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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Aristotle University at the Forefront of Innovation and Development in the Region  
of Central Macedonia**

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Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), consistently committed to excellence, innovation, and social contribution, is significantly strengthening its research and development footprint through the approval of 40 research proposals submitted by its departments. These proposals have been included in the “Central Macedonia 2021–2027” Program, under the Priority Axis “Productive Competitive Transformation of Central Macedonia.”

These projects are co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and were submitted in January 2025 by various Departments and Laboratories of AUTH, with the support of the Secretariat Department of the University’s General Directorate of Technical Services & Information Systems. The official approval decision was published on Friday, June 13, 2025. Out of the total of 76 approved proposals, 40 originated from AUTH—a percentage that confirms the institution’s leading role in research and technological development.

The call aims to create, expand, or upgrade Research, Technological Development, and Innovation (RTDI) infrastructure. The funding includes, among other things, the procurement of specialized scientific equipment and software.

The human capital of AUTH continues to actively contribute to societal progress, support local development, and produce research with meaningful impact for the Region of Central Macedonia and the country as a whole.