

CYPRUS

COL activities in 2003-2006

BACKGROUND

A small state of the Commonwealth, Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004. It has been a contributor to COL since 2006.

SUMMARY

Cyprus' participation in the Virtual University for the Small States of the Commonwealth (VUSSC) has been the main focus of its relationship with COL.

POLICY AND SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT

Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (VUSSC)

Cyprus is participating in the VUSSC (see section on Pan-Commonwealth initiatives for more details of VUSSC). Cyprus is providing expert input for the development of open educational resources for VUSSC. Representatives attended a 3-week "boot camp" in Mauritius during which four teams created learning materials, using existing open educational resources as inputs. Approximately thirty notional learning hours in each of the subject areas of tourism and entrepreneurship were produced in Mauritius and the work is now being continued online. All materials will be made available online via a website.

LOOKING FORWARD

Cyprus played an important role in the meetings of the Virtual University for the Small States of the Commonwealth. There is scope for it to position itself as a provider of learning materials amongst Commonwealth countries.