



‘WAHED 2021: Who will be going to university in 2030?’

‘The role for governments in driving forward Equitable Access and Success in Higher Education’ *The Cyprus Perspective*

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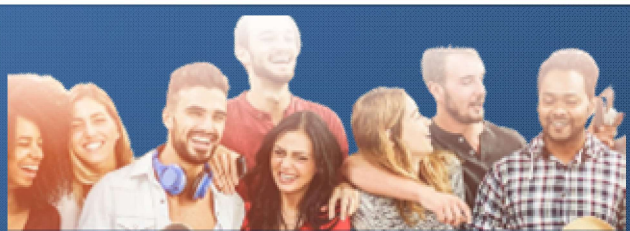
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CYPRUS HIGHER EDUCATION

**A rapidly
booming
sector**



- Young Higher Education Sector
 - 1984 Establishment of the Department of the Department of Higher Education
 - 1989 Establishment of the first public university – The University of Cyprus
- Higher Education Institutions
 - 3 Public Universities
 - 7 Private Universities
 - 50 Institutions of Tertiary Education



CYPRUS HIGHER EDUCATION

**In alignment with
EU Guidelines and
ASEM strategy**



- Member of the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area since 2001
 - National Qualifications Framework
 - European Standard Guidelines
 - ECTS Credit Transferable System
 - European Approach on Joint Programmes
- Member of the Asia-Europe Meeting since 2004
- Establishment of the Cyprus Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education in 2015



THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE
AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION





/ Educational System
Structure

CYPRUS HIGHER EDUCATION

Educational System Structure

HIGHER EDUCATION

Public and Private
Universities

Public and Private
Institutions of Tertiary Education

1st Cycle

4 Years

240 ECTS

Bachelor's Degree

2nd Cycle

1-2 Years

90-120 ECTS

Master's Degree

3rd Cycle

3-8 Years

Doctorate/PhD Degree

Vocational/Academic
Programmes

Certificate (1 year)

Diploma (2 years)

Higher Diploma (3 years)

ROME MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE



Vision



VISION

- inclusive,
- innovative
- interconnected EHEA, by 2030

Fundamental Values

- Academic freedom and integrity
- Institutional autonomy
- Participation of learners and staff in HE governance
- Public responsibility for and of HE

ASEM *Asia-Europe Meeting*



ASEM Education Strategy Paper 2030



VISION

- more prosperous, resilient and sustainable Asia-Europe education region,
- better prepared for current and forthcoming global challenges
- **promote inclusive and equitable quality education and training**

TOWARDS A CULTURE OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Socially Inclusive Higher Education



Cyprus Government Strategic Goal “Access to Higher Education for All”

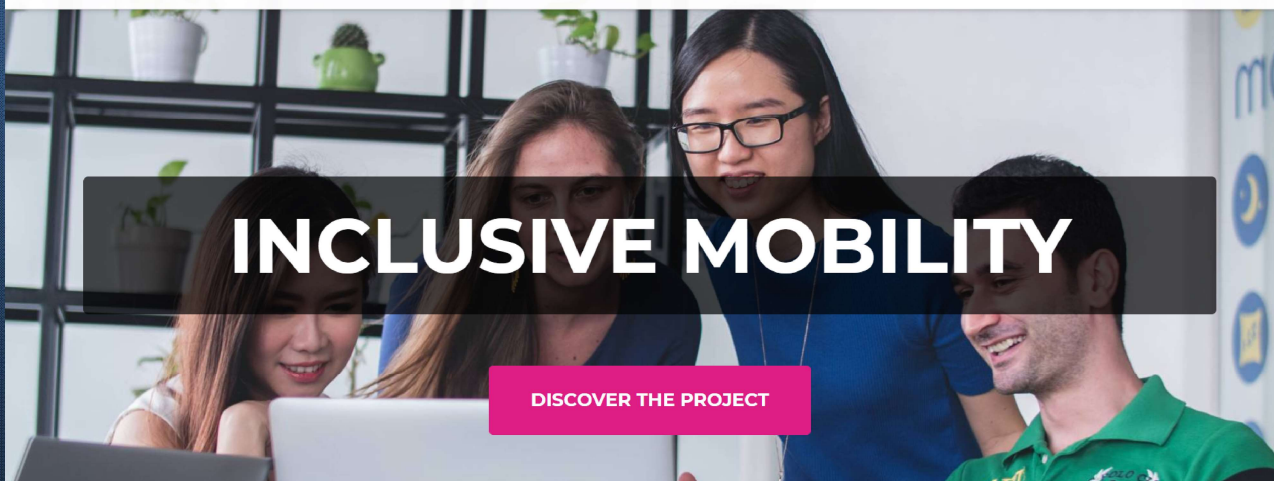
- Tuition fees
 - Free for Cypriot/EU Students in Public Universities' Undergraduate Programmes
- Enrollment criteria
 - Pancyprrian (National) Exams for entry at the Public Universities' Undergraduate Programmes (for all secondary education graduates)
- Financial aid
 - Student grants/allowances
 - scholarship schemes
- Measures for students with special needs (e.g., EPFIME project)

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EPFIME Project

- Establishing a thought-out **Policy Framework** for **Inclusive Mobility** across **Europe**
- 2-year project
- Co-funded by Erasmus+ KA3 Support to Policy reform 2018-2020
- Examining needs and expectations on inclusive mobility of students with disabilities
- Creating of a platform for Countries and Higher Education Institutions to provide relative information

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Financial Aid

State's Students Welfare Service

Annual application based on socioeconomic criteria

- Student Grant
- Student Allowances

Approximately 50 million euros / 22 000 students/families / per year

State's Scholarship Foundation of Cyprus

Annual application based on socioeconomic criteria and academic criteria

approximately 8 million euros / 1 200 students/families / per year

State's Independent Agency for Social Support

Annual application based on socioeconomic criteria

- Financial aid is provided to students that are facing a termination of their studies due to their economic status

TOWARDS A CULTURE OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Promoting inclusion and success via Quality in Higher Education



Establishment of the Cyprus Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation in HE

Students' participation in:

- External Evaluation Committees
- HEI's Internal Quality Assurance Committees

Continuous efforts towards enhancement of the Quality of Teaching, Learning and Management

- Establishment of Centres for Teaching and Learning in HEIs
- High response rate of HEIs during the pandemic
- Ensuring student's academic success

TOWARDS A CULTURE OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Good practice
at the UCY



University
of Cyprus

Diversity, Equality and Inclusivity Office



Office for Diversity, Equality and Inclusivity:

- Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion,
- Ensure dignity in workplace and society,
- Elimination of all forms of discrimination,
- Creation of a fair, safe, pleasant environment

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