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## Second Swiss Contribution

# Swiss–Cypriot Cooperation Programme

### [The Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus \(CMP\)](#)

The Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP) is a bi-communal body established in 1981 by the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities with the participation of the United Nations. Following the establishment of an agreed list of missing persons, the CMP's objective is to recover, identify, and return to their families, the remains of 2002 persons (492 Turkish Cypriots and 1,510 Greek Cypriots) who went missing during the inter-communal fighting of 1963 to 1964 and the events of 1974.



Group photo with the Embassy of Switzerland and the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus October 2023.

The overall objective of the project is to close a painful chapter in the history of the island without further delay and contribute to restoring trust and fostering reconciliation between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. This important objective will be further encouraged and promoted through the participation of bi-communal scientific teams in all stages of

the process. The expected output is for the remains of missing persons to be recovered, identified and returned to their families.



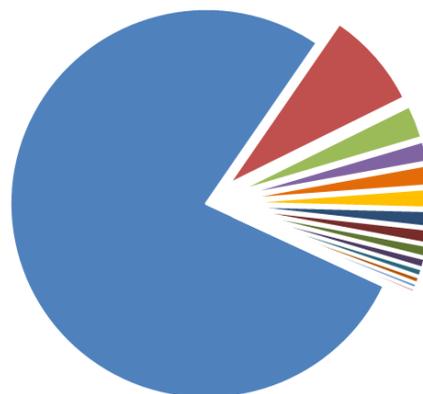
Ambassador's visit to the excavation sites in the norther part of Cyprus, 24 November 2023.

CMP has three Members, two appointed respectively by the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and a third Member selected by the International Committee of the Red Cross and appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General. Furthermore, CMP employs a bi-communal forensic team of more than 60 Cypriot archaeologists, anthropologists and geneticists, who conduct excavations throughout the island and anthropological and genetic analyses of remains at the CMP Anthropological Laboratory.

CMP does not attempt to establish the cause of death or attribute responsibility for the death of missing persons. Its objective is a humanitarian one, bringing closure to thousands of affected families through the return of the remains of their missing relatives.

Switzerland is contributing CHF 1 Mio. to the CMP for the period 2023-2026.

CMP Donors  
Financial Contributions received (2006 - 2024)



- European Union<sup>1</sup> € 38,500,000
- Cyprus € 4,012,700
- Türkiye € 1,362,825
- Switzerland € 848,452
- United States € 846,840
- Germany € 800,000
- Netherlands € 672,000
- Turkish Cypriot community € 583,000
- Ireland € 475,000
- Greece € 385,000
- United Kingdom € 305,000
- Belgium € 250,000
- Kuwait € 200,000
- Spain € 150,000
- Clerides Donation € 87,000
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- Slovak Republic € 20,000
- China € 20,000
- Portugal € 15,000
- Australia € 13,300
- Luxembourg € 8,000
- Canada € 4,500

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