

Country Fiche Cyprus

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Background information

Population (2011)	0.8 million
GDP per capita (provisional 2011)	€22 000
R&D intensity (GERD/GDP) (provisional 2010)	0.5% of GDP

An overview of the research system in Cyprus is available at [ERAWATCH](#)

After **nine completed calls** for ERC Starting and Advanced grants, more than **3 000 projects**¹ have been selected to receive ERC funding throughout the EU and its associated countries, representing around **€ 5 billion in grants**. In total, the ERC has received over **31 000 project proposals** for these calls. The grants are open to researchers of any nationality provided they are willing to be based in a host institution in Europe², where they need to spend at least half of their research time.

ERC grants

Evaluated proposals with Cypriot Host institutions	104*
Selected projects in Cypriot Host institutions	5
Type of ERC grants	Starting Grants 3 Advanced Grants 2
Distribution of ERC grants by domain	Physical Sciences & Engineering 2 Life Sciences 1 Social Sciences & Humanities 2
Distribution of ERC grants by gender	Women 1 Men 4
Total ERC funding committed	About €6.7 million
Non-Cypriot ERC grantees in Cypriot Host institutions	1
Cypriot ERC grantees based outside Cyprus	4

* Including some 40 for the Starting Grant 2007 call

National support initiatives

For the Starting Grant 2009 call, a scheme managed by the [Research Promotion Foundation](#) (RPF) offered national funding to the ERC candidates who passed the threshold but were not funded because there were insufficient funds to support them. The RPF falls under the control of the [Planning Bureau](#) and the [Ministry of Finance](#). The first meeting of the newly-founded Cyprus Scientific Council (CSC) took place in 2010. The main objective of the CSC is the provision of scientific advice to the National Council for Research and Innovation – contributing towards the drafting and development of policy and strategy in the fields of research, technological development and innovation.

Source: [ERAWATCH](#)

¹ ca. 2 700 already financed

² In the EU or the FP7 associated countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey)



Some Cypriot key personalities in the ERC

4 Cypriot scientists are serving as ERC panel members, in charge of the evaluation of proposals and the selection of grantees.

ERC in the Cypriot media



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