

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
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict – Vice-Chairmanship
4. **The former Director-General's visits to Cyprus:**
 - 26 August 2005: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mrs Photini Panayi, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Chargée d'affaires a.i.
 - Staff: Mrs Elena Mina, First Counsellor
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Marios Lyssiotis (January 2012 - 2016), H.E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou (October 2010 - November 2011); H.E. Mr Périclès Nearkou (July 2002 - April 2009)
6. **UNESCO Offices:** 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)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
 - 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 (2009), University of Cyprus
 - UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace (2004), School of Education, Intercollege, Nicosia
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:** 11 properties
- Hala Sultan Tekke and the Larnaka Salt Lake Complex (2016)
 - 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 inscriptions
- Mediterranean Diet, jointly 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. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none
- 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017:** Total unpaid: US\$ 77,037
- Assessment rate for 2017: 0.043%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 280,790
 - Total payments received in the biennium as at 16 February 2017: US\$ 203,753
- 26. Voluntary contributions:** (in US Dollars)

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

- 27. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented
- 2 Professional staff in geographical posts: (min 2, max 4)