

CYPRUS INFO-DAY ON THE 2024 ERC CALLS



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“**Commercial Patterns Across the Sea: The interdisciplinary study of Maritime Transport Containers from Cyprus and the elucidation of Mediterranean connectivity during the Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age**”

Panel: **Social Sciences and Humanities (SH) 6**

Host Institution: **Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus**

Budget: **1 254 300 Euros**

Implementation period: **June 2021 – May 2026**

Team: **9 research associates (PI and postdoctoral researchers)**



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Objective: to provide new insights into the interregional commercial strategies and intercultural connectivity in the eastern Mediterranean during the Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age (around 1650-750 BC)

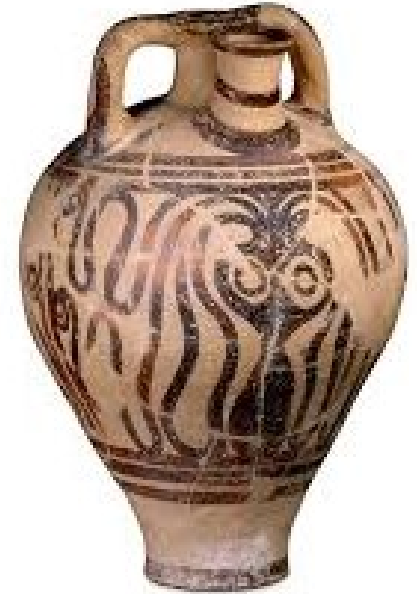
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'Canaanite Jars'



'Egyptian Jar'



Transport Stirrup
Jar

'Maritime Transport Containers' = specialised ceramic vessels used for the transport of commodities (oil, wine etc)

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**Morphological
classification**

**Secondary use and
depositional practices**

**Designation of
provenance**

**Recording of marks
and marking
strategies**

**Designation of
commodities
contained**

**Characterisation of
morpho-functional
qualities**

**Dating and
synchronisation**

**Volumetric capacity
measurements**



Proposal writing

- An original topic = addressing a gap in the state of the art
- The implementation of this project would general important,
new knowledge
 - Meticulously outlined in the relevant part of the
application (State-of-the-art)

Proposal writing

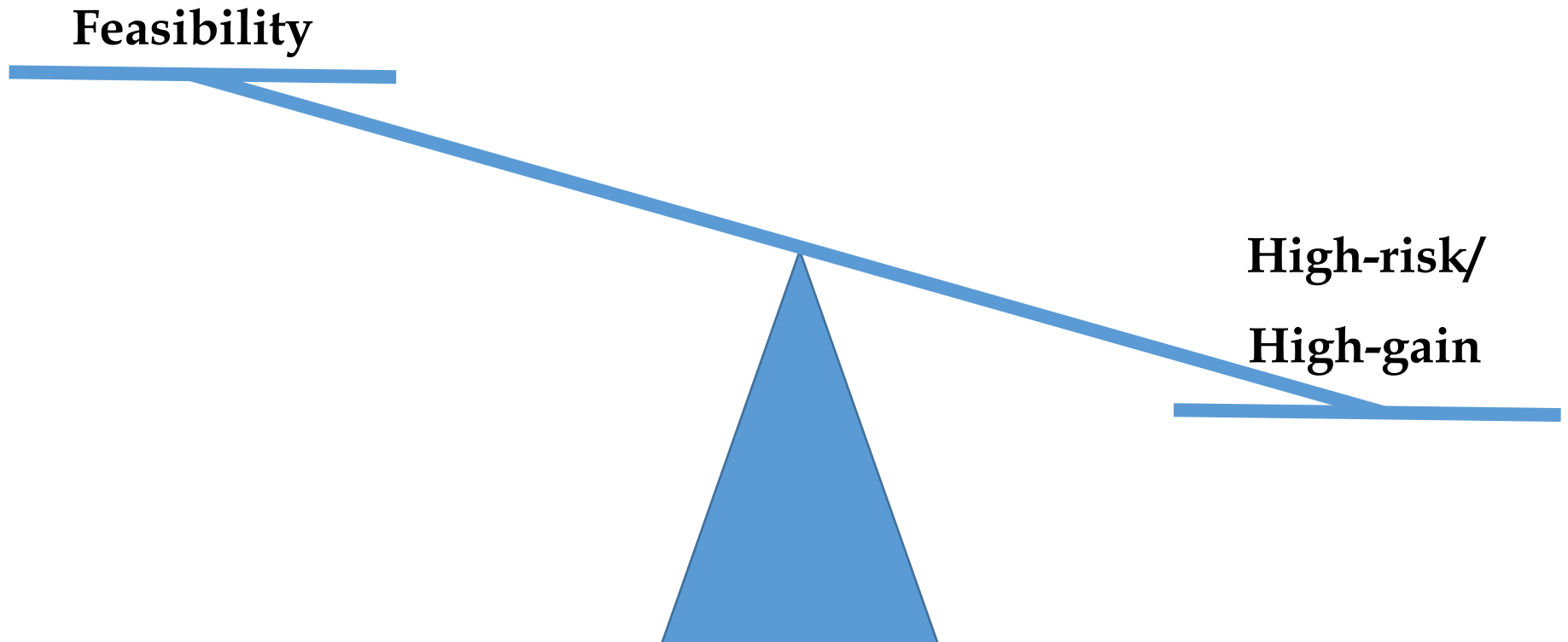
- Innovative methodology
- Broad scientific spectrum = combination of traditional archaeological methods with other disciplines and technologically advanced tools
- Development of an advanced methodological approach for the study of ancient material remains → A baseline for other studies

