

# 2023 Interregional CyberDrill for Europe and Asia-Pacific

Enhancing technical cybersecurity capabilities to effectively respond to cyber threats.



## Practical Information

**Date:** 28 November – 1 December 2023, Limassol, Cyprus

**Event Venue:** St. Raphael Resort Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

**Organized by:**

**International Telecommunication Union**

**Hosted by:**

**Digital Security Authority of Cyprus & National CSIRT-CY**

# Welcome Note

We warmly welcome you to the ITU Europe & Asia-Pacific Interregional CyberDrill 2023 in Cyprus. This event, organized by the ITU and hosted by the Digital Security Authority, is scheduled to take place from **November 28 to December 1** at the St. Raphael Resort Hotel in Limassol.

Our objective is to strengthen the joint defense of Europe and Asia-Pacific against online threats. The event is designed to unite the cybersecurity community across these regions and promote international cooperation.

The drill will highlight the vital role of national and other relevant Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) in establishing cyber resilience and protecting critical information infrastructure.

Our objectives include:

- strengthening collaboration and cooperation between regions;
- increasing awareness and preparedness among participating countries;
- enhancing international cooperation for collective cyber defense;
- improving incident response and communication among Member States;
- and driving advancements in future planning and CSIRT processes.

## About the Host

The Cyprus Digital Security Authority (DSA) is committed to enhancing the nation's cybersecurity, with a primary focus on protecting the National Critical Information Infrastructures (CII), institutions, and Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The DSA collaborates with banks and ISPs to implement measures for preventing, detecting, and responding to cybersecurity incidents. As the authoritative entity of the European NIS Directive, DSA's principal objective is to augment cybersecurity across all crucial sectors including energy, transportation, health, and digital infrastructure. The DSA also functions as the National Cybersecurity Coordination Centre (NCCC-CY) and Certification Authority in Cyprus, maintaining a strong collaboration with the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC).

Additionally, the DSA carries out awareness campaigns regarding cyber threats, offers timely advisories, and implements advanced security services to strengthen the country's digital defenses.

This information packet will assist you in preparing for your trip by detailing accommodation options, leisure activities, and emergency procedures.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you to Cyprus and your participation in the event. For inquiries, please reach out to the Digital Security Authority of Cyprus at +357 22 693000 or via email at [Contact@dsa.ee.cy](mailto:Contact@dsa.ee.cy).

## Registration

We kindly ask each participant to complete the online registration form for the ITU Europe & Asia-Pacific Interregional CyberDrill 2023 in Cyprus by the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

Please, access the registration link:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00013201>

Upon reaching the event venue, attendees are required to present a valid ID (such as a passport or driver's license) at the registration desk to receive their event badge. Please note that this badge must be worn at all times during the event.

## About Cyprus

Cyprus, the third largest and most populous island in the Eastern Mediterranean, is situated between Egypt and Greece. Its history, dating back to the 10th millennium BC, is marked by significant archaeological sites such as the UNESCO-recognized Neolithic village of Khirokitia. As a leading Mediterranean tourist destination, Cyprus boasts a thriving economy. It joined the European Union in 2004 and adopted the euro in 2008.

## About Limassol

Limassol, located in southern Cyprus, is the island's second-largest city and a beacon of cultural diversity. Spanning 1,393 km<sup>2</sup> with an 80 km coastline, the district is bordered by Larnaca, Paphos, and the capital city, Nicosia. Strategically situated between the ancient cities of Amathus and Curium, Limassol, with its rich history, offers a variety of museums and archaeological sites that reflect a blend of ancient and modern influences.

## Entry Requirements

### Admission and Transit Guidelines:

- Entry regulations are strictly enforced within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Cyprus.
  - All travelers must present a valid passport. Exceptions apply to holders of a Laissez-Passer issued by the United Nations, and documents for stateless individuals or recognized refugees.
- Citizens from EU countries, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway may use their national identity cards for entry, provided these include a photo.
- Entry is denied to individuals holding passports issued by the the so-called "trnC".

### Visa Information:

- Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website <https://mfa.gov.cy/visa-information.html> for a list of countries requiring a visa to enter Cyprus. You can directly access the visa information here.
- For further assistance or inquiries, kindly contact Eleni Christofi at [eleni.christofi@dsa.ee.cy](mailto:eleni.christofi@dsa.ee.cy).
- Additional information can be found on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website: <http://www.mfa.gov.cy/>

# Currency

As an EU country, Cyprus uses the Euro as its currency.

# Transport

Cyprus is well-connected by air, primarily via Larnaca International Airport, situated just 4 kilometers southeast of Larnaca city. This airport, along with Paphos International Airport in the southwest, serves as the main gateway to the island, catering to cities like Larnaca, Limassol, and southeast Nicosia.

