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Republic of Cyprus

The Island of Cyprus is the third largest of the Mediterranean islands and officially known as the Republic of Cyprus. Strategically placed at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, the island has had a very turbulent history which is reflected in the architectural ruins, abandoned villages, ghost-towns and Nicosia, Europe's last remaining 'Divided City'. In the island, one encounters an exotic and exciting mix of east and west which is reflected in the cultural traditions and lifestyle. Cyprus has been a full member of the EU since the 1st of May 2004 and adopted the Euro on the 1st of January 2008. It is noted that Cyprus has been divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to Protocol 10 to the Act of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, the application of the European Law (acquis) shall be suspended in those areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control. United Nations Security Council called upon all states to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and condemned all secessionist actions (resolution 550/1984). A negotiating process aiming at reaching a settlement of the Cyprus problem is currently under way.

Nicosia (Lefkosia) is the capital of Cyprus and is located roughly in the centre of the island. Instead of the sea breeze, here one can feel an air of sophistication and cultural diversity that reinforces its capacity as a European capital. With a rich history that can be traced back to the Bronze Age, Lefkosia only became the capital in the 11th century AD, and it was the Lusignans who transformed it into a magnificent city with a royal palace and over fifty churches. Later in the 16th century, the Venetians gave it its trademark city walls, which completely encircle the Old City. The massive and architecturally impressive walls have a circumference of 4.5 Km, with 11 heart-shaped bastions and 3 gates to the city. The walls divide Lefkosia into the Old City within, and modern and continuously developing city outside the walls. Sadly, Lefkosia is still divided, with the demarcation Green Line running right across the Old City from east to west. Crossing over from one side to the other is now possible upon presentation of ID card or passport.

Larnaca, the host town of the meeting, is a city on the southern coast of Cyprus. It is the third-largest city in the country, after Nicosia and Limassol, with an urban population of 84,591 (2011). Larnaca is known for its palm-tree seafront, the Church of Saint Lazarus, the Hala Sultan Tekke, the Kamares Aqueduct and its medieval fort. It is built on the ruins of ancient Citium, which was the birthplace of Stoic philosopher Zeno. Larnaca is home to the country's primary airport, Larnaca International Airport. It also has a (both passenger and cargo) seaport and a marina.

Cyprus Key Facts Quick View

Geographic Location: Eastern Mediterranean Island

Climate: Mediterranean

Local Time: GMT time +2 (winter time)

Area: 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles)

Population: 1,207,000 (2020)

Capital city: Nicosia (Lefkosia/Lefkosa) (population: 244,000)

People: Greek Cypriots (78%), Turkish Cypriots (18%), Maronites, Latins (4%)

Languages: Greek, Turkish, English

Religions: Greek Orthodox (78%), Muslim (18%), Maronite, Armenian Apostolic, and other (4%)

Currency: Euro

Government: Republic (Presidential System) since 1960

Head of State: President Nicos ANASTASIADES

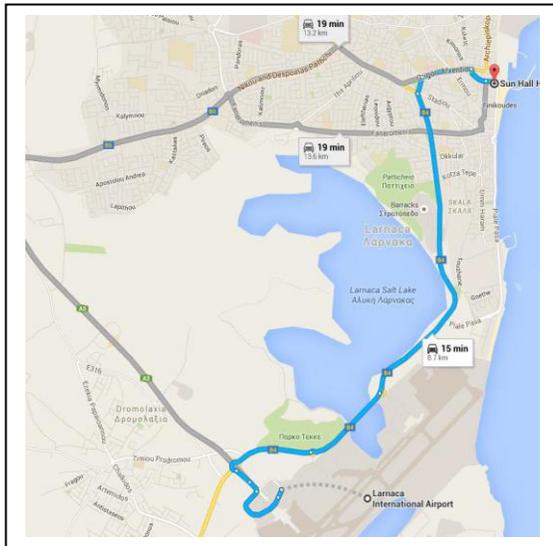
Minister of Defence: Charalambos PETRIDES

Cyprus Airports/Ports

The **only legal points of entry and exit** to and from the territory of the Republic are the international airports of **Larnaca** and **Paphos**, and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Paphos and Latchi. **Use of any other points of entry/exit operating without the authorization of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is considered illegal, under Article 12 of the Aliens and Immigration Law.**

PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PFO) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Paphos International Airport is located on the west coast of the island just 9 miles east of the town of PAPHOS and 125 Km from Larnaca, the host city of the event. PFO can be accessed from Larnaca by the A6 motorway.



LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCA) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Larnaca International Airport is Cyprus's main international airport and is situated 5km south of the town of LARNACA. A new terminal building opened in November 2009, serving 9 million passengers a year.

