

The COVID-19 response was centralised and coordinated at the highest levels of government in coordination with the Scientific Advisory Committee consists of independent academics from universities and members of the Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases Unit. The Unit coordinates surveillance activities and is responsible for communications with the ECDC, WHO and EU. (from State of Health in the EU - Cyprus - Country Health Profile 2021 https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_cyprus_english.pdf).

During the COVID pandemic, the Cyprus Ministry of Health was in charge of the various actions, and they nominated the Molecular Virology Department of the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics as the National Reference Laboratory for COVID.

Flexible funding (also available for industry) is possible in case of an emergency.

R&I Policies and Strategies

Country has a dedicated R&I strategy exists but not on Pandemic Preparedness strategy for research and innovation related to pandemic threat?

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research?

No During the Covid Pandemic, the Cypriot research community was encouraged to use OpenAIRE COVID-19 Gateway and the Zenodo Cyprus Collection (the collection hosts Research Outputs from the research community of Cyprus).

R&I portal <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

Name	URL	Short Description
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	https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/eng	
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	https://covid19.ucy.ac.cy/	
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COVID-19	https://www.research.org.cy/covid-19	
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HIV AIDS	https://www.moh.gov.cy/Moh/MOH.nsf/All/E7BDF2576B26B489C22584C800462764/\$file/HIV-	
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Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs?

There are appointed R&I coordinators in each Ministry, nevertheless, in the domain of health there has not been up to now an effective collaboration to link public health needs and research needs

R&I Infrastructures

Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction

BSL 3; Emergency intervention units; Clinical trial units; High level isolation units

Name Infrastructure	Type Infrastructure	URL	Max Capacity	Available for	Open to
The Center of Excellence Biobank CY		https://biobank.cy/covid-19/			
The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (Molecular Virology)	BSL 3, clinical trials unit, high level isolation unit, Molecular Virology	https://www.cing.ac.cy/		academia and Cyprus Ministry of Health	Yes, upon mutual agreement

Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives relevant for infectious diseases

BBMRI

Website network of clinical trials (e.g. to facilitate the access to clinical trials) the country is involved in

<https://vaccelerate.eu/>

Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources

Basic Research

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy https://www.dmrid.gov.cy/dmrid/research.nsf/home_en/home_en?openform

funding for basic research accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Applied Research

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

funding for applied research accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Translational Research

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

funding accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

Clinical Research (in general)

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

funding accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

phase funded?

Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

funding accessible for industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

phase funded ?

Innovation Projects

url <https://www.research.org.cy/en/>

funding for innovation projects accessible industry?

source of funding Public (research) agencies

R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat

R&I actors, authorities and

ministries involved in case of an outbreak; mobilisation processes of research forces;(existing) national or regional structures that advise governments on R&I during emergencies; assessment of research outputs produced during a crisis; incentives ensuring qualitative scientific dissemination during a crisis; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak; other actors,

Name	Description	url
Ministry of Health		https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/index_en/index_en
Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy		https://www.dmid.gov.cy/dmid/research.nsf/home_en/home_en?opendocument
National Board for Research and Innovation (NBRI)	The National Board for Research and Innovation (NBRI) is the principal advisory body for defining Research and Innovation (R&I) strategy in Cyprus.	https://www.nbri.gov.cy/
Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF)	The Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF) is the national authority in charge of supporting and promoting research, technological development and innovation in Cyprus. The RIF funds basic and translational-applied research , clinical studies, and innovation-industrial research	https://www.research.org.cy/en/



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