Conference participants are advised to gather at the shuttle bus pick-up point at the airport for transportation to and from their selected accommodation units, with conference staff available for assistance throughout the process.

While Cyprus lacks a train or underground system, getting around is convenient using other modes:

**Walking & Biking:** Many areas are pedestrian-friendly, and biking is a popular choice for short distances.

**Taxis:** Available throughout the island, taxis offer a quick and convenient mode of transport.

Cyprus Taxi Services:

- Cyprus Taxi: <https://www.cyprustaxi.net/>
- A. T. Taxi Services: <https://www.ataxicyprus.com/>

**Buses:** Cyprus boasts a comprehensive bus network:

*Airport Transfer Buses:* Linking all towns to Larnaca and Paphos airports.

*Interurban Buses:* Daily services connecting major towns.

*Urban Buses:* Frequent routes within towns, with extended hours in tourist areas during summer.

*Rural Buses:* Connecting villages to their nearest town, albeit less frequently.

Bus Services:

- Cyprus By Bus: <https://www.cyprusbybus.com/> - This website provides information on all bus routes, including timetables, fares, and route maps.
- Intercity Buses: <http://www.intercity-buses.com/> - For interurban bus services connecting major towns.
- Local Bus Companies: Depending on the city or region you're in, there are local bus companies that operate urban and rural routes. Some examples include:
  1. Larnaka: <http://www.zinonasbuses.com/>
  2. Pafos: <http://www.pafosbuses.com/>
  3. Limassol: <http://www.emel-limassol.com/>

For up-to-date transport details and schedules, travelers should refer to the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works' official website: <http://motionbuscard.org.cy/>. Always check with relevant transport providers for the latest information before traveling.

## Accommodation

We have provided several hotel options to aid you in arranging your accommodations:

### 1. Event Venue: St Raphael Resort Hotel

- **Address:** Amathountos Avenue 502, Pyrgos 4520, Cyprus
- **Website:** <https://www.straphael.com>

**St Raphael Resort Hotel**, our primary event venue, offers a luxurious stay with top-notch amenities. Its proximity to the conference hall ensures convenience for attendees.

We've secured a special rate at Raphael Resort Hotel exclusively for our event attendees. To book your stay at this preferential price, please use this link for reservations and more information please access the link below:

<https://book.straphael.com/?checkin=2023-11-25&rooms=1&nights=1&adults=2&bkcode=dsa>



### 2. Amathus Hotel Limassol

- **Address:** Amathus Avenue, Limassol, Cyprus

Hotel	Room Type	Rates per night (EUR) approximate
St Raphael Resort	Single standard room	€130.00 per room

- **Website:** <https://www.amathuslimassol.com/>

A blend of modern design with traditional values, Amathus Hotel Limassol promises a stay filled with comfort. Its serene ambiance and world-class facilities make it a popular choice among visitors.



### 3. Parklane Limassol

- **Address:** 11 Giannou Kranidioti Street, Limassol 4534, Cyprus
- **Website:** <https://bio.link/parklanecyprus>

Parklane Limassol, a resort and spa, offers a rejuvenating experience for its guests. With its state-of-the-art amenities and picturesque surroundings, it's an ideal choice for those looking to combine work with relaxation.



**Note: Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodation and incidental expenses. All payments should be made directly to the chosen hotel or service provider.**

We hope this information assists you in making your arrangements, and we look forward to seeing you at the conference!

## Weather Details

In Limassol, as well as across Cyprus, temperatures typically decrease significantly in November, yet they remain relatively warm. The average maximum daytime temperature ranges between 22-25°C, while the average minimum overnight temperature falls to approximately 13°C.

## Time Zone

Eastern European Summer Time is the time zone in Cyprus (GMT+3).



# Communications

The telephone code for the country is +357. Specific area codes for landlines are as follows: 22 for Nicosia, 25 for Limassol, 26 for Paphos, and 24 for Larnaca. Most hotels offer fax facilities and broadband internet connections.

# Major Cities

Nicosia, the capital, has an approximate population of 200,452. It is followed by Limassol with about 154,000 residents. Larnaca and Paphos have populations of around 72,000 and 35,961 respectively.

# Language

The official language is Greek, but a significant portion of the population is also fluent in English.

# Religion and Traditions

One of the first elements of Cypriot culture that foreigners encounter is the warm hospitality. Cypriots are globally recognized for their genuine friendliness. The phrases 'Kalosoristate' (Welcome!) and 'Kopiaste' (Come join us!) are commonly used towards both locals and visitors.

# Water and Electricity

In Cyprus, the assurance of food and drinking water quality is a top priority. This responsibility is diligently managed by the Health Inspectors who are part of the Medical and Public Health Services division under the Ministry of Health. Additionally, Local Authorities play a pivotal role in ensuring these standards are met consistently.

