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Thessaloniki Port

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EVENT PROGRAM

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22 MAY 2026

09:00-10:00 REGISTRATIONS

09:30-10:00 COFFEE

10:00-10:30 Opening Session



Stavros Kalafatis
Deputy Minister of Development



Athina Aidona
Governor, Region of Central Macedonia



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Dimitris Terzis
Secretary General for Research
and Innovation



Spyros Vougias
Chairman of the Thessaloniki
City Council



Dr. Alexis Papadimitriou
Managing Director
Infoteam HELLAS

10:30-11:00 Keynote Speaker 1

The agentic revolution: Building trust and opportunity in the era of AI agents



Aliko Foinikopoulou
Head of the Global Public Policy team
Salesforce

11:00-11:10 Innovation & New Entrepreneurship

Municipal Innovation in Action: The Example of OK!Thess



Spiros Tzelepis
Deputy Mayor for Innovation
& New Entrepreneurship

11:10-12:40

Innovation for Society Awards - IFS Awards by RCM 2026



From Challenge Unveiling to Call 4 Solutions



Facilitator: **Stavros Mantzanakis**

Awarded Contractor of the Project "Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support Mechanism – RCM" / CEO, Helenos Consulting

11:10-11:25

Presenting the Initiative



Nikolaos Tzollas

Vice-Governor
Region of Central Macedonia

11:25-12:25

Reverse Pitching - Challenge Unveiling Expert stress-test & audience interaction

Challenge Owners
Experts & Audience



George Nikolaidis

CEO,
Ergobyte Informatics S.A.



Nick Kanopoulos

CEO, BRITE



Konstantinos Moschou

CRM - Quality department
ALTERRA SA



Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis

Head of Innovation, THPA S.A.



Dr. Alexis Papadimitriou

Managing Director
Infoteam HELLAS



Okeanis Kapousidou

Marketing & Communications Lead,
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Christos Koutsas

Chemical Engineer,
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Dora Paschali

Msc Environmental Engineer
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Elisa Lampoudi

Project Manager
ISOMAT



Konstantinos Alexiou

Plant Director
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Lena Maravelia

Investment Project Manager
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Aikaterini Michailides

Managing Director
EVYP LLP



Alexios Matakos

Technical Consultant Alumil



George Tsipos

CEO Αντιπλημμυρικά Ελλάδας

12:25-12:40

Next Steps / Open call 4 solutions



Stavros Mantzanakis

Awarded Contractor of the Project
"Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support
Mechanism – RCM"
CEO, Helenos Consulting

12:40-12:50

Special Session: Students Innovate

Distinguished projects with social impact by the 2nd Experimental High School of Kalamaria
(Presented by NOESIS)

Projects: iParkAble: Smart parking for people with disabilities.
HydraMind: Interactive water consumption monitoring.
Anxiety Tracker: System for monitoring and recording wellness indicators

12:40-13:45

LUNCH BREAK

13:45-15:15

From Lab to Market:

Innovating Through Technology Transfer



Facilitator: **Konstantinos Fouskas**
Head of Technology Transfer Office
University of Macedonia



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13:45-14:00

**Introduction:
The Role of Technology Transfer Offices
(TTOs) in the Innovation Ecosystem**



Dr Katerina Papadopoulou
Head of Technology Transfer Office, CERTH
Coordinator of SPIRA+ TTOs Network

14:00-14:55

Research Teams from all TTOs - SPEIRA+

**Success Stories:
Collaborations Between Research
Groups, Industry, and Spin-offs**



Moderator: **Eri Toka**
Head of Technology Transfer
and Innovation Unit, AUTH

Speakers:



Patroklos Varelzis
Assistant Professor, School of Chemical
Engineering, Aristotle University of
Thessaloniki, Co-founder of POSS



Nikolaos Fachantidis
Professor, Department of
Educational & Social Policy,
University of Macedonia



Nikolaos Kladovasilakis
Assistant Professor, Department
of Supply Chain Management,
International Hellenic University



Konstantinos Karystinakis
Business Developer
CDXi Solutions P.C.



Panagiotis Sarigiannidis
Full Professor, University of
Western Macedonia, Co-founder
of MetaMind Innovations

14:55-15:05

**The importance of designing
policies and actions to leverage
research results**



Dr Antonios Gypakis
Head of Planning and Programming
for Research and Innovation Directorate
GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION

15:05-15:15

Q & A / Conversation



Konstantinos Fouskas
Head of Technology Transfer Office
University of Macedonia

15:15-15:45

COFFEE BREAK

15:45-15:55

AGI or Physical AI?

Two bets on the future of AI



Alexandra Gouta

Financial & Technology
News Editor

15:55-16:20

Keynote Speaker 2

Orchestrating, Scaling and Governing Innovation Ecosystems
- Enabling and constraining factors.
Some first views for Thessaloniki's innovation ecosystem



Paul Jansen

Associate Director Organised Innovation Spaces
ARUP

16:20-16:40

Innovation Ecosystems



Moderator: **Costas Tramantzas**

General manager - Alexander Innovation Zone S.A.



Paul Jansen

Associate Director
Organised Innovation Spaces ARUP



Dr Anastasios Vasiliadis

CEO, JOIST Innovation Park & iED



Nikos Katsiadakis

Thess INTEC Ecosystem Development

16:40-17:35

How can juniors collaborate with modern AI tools rather than be replaced by them?



Moderator: **Alexandra Gouta**

Financial & Technology
News Editor

Round Table



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Participants:



Aiki Foinikopoulou

Head of the Global Public Policy team
Salesforce



Kostas Malamas

CEO at Dataviva



Anastasios Manos

CEO, Dotsoft A.E.



Christos Baltas

Director PwC Deals
& Strategy, N. Greece

17:35-18:35

European Innovation Council (EIC)

17:35-17:45

**Χρηματοδοτικά Εργαλεία του EIC:
What's right for you?**



Vaya Piteli

Technology Transfer Consultant,
National Contact Point for Horizon Europe,
PRAXI Network / FORTH

17:45-18:35

**IC-Ready or Not Yet?
Τι Χρειάζεται η Ελληνική Καινοτομία
για να Ξεκλειδώσει τις Ευκαιρίες του EIC;**



Moderator: **George Kotrotsios**

National Representative of Greece for ERC & EIC;
Former Vice-President and Member of the Executive Committee,
Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology (CSEM);
Vice-President, Hellenic Chip Competence Center (HCCC);
Member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW)

Round Table

Speakers:



Stavros Kalafatis

Deputy Minister of Development
(tbc)



Evangelos Bekiaris

Chairman of the Board of
Directors of the Centre for
Research and Technology
Hellas (CERTH)



Manolis Frantzerkakis

CEO at Argo Semiconductors SA



Vaya Piteli

Technology Transfer Consultant,
PRAXI Network / FORTH



Panayiotis H. Ketikidis

National Representative of Greece, European Innovation
Council (EIC); President of Alexander Innovation Zone;
Professor of Innovation and Technology, University
of York Europe Campus; Member of the National Council
for Research, Technology and Innovation (NCRTI)

18:35-18:40

Closing remarks from TF Organizing Committee



Dr Simos Veloudis

Associate Professor, University of York
Europe Campus



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