

CYPRUS REPUBLIC EMF ACTIVITY 2013 REPORT

1. General research activities in your country related to EMF health

There is no research activity related to the effects of EMF to health carried out in Cyprus.

2. New policies and legislations regarding EMF exposure

The Competent Authority for the protection of the workers from the effects of EMF is the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance. They regulate all the establishments using EMF by enforcing the general health and safety at work framework law and using the reference levels of the European Council Recommendations (1999/519/EC) of 12 July 1999 on the limitations of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz).

The Ministry of Health is responsible for setting the reference levels of EMF to the population. The current reference levels are those given by the European Council Recommendations (1999/519/EC) of 12 July 1999 on the limitations of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz).

3. Areas of public concern and national responses

The main public concern is the radiation effects from Mobile telephony antennas, especially to children.

4. New public information activities

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Municipalities Union and the Department of Electronic Communications has produced a leaflet informing the public about EMF in the format of Frequently Asked Questions. They also organise open events informing the public. These events consist of presentations covering the following area:

Electromagnetic fields and their effects on the human body

Electromagnetic radiation and the Child

Mobile telephony and possible health effects

Measurements and controls of electromagnetic fields

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