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Practical Information Note

**RIDING THE WAVE
ADVANCING THE EU OCEAN PACT THROUGH
SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND COOPERATION**

**AGIA NAPA (AMMOCHOSTOS DISTRICT), CYPRUS
11-12 MAY 2026**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026 has the pleasure of welcoming you to Agia Napa, Ammochostos District (Famagusta District) for the conference "Riding the Wave: Advancing the EU Ocean Pact through Science, Innovation and Cooperation", which will take place on 11 and 12 May 2026 at the Adams Beach Hotel and Ayia Napa Marina, respectively.

This Practical Information Note (PIN) is intended to provide all necessary logistical and programme-related information to facilitate the preparation of your visit.

Please note that the information contained herein may be subject to change. The Cyprus Presidency will share any updated information related to the meeting through the Cyprus Presidency's dedicated Accreditation Platform.

KEY DEADLINES

When	What	Where/Who
1 April 2026	Accreditation platform opens	accreditation@cyprus2026eu.gov.cy
29 April 2026	Deadline for requesting the individual access code	RESEARCH-CY2026EU@dmrid.gov.cy
27 April 2026	Deadline for claiming pre-booked hotel reservations	Delegations to indicate booked rooms through the Accreditation Platform
29 April 2026	Accreditation platform closes	Accreditation Team
11 and 12 May 2026	Riding the Wave: Advancing the EU Ocean Pact through Science, Innovation and Cooperation	Adams Beach Hotel (Day 1) Ayia Napa Marina (Day 2)

LOCATION AND VENUES

Location

Agia Napa, Ammochostos District (Famagusta District)



The meeting will take place in Agia Napa, in the Ammochostos (Famagusta) district.

Most of the Ammochostos district, including the city of Ammochostos (Famagusta), a city of rich history, has been under Turkish military occupation since 1974.

The southeastern coast of the Ammochostos district, in particular the Agia Napa and Protaras area, is a popular tourist destination known for its crystal clear waters, golden sands, and scenic landscapes dotted with traditional windmills, its fishing harbours, and medieval churches.

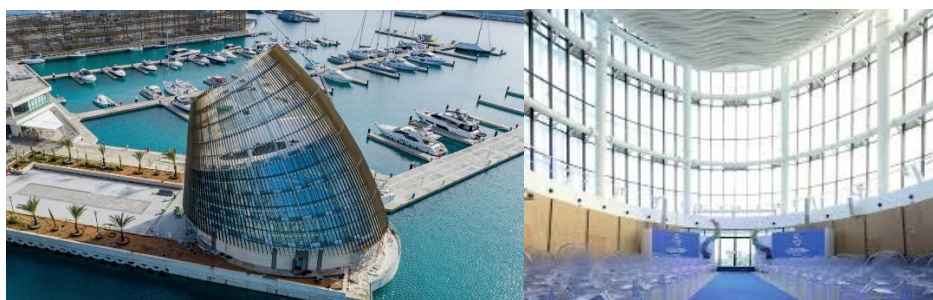
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<https://www.famagusta.org.cy/givefamagustaback/En/465>

Venue

Day 1 of the event will take place at the [Adams Beach Hotel](#). Adams Beach Hotel is a 5-star hotel located on the stunning sandy shores of Nissi Bay in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, with fine white sand and clear turquoise waters right at its doorstep. The hotel is characterized by its extensive facilities, complemented by lush Mediterranean gardens and direct beach access.



Day 2 of the event will take place at the [Ayia Napa Marina Event Centre & Event Plaza](#). This modern venue is part of the striking Ayia Napa Marina development on the coast of Cyprus, offering an architectural landmark defined by its elliptical, conical glass structure and waterfront setting. The Event Centre, together with the adjacent open-air Event Plaza, provides the ideal setting for the second day of the conference.



REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Registration & Accreditation

To ensure secure and efficient access to the meeting venue, participants must be registered and accredited in advance through the Cyprus Presidency's dedicated online [Accreditation Platform](#).

For security reasons, access to the venue and other official parts of the programme will be granted **exclusively to accredited participants**.

Each meeting participant is required to go through the accreditation process for the event, in accordance with the instructions provided in the accreditation system. Participants register individually using their own credentials and the meeting code that they will have received via email from the platform. Only successfully registered and accredited participants shall be authorised to attend the meeting.

All personal data provided for accreditation will be processed in full compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Cyprus Presidency personal data privacy notice can be accessed through the Accreditation Platform.

For any questions related to registration and accreditation, please do not hesitate to contact the Accreditation Team (contact details provided in the last section).

Individual Registration Information

Each participant needs to **create an individual account**, with their own chosen credentials (email and password), validate their account and then register themselves using the individual access code for the meeting / conference received by email.

