

Appendix 1

Official actions regarding the Collaboration of Cyprus with CERN

1. **January 1992:** Founding of the High Energy Physics Lab at the University of Cyprus by Prof. Panos Razis. Participation in the L3 Collaboration at CERN.
2. **September 1995:** University of Cyprus High Energy Physics group was accepted as a Member of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) Collaboration at CERN.
3. **April 1999:** CERN and University of Cyprus sign a “Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration in the Construction of the Compact Muon Solenoid Detector”, referred as MoU, with duration until 31 December 2007.
4. **February 2006:** Co-operation Agreement between CERN and Cyprus, dated 14/2/2006, was signed by the Minister of Finance Michalis Sarris.
5. **July 2007:** Official Visit at CERN of the Permanent Secretary of the Planning Bureau, Dr. Andreas Moleskis, and the Head of European Research Programs and International Collaboration of the Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), Dr. Kalypso Sepou, signing the Protocol to the Co-operation Agreement.
6. **April 2010:** The Fact-finding Task Force visits Cyprus on 27-28 April 2010.
7. **February 2011:** Renewal of the Co-operation Agreement and the Protocol to the Agreement to be valid until 13/2/2016.
8. **March 2012:** Official Visit at CERN of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus Mrs. Kozakou Markoulli on 14/3/2012.
9. **June 2012:** Kickoff Meeting of the CERN-HERMES Network in the field of Medical Physics (formed in 2011) at CERN (1/6/2012).
10. **October 2012:** Agreement for admission of the Republic of Cyprus as a CERN Associate Member State in the pre-stage to a Full Membership, signed by the Minister of Education and Culture, Dr. George Demosthenous.
11. **June 2013:** The Government of Cyprus requests through its Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva (11/6/2013), a two-year extension to complete its procedures for admission at CERN as Associate Member, due to the severity of the financial crisis. The new date is set for 5/10/2015.
12. **March 2014:** Agreement of Collaboration between CERN and the University of Cyprus in education and training in the domain of radiation health physics and technology (valid from 7/3/2014).

13. **May 2014:** The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus in the United Nations promotes communication of the Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus, Dr. Costas Kadis, to the General Director of CERN, Prof. Wolf-Dieter Heuer, on the renewal of the Protocol of Collaboration with CERN until October 5, 2015 and on the nomination of Cyprus Members to the Cyprus-CERN Committee.
14. **July 2014:** The Director General of CERN communicated to the Minister of Education and Culture his acceptance to the change of the validity of the Protocol of Collaboration with CERN until the 5/10/2015 instead of 13/2/2016.
15. **December 2014:** Decision of the Council of Ministers of Cyprus for a Study on the costs and benefits from possible accession of Cyprus at CERN.
16. **August 2015:** Deadline for conducting the Study on the costs and benefits from possible accession of Cyprus at CERN (3/8/2015).
17. **September 2015:** Extension of the validity of the Protocol for 6 months, from 5/10/2015 to 5/4/2016.
18. **October 2015:** Deadline for completing the Study on the costs and benefits from possible accession of Cyprus at CERN (6/10/2015).
19. **December 2015:** The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus takes the decision that the Republic of Cyprus should join CERN as a Full Member (14/12/2015).
20. **February/March 2016:** Ratification in the Cyprus Parliament pending.