



EUROPEAN NETWORK OF
DEFENCE-RELATED REGIONS

Cyprus Defence Cluster / Cyprus Association of Research and Innovation Enterprises

Nicosia / Cluster

Defence and Dual-use technologies, Microelectronics, Border control, robotics, materials, AI

Founded in 2010, CARIE is a non-profit association that promotes Industrial Research and Innovation in Cyprus and the interests of Cypriot Innovative technology companies. The founding objectives are:

- Safeguarding and promotion of research and innovation enterprises common interests, along legal, financial, social and ethical perspectives.
- Cooperation with governmental organisations responsible for the design of the Research and Innovation National Strategy and its promotion to enterprises in favour of increasing their competitiveness.
- Cooperation with Cyprus Government and other public and non-governmental organisations, aiming at the dissemination, development and promotion of scientific and technological research and innovation.
- Design and support of research and innovation promotion programmes, targeting enterprises as beneficiaries, and focusing on their needs for competitiveness increase in the local and international market.

Since 2019, the Cyprus Defence Cluster (which is a focus group of CARIE), is bringing together 30 companies that are active in Defence and Dual Use research and development. The Cyprus Defence cluster companies have successfully been participating in 17 EDIDP and EDF R&D contracts with a total budget of EUR 172.5 million.