



# Administrative Instructions

## **12th meeting of the European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum**

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## Republic of Cyprus

**The Island of Cyprus** is the third largest of the Mediterranean islands and is officially known as the Republic of Cyprus. Strategically placed at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, the island has had a turbulent history reflected in the architectural ruins, abandoned villages, ghost-towns and Nicosia, Europe's last remaining 'Divided City'. On the island, one encounters an exotic and exciting mix of east and west, reflected in the cultural traditions and lifestyle. Cyprus has been a full member of the EU since the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004 and adopted the Euro on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 underway.

**Nicosia** (Lefkosia) is the capital of Cyprus and is located roughly in the island's centre. Instead of the sea breeze, 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 11<sup>th</sup> century AD, and the Lusignans transformed it into a magnificent city with a royal palace and over fifty churches. Later in the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 three gates to the city. The walls divide Lefkosia into the Old City within and the modern and continuously developing city outside the borders. Sadly, Lefkosia is still divided, with the demarcation of Green Line running right across the Old City from east to west. Crossing over from one side to the other is possible upon presenting an 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, the birthplace of the 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 +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 CHRISTODOULIDES  
**Minister of Defence:** Michalis GIORGALLAS

## 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 authorisation of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is considered illegal under Article 12 of the Aliens and Immigration Law.**

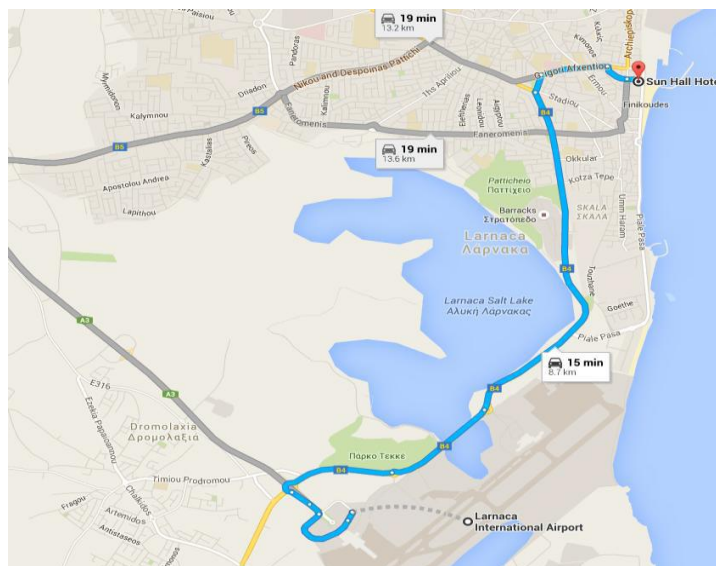
**PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PFO)** (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: [www.hermesairports.com](http://www.hermesairports.com))

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

**LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCA)** (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: [www.hermesairports.com](http://www.hermesairports.com))

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

**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 the Cyprus Tourism Organization: [www.visitcyprus.com](http://www.visitcyprus.com).

## Accommodation

The meeting and the recommended 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, an applicable low rate and location (it's located in the city centre). Attached you can find a hotel registration form which you must complete and send before the **10th of August 2023**, otherwise, there is no guarantee for availability and the following rates. The Ministry of Defence has a special arrangement with the hotel for the following services:



### Room rates:

Single room on B&B **€117.00** per room per day

Single room on H&B **€140.00** per room per day

Check-in time: 14:00

Check-out time: 12:00

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

### Room Reservation:

Participants should make their reservation directly to the hotel reservation department by sending the **Registration form** to the email: [info@sunhallhotel.com.cy](mailto:info@sunhallhotel.com.cy) or by fax to the number **+35724652717**.

**Internet Access:** Free WIFI will be provided on all hotel premises.

### 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 (15 euros) or bus no. 425 (bus stop: FINIKOUCES).
- For those arriving /departing from Paphos Airport, they can use either Taxi, which will cost about 100 euros (1 hour and 25 minutes – 125 Km) or KAPNOS Airport Bus Shuttle, which will cost about 15euroso (2 hours). For further information, see below transport in Cyprus.

## Meals - Coffee Breaks

- During the Coffee Breaks of the meeting, we will be offered coffee and snacks.
- A **hosted Lunch and Dinner**, will take place **on Wednesday, 06 Sep 2023**
- For the rest of the days, in case you book a room on B/B basis, the price for **Light Lunch Buffet** at the Hotel, has been set at the cost of **€27.00** per person per day.

## 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 a “Shuttle” service between Paphos International Airport and Larnaca International Airport at €15 per person. 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. For more details, visit the link <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> or call Tel.: +357 24 00 87 18.

### URBAN BUSES

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

### TRANSURBAN/INTERCITY BUSES

Intercity Buses Co Ltd provides public bus transport between towns. For exact timetables, contact: INTERCITY BUSES Co Ltd., Tel.: 23 81 90 90, [www.intercity.buses.com](http://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 and at Larnaca International Airport. To be permitted to drive in Cyprus, you must hold a valid national or international driving license, provided it is suitable for the class of vehicle you wish to go. **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](#).