €30 million under the "RESTART 2016-2020 Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation" Cyprus (RIF).

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- About YERUN -

The Young European Research University Network (YERUN) is a cluster of highly-ranked young universities in Europe that strengthens and facilitates cooperation in the areas of scientific research, academic education and services which benefit society. In this context, YERUN members consider that adequate support to human capital is essential to foster the next generations of (European) researchers and innovators. Strong support for excellent early-career researchers is therefore a priority for all YERUN members.

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University of Antwerp, Autonomous University of Madrid, University of Bremen, Brunel University London, University Carlos III Madrid, University of Cyprus, Dublin City University, University of Eastern Finland, University of Essex, University of Konstanz, University of Limerick, Maastricht University, University Nova de Lisboa, University Paris Dauphine, University of Rijeka, Tor Vergata University of Rome, Syddansk University, and Ulm University.



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