To receive the **individual access code**, please email RESEARCH-CY2026EU@dmrid.gov.cy no later than 29 April 2026. In your email, please indicate if you are a speaker/panellist, a participant from Cyprus or a participant from abroad to receive the appropriate individual access code. Participants are kindly requested to complete the registration process at their earliest convenience and in any case before the deadlines for requesting the individual access code and for the closing of the platform mentioned herein.

The Cyprus Presidency's dedicated Accreditation Platform will be used to manage all relevant participants' information, including personal details, accreditation, transportation arrangements as well as accommodation and dietary requirements.

It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that they are duly registered and that all required information is submitted accurately by the specified deadline.

Following registration, the platform will remain accessible until **seven days** prior to the commencement of the event, allowing participants to enter their flight numbers and hotel accommodation details. Please note that once the registration period has closed, only the sections pertaining to flight details and hotel accommodation will remain available for editing.

Badges

The distribution of badges for the accredited participants will take place at the **Cyprus Presidency's Information Points** at Larnaka and Pafos International Airports upon arrival. Participants arriving two days before the meeting or earlier are requested to collect their badge **at the meeting venue** (*the Accreditation Centre will also be operating outside the Filoxenia Conference Centre in Lefkosia between 08:00 – 16:00*). However, please be aware that without a badge, the transportation services provided by the Presidency will not be accessible.

All badges are strictly personal and non-transferable and must be visible at all times within the official venue, designated means of transport and security areas and, generally, throughout all parts of the official programme.

Lost badges should be reported immediately to the Accreditation Team via the contact details provided in the last section.

LIAISON OFFICERS

Liaison Officers (LO) will be present at the two Cyprus Presidency's Information Points at Larnaka and Pafos International Airports.

SECURITY

Security during the meeting will be ensured by the Cyprus Police, in close cooperation with all relevant national authorities.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Please note that the programme is subject to change.

The final detailed programme will be shared with participants in advance of the meeting.

The first day will focus on translating scientific research into actionable policy, under the theme **“Riding the Wave of the EU Ocean Pact implementation”**. Sessions will explore how ocean observation, marine technologies, and governance tools can support resilient and sustainable policy, in particular the implementation of the EU Ocean Pact. A networking exhibition will showcase projects and innovations from EU research centers and Horizon Europe initiatives as well as umbrella organisations active

in the marine and maritime sector. The day will conclude with a high-level closing ceremony, followed by a Gala Dinner “Blue Horizons”..

The second day is fully dedicated to the **“Riding the wave from Ocean R&D to Market: the Blue Investment Challenge”** and participants will engage in keynote presentations and discussions on investment opportunities for ocean technologies, technology showcases and demonstrations. The day will provide opportunities to connect innovators with end-users and investors, promoting commercialisation and scaling of maritime solutions.

The full programme is available at: <https://cyprusconferences.org/ridingthewave-cyprus2026/>

WORKING LANGUAGE

The meeting will be conducted in English. No interpretation services are foreseen in the context of this event.

TRANSPORT

Legal points of entry

Note: The legal points of entry by air into the Republic of Cyprus are the International Airports of Larnaka and Pafos. There are no legal points of entry in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus, where the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control due to the Turkish occupation. Entering through any airport or port in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus is illegal.

For further information on the legal points of entry into the Republic of Cyprus, consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus: <https://www.gov.cy/mfa/en/documents/important-information-concerning-travel-to-the-turkish-occupied-area-of-cyprus/>

Arrivals - Departures

Upon arrival at Larnaka International Airport, participants should first proceed to the Cyprus Presidency Information Point 1 located after passport control, where accreditation badges will be available for collection. Immediately after customs

clearance, participants will reach the Information Point 2, where they will receive assistance with their transfer to the designated hotels.

At Pafos International Airport, the Cyprus Presidency Information Point will be available after arrivals, just before customs clearance in the arrivals area. Participants can collect both their accreditation badges and receive assistance regarding transfers to the designated hotels.

Transportation for accredited participants will be provided by bus or shuttle service between airports and designated hotels. Participants wishing to make use of the transportation arranged by the Cyprus Presidency are requested to indicate this through the Accreditation Platform (only a YES selection will be taken into account). Participants must provide complete and accurate travel details (e.g. flight number, arrival and departure times, and accommodation) at least **seven (7) days** prior to the start of the meeting/conference. Any modifications submitted after this period will not be taken into account and participants will have to make their own arrangements.

To facilitate efficient planning, airport transportation will be arranged once the required travel details are submitted through the Accreditation Platform and within the designated timeslots. Please note that a waiting time at the airport of up to two hours may be required.

Alternative means of transportation, such as taxi services, shuttle services and public transportation, are available at the airport premises, but not provided by the Cyprus Presidency, and must be arranged individually.

