

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON CYPRUS / UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

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** (by year of end of term):
 - 2020 : Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage
 - 2019 : Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
 - Permanent membership in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (since 1979)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Cyprus :** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Cyprus :** none
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
 - Permanent Delegate : H.E. Mr Pantelakis D. Eliades, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cyprus to France (since February 2017)
 - Staff : Ms Photini Panayi, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Iacovos Giragosian, First Counsellor; Mr Nikos Panayiotou, First Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegates : H.E. Mr Marios Lyssiotis (2012-2016)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **National Commission:** established in February 1962
 - President : Ms Loukia Hadjigavriel (since March 2006)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Pavlos Paraskevas (since November 2009)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mr Georges Christophides, President, World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 3
 - 2018 : UNESCO Chair on Digital Cultural Heritage, Cyprus University of Technology
 - 2009 : UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, University of Cyprus
 - 2004 : UNESCO chair on Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace, School of Education, Intercollege, Nicosia
11. **Associated Schools:** 17 institutions
 - 5 primary and 12 secondary schools
 - Cyprus joined the ASP Network in 1968
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** 4
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
14. **Category 2 Institutes and Centers:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 1
 - 2015 : Troodos Global Geopark

16. World Heritage Sites: 3 cultural sites

- 1998 : Choirokoitia
- 1985 (extension in 2001) : Painted Churches in the Troodos Region
- 1980 : Paphos

17. Tentative List: 11 properties

- 2016 : Hala Sulatan Tekke and the Larnaka Salt Lake Complex
- 2015 : Church of Panagia Aggeloktisti
- 2004 : Agioi Varnavas and Ilarion at Peristerona (Five-domed churches)
- 2002 : Church of Panayia Chrysokourdaliotissa, Kourdali (extension to “Painted Churches in the Troodos Region”)
- 2002 : The rural settlement of Fikardou
- 2002 : Mathiastis South
- 2002 : Kionia
- 2002 : Khandria
- 2002 : Troodos, Mt. Olympus
- 2002 : Malounta Bridge
- 2002 : Klirou Bridge

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 inscriptions on the Representative List of the ICH of Humanity

- 2018 : Art of dry stone walling, knowledge and techniques, jointly with Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland
- 2013 : Mediterranean Diet, jointly with Croatia, Spain, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Portugal
- 2011 : Tsiattista poetic dueling
- 2009 : Lefkara laces or Lefkaritika

19. Memory of the World Register: no inscription

20. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

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

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001) : non-ratified
- 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)

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2019-2020: none

23. Participation Programme:

- No projects since 2012
- 2010-2011 : 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 87.000
- 2009-2009 : 7 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 110.000

24. Fellowships: 1 fellowship for US\$ 15,000

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

26. Voluntary contributions (in US\$):

Year	Jan-Jun 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	3,070	3,070

27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019 : paid

- Assessment rate: 0.046%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 116,502

28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented (min. 2, max. 4), with 2 professional staff in geographical posts at HQ :