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Moon Village Association (MVA) and Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO) announce their partnership

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The Moon Village Association (MVA) and Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO) are pleased to announce that they have formed a strategic partnership and signed an MoU. With this MoU, the two entities aspire to strengthen their bond and their cooperation in the space sector.

This agreement between the MVA and CSEO will lead to the enhancement and progress of their common goals regarding the development of the Moon Village and promote the field of space exploration as well as developing numerous space initiatives.

This partnership is very exciting for both organizations, as this agreement involves a cooperation in technological research and development, science, education, innovation and entrepreneurship, by collaborating in organising international outreach activities and competitions, as well as joining forces to facilitate various projects, missions and research.

It should be noted that by this agreement CSEO, that already is an Institutional Member of MVA, becomes a regional coordinator of MVA in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, Cyprus and Greece as well as chair the MVA Analogue Project, with the aim to bring cooperation between the various stakeholders in the region and internationally.

Furthermore, CSEO has allocated resources, partially as contribution in kind, for supporting the management of the MVA from Cyprus, with the provision of an Administrative Support Officer, supporting the achievement of the goals of the MVA. The Moon Village Association (MVA) and Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO) are pleased to announce that they have formed a strategic partnership and signed an MoU. With this MoU, the two entities aspire to strengthen their bond and their cooperation in the space sector.

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About the Moon Village Association

The Moon Village Association (MVA) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna, founded in 2017. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the general public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA is the assembling of all efforts from private industry, governments and others aimed to explore and use the Moon in a sustainable manner. Therefore, it is not a literal village on the Moon, it is not an 'International Space Station on the Moon', and it is not a single science facility. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned Moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises approximately 220 individual and 26 institutional members from more than 40 countries, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. The MVA partners with non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the development of the Moon Village, and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world. The Moon Village Association's mission is unique, bridging together both spacefaring and non-spacefaring nations offering them the opportunity to play a role in its realization. There is no other organization on the international scene having such a mission.

About Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation

Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO) is a non-profit, non-governmental, Organisation, founded in 2012, with the goal of "Launching Cyprus into the Space Era" and building the next generation of scientists, that would see Cyprus as niche player in global space exploration initiatives. CSEO operates on four basic pillars: "Education and Outreach", "R&D", "Industry", and "International Relations and Collaboration", in the field of space exploration, astronautics and astrophysics. The Organisation promotes Research and Innovation in these fields, and actively develops the domestic space industry and building international collaboration, creating diverse multinational partnerships on space exploration and research projects, in science, space and planetary missions. Today, CSEO has multiple international awards in space innovation, and a thriving ecosystem of over 75 corporate members, a global network of space ambassadors via "CSEO International", and over 500 registered researchers, scientists, educators and volunteers. CSEO's researchers are involved in Astrophysics, Earth Observation, Planetary Sciences, Climate Sciences, ICT, Robotics, Computer Vision, Aerospace Materials etc.

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