Transportation for small numbers of participants arriving or departing will be provided by the Cyprus Presidency through shuttle services. Please note that these transfers may include brief stopovers, which could require participants to disembark and board connecting shuttle services. The Cyprus Presidency will not offer exclusive transportation arrangements.

Participants wishing to proceed directly to the airport from the meeting venue at the end of the programme are requested to indicate this via the Accreditation Platform.

Kindly be advised that any participants who do not arrive in time to join the social programme at the beginning of the event will be responsible for making **their own transportation arrangements in case they wish to join the social programme.**

Participants departing on commercial flights are strongly encouraged to make use of online check-in in advance.

Should the original travel details provided for transportation purposes change due to delays, missed flights or other unforeseen circumstances, participants will be required to make their own transportation arrangements.

Lastly, please note that transfers to and from the airport will be available **from the day before the meeting until the day after the meeting**. In the event of an earlier arrival or a later departure, participants will be required to make and cover their own transportation arrangements.

Transportation

The Cyprus Presidency will provide transport for the participants. Transfers will operate between designated hotels and meeting venues throughout the official programme, in coordination with the Cyprus Police.

Please note that official transfers to and from hotels will be provided exclusively for the hotels designated within the framework of the Cyprus Presidency. These will be displayed as available options on the Accreditation Platform at the time of registration.

Transportation for accredited participants will be arranged by buses between the designated hotels and the meeting venue. Participants are kindly requested to be ready for departure at the transfer times indicated in the official programme, as buses will depart punctually.

Participants staying outside the designated hotels who require transportation to the meeting / conference venue will be picked up from a single collection point, for which you will be notified at a later stage by the organisers.

Please note that transportation to events or meetings which are not included the aforementioned **official programme**, will not be provided by the Cyprus Presidency.

ACCOMMODATION

The Cyprus Presidency has pre-booked hotel rooms for this meeting in Agia Napa and/or Protaras (Ammochostos District).

Participants who intend to make use of the pre-booked rooms are requested to complete the booking process **via the link or the contact email** provided on the Accreditation Platform (*the Accreditation Platform itself **does not** function as a booking platform and indicating interest only there will not be considered a reservation*). Please note that participants are responsible for making their own reservations and for covering accommodation costs. Pre-booked rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For general inquiries participants should contact hospitality@cyprus2026eu.gov.cy. However, all speakers should contact ridingthewave2026@cmmi.blue directly for guidance regarding their accommodation.

Participants staying at another hotel, other than the one pre-booked by the Cyprus Presidency, are kindly requested to specify the hotel name on the Accreditation Platform under the section "Other".

SUSTAINABILITY

The Cyprus Presidency aims to ensure that environmentally, socially and economically responsible choices are made throughout its planning and execution.

MEDIA

The Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC) has been designated as the **Host Broadcaster** of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026

The Press and Information Office (PIO) will serve as the **Host Photographer** of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026.

A Media Guide, prepared by the Communication Team of the Cyprus Presidency, will be uploaded to the Cyprus Presidency's website.

THE PRESIDENCY ONLINE

The website and Social Media channels of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026 are the Presidency's main communication channels, where news, events and other official material are published.

- **Website:**
[Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026](https://www.cypruspresidency.eu)
- **Social Media Channels:**
 - **Instagram:** [@cy2026eu](https://www.instagram.com/cy2026eu)
 - **Facebook:** [facebook.com/CY2026EU](https://www.facebook.com/CY2026EU)
 - **LinkedIn:** [Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cyprus-presidency-of-the-council-of-the-eu-2026)
 - **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@cy2026eu>

- **X:** [@cy2026eu](#)
- **BlueSky:** [@cy2026eu.bsky.social](#)
- **Flickr:** [Cy2026.EU](#)

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Emergency number: 112 (fire brigade, ambulance, police)

Electricity: The voltage in Cyprus is 230V. Cyprus uses Type G plugs (UK-style with three rectangular pins), so bringing a suitable plug adapter, if needed, is advisable

Local time zone: Eastern European Time (EET) (GMT +2)

Country code: Cyprus +357

Currency: The official currency of Cyprus is Euro (€)

Weather: [Weather in Cyprus](#)

Smoking: Smoking is only allowed outdoors in the designated areas of the official meeting venues

CONTACT DETAILS

For information on the preliminary programme:

- Email: ridingthewave2026@cmmi.blue
- Phone number: +357 24506100
- Website: <https://cyprusconferences.org/ridingthewave-cyprus2026/>

For information on registration and accreditation:

- Email: accreditation@cyprus2026eu.gov.cy
- Phone number: +357 22801761 / + 357 22801762 / +357 22801763

For information on accommodation:

- Email: hospitality@cyprus2026eu.gov.cy
- Phone number: +357 22308325

For information on transportation:

- Email: transportation@cyprus2026eu.gov.cy
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