



EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA COUNTRY REPORT 2024

CYPRUS A SNAPSHOT OF PROGRESS



Cyprus has established a robust scientific and entrepreneurial base, hosting 12 universities, 20+ research organisations and 7 Centres of Excellence. Regardless of its small size, Cyprus is advancing

European Research Area (ERA) priorities across ERA Dashboard indicators (particularly, innovative business, scientific cooperation).

TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS

Cyprus has committed to **11 ERA Actions** covering **all ERA Priority Areas**.



ERA PRIORITY 1

An internal market for knowledge

- Advancing institutional Open Access and alignment with the European Open Science Cloud
- Improvements in knowledge transfer and research infrastructure access through national platforms and regulatory reforms
- Targeted programmes and streamlined visa schemes attract more international researchers
- Successful integration of gender equality and inclusivity into the national R&I strategy



ERA PRIORITY 2

Green transition and digital transformation

- Increased funding for green technologies and digital business upgrades
- Advancing in climate and energy planning with updates to 2 key strategic national plans
- Efforts to promote smart, sustainable communities include support for smart city initiatives
- Increased involvement in European Partnerships and bilateral cooperation agreements



ERA PRIORITY 3

Access to excellence and innovation

- New policy tools are in development to evaluate research organisations and guide performance-based funding
- Reforms aim to strengthen the long-term viability of Centres of Excellence through improved governance and funding models
- Enhancements in transparency and collaboration by mapping research infrastructure capabilities
- Scientific visa scheme reinforces research excellence



ERA PRIORITY 4

Investment and reforms

- Continued enhancement of national R&I monitoring and reporting capacities
- Recent growth in GDP and R&D spending, while business spending progress remains low
- Tax incentives and blended finance mechanisms generate increased investments

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Key objectives of Cyprus's ERA engagement include:

- Strengthening R&D performance through **increased investment internationalisation** and **human capital growth**
- Advancing **Open Science policies**
- Improving **research careers** and **promoting research excellence**
- **Boosting knowledge valorisation** to translate research into societal and economic impact



ZOOMING IN ON PROGRESS

INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



0.75% GERD

Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (GERD)
as percentage of GDP



0.31% BERD

Business expenditure on Research
and Development (BERD) as share of GDP

AN EVOLVING, INCLUSIVE RESEARCH WORKFORCE



1,727.63

Researchers per million
inhabitants (FTE)



40.38%

Share of women STEM
doctorate graduates



0.3

New doctorates per
1,000 inhabitants ages 25-34

OPEN SCIENCE, COLLABORATION AND RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



75.58%

Of publications available
in Open Access



11.14%

Share of public-private
co-publications



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Participation in European
Research Infrastructures

PIONEERS AND CHAMPIONS



11.06%

Of scientific publications
among the top-10% most cited
publications worldwide



0.924

Ranked on the Academic
Freedom Index (AFi)



67.98%

Trust in science



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