The distance from Larnaca International Airport to the Sun Hall Hotel is 8,7 Km and approximately 15 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes by bus (bus number 425, bus station Finikoudes)

Tourist Information

Information to tourists is provided by a tourist information office located in Departures, as well as by various airline information desks, which are located on the public concourse. Please visit the official site of Cyprus Tourism Organization: www.visitcyprus.com

Accommodation

The meeting and the seminar, as well as the accommodation will be held at **Sun Hall Hotel** in **Larnaca** (<https://www.sunhallhotel.com.cy/>). The Hotel was selected for its quality of services, conference facilities, proximity to Larnaca airport, a relevant low rate and its location (it's located in the center of the city). Attached you can find a hotel registration form which you have to complete and send before **18th of April 2022**, otherwise there is no guarantee for availability and following rates. The Ministry of Defence has a special arrangement with the hotel for the following services:

Room rates:

Single room on B&B €110.00 per room per day

Twin room on B&B €130.00 per room per day

Check in time: 14:00

Check out time: 12:00



Any other special arrangements could be done directly with the hotel (early check-in late check-out)

1. Room Reservation:

Participants should make their reservation directly to the hotel reservation department by sending the registration form for 54th Meeting of the Implementation Group and the LoD - 10 Gender Seminar, to the email: info@sunhallhotel.com.cy or by fax to the number +35724652717, copy to Major (Army) Christoforos CHRISTOFOROU cchristoforou@mod.gov.cy

2. Arrival in Cyprus

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to one of the legal points of entry of the Republic of Cyprus [LARNAKA International Airport (highly recommended) or PAPHOS Airport].

You can reach the Sun Hotel by taxi (12-15 euro) or bus no. 425 (bus stop: FINIKOUDES).

For those arriving /departing from Paphos Airport they can use either Taxi which will cost about 100 euro (1 hour and 25 minutes – 125 Km) or KAPNOS Airport Bus Shuttle which will cost about 15 euro (2 hours). For further information see below transports in Cyprus.

3. Meals - Coffee Breaks

Lunches are not **included** in the room price. A special price for Light Lunch Buffet has been set at the price of **€12** per person per day.

During the Coffee Breaks will be offered coffee and snacks.

A hosted Dinner by CY MoD will take place on the **04 May 2022**.

4. Internet Access: Free WIFI will be provided to all hotel premises.

Transport in Cyprus

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses are the only means of public transport in Cyprus. There are no metros or trains.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FROM PAPHOS AIRPORT TO LARNACA AIRPORT VIA LIMASSOL

KAPNOS AIRPORT SHUTTLE provides “Shuttle” service between Paphos International Airport and Larnaca International Airport at €15 per person. For more details, please follow the link <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> or call Tel.: +357 24 00 87 18. Please note that if you choose this way to travel, you should take the bus or a taxi for the rest of the route up to the hotel.

URBAN BUSES

Urban buses link different areas within the respective cities and operate frequently during the day. Each city has its own bus company. **The cost of tickets is: One way €1.50, daily €5.00, night €2.50. Daily tickets are valid until 21:00 of each day. From 21:00 and after, passengers should issue the night ticket.**

TRANSURBAN/INTERCITY BUSES

Public bus transport between towns is provided by the Intercity Buses Co Ltd. For exact timetables contact:

INTERCITY BUSES Co Ltd., Tel.: 23 81 90 90, www.intercity.buses.com

URBAN TAXIS

Urban taxis are available 24 hours a day in all towns. They can be booked by phone or hired on the street. Additionally you can ask for a taxi at your hotel reception desk.

Taximeters are installed in all urban taxis and charging starts as soon as you get into the car.

HIRED CARS

Self-drive car rental firms have offices in all towns, as well as at Larnaca International Airport.

To be permitted to drive in Cyprus, you must hold either a valid national or international driving license provided it is valid for the class of vehicle you wish to drive. **CAUTION: Traffic moves on the Left-hand side of the road, NOT on the right.** Due to the sometimes-intense brightness of the clear Mediterranean sky, drivers are advised to wear sunglasses.

Maps of Cyprus

To see Cyprus and City maps, please click [here](#)

General Information

Languages: Greek and Turkish are the official languages of the Republic of Cyprus. English is widely spoken.

Local Time: Cyprus Time is GMT +2.

Climate & Weather: The island's climate is characterised by hot summers and mild winters. On **May**, the **mean** daily temperature is **26°C** while the **mean** daily minimum at **19°C** and the **mean** daily maximum at **28°C**. You can find more details about the weather on the official website of the Cyprus Meteorological Service [here](#).

Currency: The currency of Cyprus is the Euro.

Currency Exchange All banks operating in Cyprus offer foreign currency exchange services and quote the exchange rates of the Euro against all major foreign currencies daily. Foreign currency can also be exchanged at hotels.

ATMs and Credit Cards All major banks in Cyprus have automatic teller machines (ATMs) in towns and the majority of the large villages. All major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Electricity supply in Cyprus is 230 Volts/AC, 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amp, **with 3-point plugs, square pin (UK Type)**. Many hotels provide adaptors upon request from the reception.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and night clubs.

Opening hours: Shops normally open at 09.00 and close at 19.00 every day.

Banks are open on workdays from Monday to Thursday between 08.00 and 14.30 and on Friday from 08.00 to 14.00. Banks are closed on weekends and public holidays.

Restaurants and cafes have different opening hours, but lunch is most often served between 12.00 and 15.00. Dinner is served from 19.00 until late in the evening.

Driving Side: Driving is on the **left-hand side of the road**. All the international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the left-hand side of roads and highways. On roundabouts, priority is given to the right side.

Emergency Number: Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire department and ambulance.

Dial Code for Cyprus: +357

Telephone Directory Assistance: 11892, 11822, 11800, 11833, 11811.

