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## **New scientific cooperation between the PV Technology Lab of FOSS Research Centre of the University of Cyprus and the ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence of the Cyprus University of Technology.**

The PV Technology Lab of FOSS Research Centre for Sustainable Energy of the University of Cyprus and the ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence (ECoE) of the Cyprus University of Technology, have recently agreed on the implementation of a new scientific cooperation that brings together two key academic institutions, the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus University of Technology.

ERATOSTHENES CoE ([www.eratosthenes.org.cy](http://www.eratosthenes.org.cy)) is a Digital Innovation Hub in earth observation, space and geo-spatial information. It is a new, autonomous, and self-sustained Centre of Excellence that has been established through the 'EXCELSIOR', H2020 Widespread Teaming Phase 2 project ([www.excelsior2020.eu](http://www.excelsior2020.eu)). The mission of the Excelsior project is to upgrade the existing Remote Sensing and Geo-Environment Laboratory of the Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics of the Cyprus University of Technology to the Eratosthenes CoE.

For the implementation of the cooperation between the PV Technology Lab of the University of Cyprus and ERATOSTHENES CoE, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 between the Head of PV Technology Lab of the University of Cyprus, Professor George E. Georghiou and the Managing Director of the ERATOSTHENES CoE, Professor Diofantos Hadjimitsis. Following the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, Prof. Georghiou and his team hosted Prof. Hadjimitsis and members of the Management and Scientific Team of the ERATOSTHENES CoE at the University of Cyprus premises, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022. ERATOSTHENES CoE had the opportunity to visit the PV Technology Lab-FOSS Research Centre facilities and state-of-the-art renewable energy equipment, located only in a few places globally.

A fruitful discussion followed, focused on the development of a direct scientific collaboration between the two Research Centers in fields of common interest. The collaboration is expected to be of mutual advantage to both institutions, whilst it reflects both the scientific and cultural advancement, based on a variety of modes of cooperation agreed. Indicatively, the cooperation of the two research centers will be based on a plethora of activities, including faculty and student exchanges, mutual participation in research projects, mutual exchange of information, scientific documentation and publications, other academic exchanges formally recognized by ERATOSTHENES CoE and PV Technology Lab, thesis co-tutorship, and mutual exchange of measured data of common research activities.

The new cooperation of the PV Technology Lab of the University of Cyprus with ERATOSTHENES CoE will enhance our aim of propelling the energy transition and climate action within Cyprus and abroad.

For more information, you may contact Professor George E. Georghiou (email: [geg@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:geg@ucy.ac.cy)) or navigate to the PV Technology Lab of the University of Cyprus webpage [www.pvtechnology.ucy.ac.cy](http://www.pvtechnology.ucy.ac.cy), for more information on our research activities.

