

FACTS AND FIGURES ON CYPRUS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 6 February 1961.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 1987-1991).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (Term expires in 2020)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation – Vice Presidency.
4. **The former Director-General's visits to Cyprus:**
 - 26 August 2005: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr. Marios Lyssiotis, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since January 2012)
 - Staff: Mrs Photini Panayi, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Eva Elina Mina, Second Counsellor;
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou (October 2010-November 2011); H.E. Mr Périclès Nearkou (July 2002-April 2009)
6. **UNESCO Office:** none
7. **Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO:** established in February 1962.
 - President: Mrs Loukia Hadjigavriel (since March 2006)
 - Secretary-General: Mr. Pavlos Paraskevas (since November 2009)
 - Mrs Antigoni Polyniki, Officer
 - Mrs Thekla Papantoniou, Officer
8. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:**
 - Mr Georges Christophides, President, World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 2
 - UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at the University of Cyprus (2009)
 - UNESCO Chair in Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace at the School of Education, Intercollege, Nicosia (2004)
10. **Associated Schools:** 15 (5 primary, 9 secondary and 1 teacher training institution). Cyprus joined the ASP Network in 1968.
11. **UNESCO Clubs:** 4
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **Global Geopark Network:** 1
 - Troodos Global Geopark
14. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 3 cultural sites
 - Choirokoitia (1998)

- Painted Churches in the Troodos Region (1985, extension in 2001)
- Paphos (1980)

16. Tentative List: 10 properties

- Church of Panagia Aggeloktisti (2015)
- Agioi Varnavas and Ilarion at Peristerona (Five-domed churches) (2004)
- Church of Panayia Chrysokourdaliotissa, Kourdali (extension to "Painted Churches in the Troodos Region") (2002)
- The rural settlement of Fikardou (2002)
- Mathiatis South (2002)
- Kionia (2002)
- Khandria (2002)
- Troodos, Mt. Olympus (2002)
- Malounta Bridge (2002)
- Klirou Bridge (2002)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements

- Mediterranean Diet, submitted with Croatia, Spain, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Portugal (2013)
- Tsiattista poetic duelling (2011)
- Lefkara laces or Lefkaritika (2009)

18. Memory of the World Register: no inscriptions

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 23 ratified and 17 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (8 September 2009)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (19 December 2006)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (24 February 2006)

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: none

22. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 3 projects submitted for a total amount of US\$86,965
- 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for the total amount of US\$87.000.
- 2008-2009: 7 projects approved for a total amount of US\$110.000.

23. Fellowships: 1 fellowship for a total amount of US\$ 15,000

24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.043%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 140,395

25. Voluntary contributions: (in US Dollars)

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011*	2010
Total		3,070	3,070	3,004	5,048	70, 837

26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

- **2 Professional staff in geographical posts: (min 2, max 4)**