- **Water Quality:** Cyprus prides itself on its high-quality drinking water. Rigorous checks and measures are in place to ensure that the water is not only of superior quality but also completely safe for consumption. The island is free from any water-borne diseases, making it a safe destination for travelers.
- **Food Standards:** The food available in Cyprus meets stringent quality standards. Visitors can be assured that the food is safe, wholesome, and free from any food-borne illnesses.
- **Health and Safety:** Cyprus maintains a clean bill of health, being free from any perilous infectious diseases. This makes it a favorable destination for international travelers, who can visit without any vaccination prerequisites.
- **Electrical Supply:** For those planning to use electronic devices, it's essential to note that the electrical supply in Cyprus typically oscillates between 220V and 240V AC. The standard

frequency is set at 50Hz. If you're staying in hotels, you'll commonly find three-pin plug sockets, so ensure you have the appropriate adapters if required.

## Traditional Foods

Cypriot cuisine, a delightful culinary mosaic, is deeply rooted in its Greek and Turkish heritage. However, what sets it apart are the intricate nuances borrowed from Byzantine, French, Italian, Catalan, Ottoman, and Middle Eastern culinary arts. Each influence has left an indelible mark, making the island's dishes a feast for the senses.

**Spices & Herbs:** The Cypriot palate is defined by specific spices and herbs. While pepper, parsley, arugula, and celery are commonly used across dishes, it's the fresh coriander (cilantro), thyme, and oregano that often steal the show. These ingredients not only add flavor but also encapsulate the island's rich history and diverse influences.

**Signature Aromas:** Walk through a Cypriot kitchen, and you're likely to be greeted by the distinctive scents of cumin and coriander seeds. These two spices, integral to many traditional recipes, encapsulate the essence of Cypriot cooking.

**Mint - The Cypriot Staple:** Mint's significance in Cypriot cuisine cannot be overstated. Given its prolific growth across the island, it's no surprise that locals have incorporated it extensively into their dishes. Ground meat recipes, in particular, often feature mint as a dominant flavor.

**Macaronia Tou Fournou - A Case in Point:** A quintessential example of Cypriot culinary artistry is their rendition of Pastitsio, known locally as Macaronia Tou Fournou. Unlike its counterparts, the Cypriot version is marked by a restrained use of tomato, allowing the abundant mint to shine through, offering a refreshing twist to this beloved dish.

## Business Hours

Banks are open to the public from Monday to Thursday, 08:00-14:30, and on Friday from 08:00-14:00.

They are closed on weekends and public holidays. However, some banks situated in central tourist areas extend their operating hours into the afternoon specifically to accommodate tourists.

### **Shops**

Typically, shops are open from 07:00 to 21:00 from Monday to Saturday. However, these hours may vary slightly depending on the type of shop and its location. On Sundays, shops generally open later, around 11:00, and close anytime between 14:00 and 22:00, subject to the type of store and its location.

## Health and Safety Information



Cyprus upholds an exceptional reputation as a safe and friendly destination. To maintain this, it's advisable to take basic precautions to protect your belongings effectively. Compared to other places, Cyprus has a notably low crime rate.

The Police Force is constantly ready to assist anyone in need. For various police departments, use these phone numbers: dial 112 for emergencies, 1460 for complaints, and 1498 for drug-related information (Policy Drug Law Enforcement Unit).

## **Emergencies / Hospitals**

For emergencies, please use the following English-speaking contact numbers for immediate assistance:

### **Island-wide**

- Ambulance, fire service, and police: 112
- For night pharmacies: 11892
- For the Centre for Drugs and Poisoning: +357 90 901 401
- For the Search and Rescue Coordination Centre (for naval and air accidents): 1441

### **Regional Hospitals**

- Nicosia General Hospital: +357 22 603 000 (Accidents & Emergency)
- Makarios Hospital: +357 22 405 000
- Limassol General Hospital: +357 25 801 100
- Larnaca General Hospital: +357 24 800 500
- Paphos General Hospital: +357 26 803 100

### **Medical Services**

Medical care in Cyprus is provided through Government General Hospitals and private clinics/hospitals, as outlined in the Emergencies/Hospitals section. Most doctors are proficient in English, and nursing staff can communicate in various languages. All Government General Hospitals, along with certain private clinics, have Accident and Emergency Departments for urgent cases. Private doctors are available for visits on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 and 16:00 to 19:00. Additional information can be found on the Ministry of Health's website: [https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index\\_en/index\\_en](https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index_en/index_en)

### **Pedestrians**

- Pedestrians should keep in mind that traffic flows on the left side of the road.
- They are prohibited from entering or walking along the edges of motorways.