



DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL Agri-Med RESEARCH SYSTEM

(Programmes and capacity)



CYPRUS

Funding scheme

Funding Organizations	Funding area*	Budget € year 2008
Agricultural Research Institute (ARI)	Agriculture, Environment	10.325.060
Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)	Sustainable development	1.300.000
	Agriculture	300.000
Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)	Agriculture, Environment	820.523
TOTAL		12.745.583

Research capacity

Research Institutions considered in the report	Agri-med area annual budget (full cost in €)	Human resources in Agri-med area (total N. scientists)
Agricultural Research Institute (ARI)		31
Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)		44
Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)		22
TOTAL		87

The agri_Med research structure in the country

The research policy in Cyprus is drafted by the Planning Bureau. The Planning Bureau is an independent organisation headed by a Director General and it is the National Authority for the implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy in Cyprus and the Single Managing Authority for the Operational Programmes co-funded by the EU, within the framework of the Cohesion Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy for the period 2007-



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2013, as well as for the respective Programmes of the period 2004-2006. This is the top political body responsible for setting out the research agenda, at least in financial terms.

The research policy is implemented through the Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) which is assigned the task of designing research programmes and approving research projects that are qualified as appropriate. The CRPF organizes periodically funding rounds targeted in specific thematic areas. This is the operational arm of the Government in terms of funding allocation for R&D.

The Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) was established in 1962 as a cooperative project between the Government of Cyprus and the United Nations Development Fund, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations acting as the executive agency. It was entrusted to the Government of Cyprus in 1967 as one of the Departments of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment. The Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) conducts applied and basic research, with the objective to increase yield and improve quality of agricultural production by methods that are environmentally and socially acceptable. The ARI website <http://www.ari.gov.cy/> offers an overview of these activities.

RPF is the main research funding agency in Cyprus. The Foundation has developed several funding programs aiming at implementing high level research in several thematic areas, developing new products and services for the benefit of Cypriot enterprises, promoting the upgrading of the research infrastructure, developing research collaborations and utilising the human research potential of Cyprus.

The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) aims to offer education and high level research in branches of science and technology which have high impact on the economic, technical, and scientific sectors. With its orientation towards applied research, the University aspires to establish for itself a role in support of the state and society in their efforts to confront problems, which cover all areas of science and technology. The programmes of the CUT to a large extent complement scientific areas, which are not currently covered at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels by the University of Cyprus or any other institution of higher education in the country.

Priorities

Soil and water quality,
natural resources management,
food safety,
rural areas

Main research thematic area/programmes

Main thematic areas and programmes: Plant protection (entomology, plant pathology, nematology and weed science), insect toxicology and pesticide residues, soil fertility, plant nutrition, irrigation, environmental impact, rural development, ICT in agriculture, crop breeding and genetics, fruit tree and vegetables production, viticulture, floriculture, animal production, biotechnology and tissue culture.



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Future perspectives in the Agri-Med research:

Climate change,
food security and food safety,
animal welfare,
CAP reform, and multi-functionality of Agriculture.

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