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EVENT PROGRAM

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

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Athina Aidona
Governor
Region of Central Macedonia



Stelios Aggeloudis
Mayor of Thessaloniki



Dimitris Terzis
Secretary General for Research
and Innovation

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**

Technical Consultant, O.S.L.O Region of Central Macedonia | 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

12:25-12:40

Next Steps / Open call 4 solutions



Stavros Mantzanakis

Technical Consultant,
O.S.L.O Region of Central Macedonia
CEO, Helenos Consulting

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



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

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



Ομάδες από όλα τα ΓΜΤ ΣΠΕΙΡΑ+
Moderator: **Eri Toka**
Head of Technology Transfer
and Innovation Unit, AUTH

Speakers:



Patroklos Vareltzis
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



Moderator: **Nikos Katsiadakis**
Thess INTEC Ecosystem Development

15:45-15:55

AGI or Physical AI?

Two bets on the future of AI



Alexandra Gouta

Financial & Technology
News Editor

15:55-16:40

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

16:40-17:35

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



Moderator: **Alexandra Gouta**

Financial & Technology
News Editor

Round Table



Round table participants:



Aliko Foinikopoulou

Head of the Global Public Policy team
Salesforce



Kostas Malamas

CEO at Dataviva



Anastasios Manos

CEO, Dotsoft A.E.

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
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