Proposal writing

- Integration of new, cutting-edge methodologies, with newly developed protocols
- High-risk/high-gain factor → positively assessed by panelists and reviewers

Proposal writing

- (Delicate!) balance between **high-risk/high-gain** VS **feasibility**



Proposal writing

- The researcher and their skills/ qualifications at the core of the proposed research
- The researcher is able to oversee and manage the project's multi-faceted tasks and to lead a diverse research team (not necessarily perform all tasks themselves)

Proposal writing

- **!!TIME!!**



→ To write the application

→ To process and develop the project's concept, objectives, methodology etc

→ To organise practical aspects (formulation of the team, budget, timeframe setting etc)

Proposal writing

- Structure of research proposal (*for the 2020 Horizon*)
 - B1 (5 pages)
 - B2 (15 pages)

No other restrictions or strict guidelines!

→ Ideal characteristics of the application:

- **concise and clear wording**
- **direct and polished writing**
- **cohesion among the various parts**

Proposal writing

- Contribution of colleagues:
 - Discussions and food for thought
 - Feedback during various stages of the proposal draft writing
 - Informal peer-review process!

Proposal writing

- Guidance and support by:
 - The University of Cyprus' Research and Innovation Support Services
 - **The National Contact Point (NCP) for ERCs** at the Research and Innovation Foundation
 - important information on the peculiarities of the ERCs
 - support during the application preparation and proposal writing
 - feedback on the final draft and critical comments

Implementation



Progress with Museum studies as the baseline for future research



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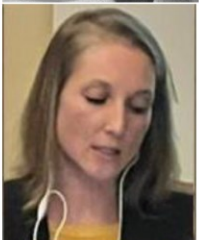
Marks and Marking
strategies



Dr Anna Georgiadou Early Iron Age material



**Dr Maria
Dikomitou-Eliadou** Provenance studies
(petrography) consultant



Dr Cydrisse Cateloy Volumetric capacity
estimations



**Dr Andreas
Charalambous**

pXRF analyses (part-
time)





Public outreach
activities



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Project's website: <https://www.ucy.ac.cy/compas/>



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THE PROJECT

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WORKSHOPS



NEWS AND EVENTS



Welcome to the website of ComPAS!

The four pillars of success in an ERC application*:

*in my personal opinion/experience

- ✓ The academic excellence of the researcher (peer-review publications, invited lectures, any other academic activities that are significant to their field)
- ✓ Innovation and ambition of research proposal – frontier research
- ✓ Well-written application that effectively and concisely conveys the researcher's excellence and significance of the proposed research
- ✓ Luck!  

Thank you!

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