



Home for Cooperation

The Home for Cooperation (H4C) was set up by the Association for Historical Research and Dialogue (AHDR), with the support of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and co-funded by the Republic of Cyprus. Today, Norway continues its support through the Norway Grants.

Grant awarded in 2008:	€750 000
Grant awarded in 2011:	€600 000

The first grant was provided to establish the H4C. The second grant will ensure the sustainability of the centre, and will be used to cover operational expenses and fund activities to develop dialogue on history teaching and outreach activities.

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Association for Historical Research and Dialogue

The Association for Historical Research and Dialogue (AHDR) aims to promote peace, stability and democracy through dialogue and critical thinking in history research and teaching. The AHDR works with educators and researchers from both communities to develop educational material, to advance history knowledge and to raise public awareness of the importance of dialogue and mutual understanding.

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Buffer zone, Nicosia, Cyprus

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Dialogue and cooperation

Through the EEA and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute to reducing disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 countries in Central and Southern Europe.

In Cyprus, considerable support goes to strengthening civil society and bi-communal dialogue and cooperation. For the period of 2009-2014, Cyprus has been allocated €7.9 million; up from €4.7 million over the previous five-year period. Norway provides 97% of the funding, with Iceland and Liechtenstein providing the rest.

The Grants have contributed to the establishment of the Home for Cooperation (H4C), a multifunctional activity centre in the buffer zone in Nicosia. The H4C hosts facilities for meetings, conferences and exhibitions, and houses a library, an archive, offices for various NGOs and a café.



Childrens' artwork from the 1st anniversary of the Home for Cooperation

Bi-communal exchange

The H4C was established by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR). One of the core objectives of the centre is to encourage Cypriots to demonstrate the benefits of cooperation across the existing divide.

Since its opening in 2011, the H4C has become a lively meeting place for Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots alike, where young people, students, teachers, researchers and civil society groups can discuss, share and engage in dialogue.

Located in the Nicosia buffer zone, the centre is a symbol of cooperation, creating a welcoming environment for people from both communities.



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Previous lookout post on the roof of the now Home for Cooperation



In the buffer zone

The building dates from the early 1950s, when it housed shops and apartments. It was strategically placed on a busy street just opposite the Ledra Palace, the most luxurious hotel in Cyprus at that time.

Following the creation of the buffer zone in 1974, the area was abandoned and the building left to decay. Only a shop producing and selling t-shirts for UN soldiers stayed open, and the UN kept a lookout post on the roof.

The renovation of the building and the establishment of the H4C has sparked new activity in the buffer zone. The nearby Venetian walls, the Djirit stadium, monuments in the Arabahmet district and the Armenian cemetery are just some examples of the rich multicultural heritage of this area.