

European University Cyprus (EUC) was founded in 2007 and developed out of Cyprus College, which was established in 1961. Today, EUC operates five Schools, namely, the School of Humanities, Social and Education Sciences, the School of Business Administration, the School of Sciences, the Medical School, and the School of Law, with the mission to educate students for successful careers and life achievement, to understand and serve the needs of society, and to create knowledge through research and innovation.

EUC has participated in more than 250 projects funded by a number of programs and organizations such as the Horizon2020, Erasmus+, 7th Framework Program, Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013, Directorates General of the European Commission, the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, United Nations, European Space Agency, governmental bodies and others. In the last 4 years, the University has accumulated more than 5.5M euros in research funding. Research activity is primarily carried out by a number of research centers, laboratories, and other kinds of specialized settings such as clinics and innovation centers (<http://euc.ac.cy/en/research/research-centers>). EUC is one of about 500 organizations in Europe which have been awarded the EU's 'HR Excellence in Research' badge.

With an emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches, EUC is one of the leading research institutions in Cyprus. During the last few years, the University has developed an intense action in a wide spectrum of ICT, Health, and Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities through coordination or participation in national, international and European Union-funded research programs. EUC is the only organization in Cyprus that has become partner in the following three ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) projects, funded under the FP7 Capacities Programme and aiming at optimizing the use and development of the best research infrastructures existing in Europe: European Social Survey, Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (Preparing DARIAH) and Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure (CLARIN). Other sources of funding for research conducted by faculty members involve the Horizon2020, Erasmus+, Life-Long Learning 2007-2013 Programme, the Research Promotion Foundation, the United Nations, Governmental Bodies and others. The University also serves as the national representative for the prestigious International Social Survey Program (ISSP), the World Economic Forum, and as the official administrator in Cyprus of

the World Bank publications. Moreover, the University covers the sector of computer graphics, 3D software and virtual reality connected to the art and music world.

The Department of Arts at EUC offers programs in music and graphic design. Specifically, the department offers a four-year undergraduate program in music, a graduate program in Music Education through the Distance Education Unit), a newly established graduate program in music performance and composition, as well as a doctorate program in music education. Music faculty have a continuous interest and diverse involvement in European projects and have participated in four consecutive Erasmus Intensive Programs (IP) titled “Improvisation, composition and conduction for large ensemble,” coordinated by Cosenza Conservatory in Italy. Similarly, the Department of Arts at EUC was the coordinator for a similar IP titled “Creativity, Improvisation and world musics in education” which was held at Nicosia in 2012 (<http://eipmusic.euc.ac.cy>). In addition, in 2014 the department also coordinated another IP titled “Living Museums” (www.livingmuseums.com/). Moreover, numerous academic exchanges have been realized with a number of conservatories and universities in Europe, whereas new collaborations are in process for collaboration with academic institutions in the USA. The department is a member of ELIA, ECMTA and AEC, with music faculty being elected and serving on the boards of ECMTA and AEC.