



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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Republic of Cyprus

# Bologna Following Up Group Meeting

Nicosia 9-10 March 2026



# Cyprus at a glance



- Republic of Cyprus
- Presidential Republic
- Approx. 9,251 sq. km
- Population: ~1.15 million
- Independence in 1960
- 1974 Turkish Invasion:  
37% of island occupied,  
190.000 refugees
- Member of the European  
Union (EU) since 2004



# Cyprus and the Bologna Process

- **Cyprus joined the Bologna Process in 2001**
- **Strong commitment to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**
- **Active involvement in:**
  - **Quality Assurance Initiatives**
  - **Recognition and Mobility Projects**
  - **Social Dimension Working Groups**
  - **Internationalisation and European cooperation efforts**



# Strategic Priorities of the CY Presidency

- **Strengthening the Southern Neighbourhood**  
*(which includes the broader Middle East and Gulf countries)*
- **Addressing Migration**
- **Enhancing Enlargement Policy**
- **Ensuring Maritime Security**
- **Improving Cross-border Connectivity**
- **Supporting Innovation in the Primary Sector**
- **Dealing with Climate Change**



# Priorities in the Field of Education and Training (foreseen)

- **Strengthening Basic Skills**  
(in relation to the Basic Skills Action Plan and the Union of Skills strategy)
- **Empowering Teachers**  
(in relation to the expected Teachers Agenda)
- **Advancing Higher Education and VET**
- **Negotiating the Future of Erasmus+**



# Priorities in Higher Education

- **Internationalisation and Sustainable Cross-border Institutional Collaboration**
- **Enhancing Mobility in Higher Education**
- **Advancing the Development of a Joint European Degree Framework**
- **Union of Skills for Social Inclusion / Accessibility in Higher Education**
- **Upskilling and Reskilling in Higher Education in Alignment with the Labour Market**



# CY Presidency Events (1/2)

## **High Level Group on Education and Training**

1-2/12/2025, Municipality of Nicosia, Nicosia

## **Informal Meeting of Education Ministers**

29-30/1/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **Meeting of Directors-General for Schools (DG Schools)**

18-19/2/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **6th International Conference 'Literacies and Contemporary Societies'**

24-25/2/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **Bologna Follow Up Group Meeting (BFUG)**

9-10/3/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **Meeting of Directors-General for Vocational Education Training (DGVT)**

30-31/3/2026, Municipality of Nicosia



# CY Presidency Events (2/2)

## **Whole School Approach (WSA) for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

7-8/5/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **EYCS Council (Brussels)**

11-12/5/2026

## **Meeting of Directors-General for Higher Education (DG HE)**

20-21/5/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **Meeting of the Education Committee - Attaché Trip**

11-12/6/2026, Limassol

## **Standing Group on Indicators and Benchmarks (SGIB)**

24-25/6/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia

## **European Training Foundation (ETF) Conference**

24-25/6/2026, Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia



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## Nicosia 9-10 of March 2026



# Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia





We look forward to welcoming you to Cyprus!