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PRESS RELEASE

**Academic expertise from the Polytechnic School of Aristotle University
of Thessaloniki at the service of the Municipality of Thessaloniki**

Thessaloniki, July 18, 2025

A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Postgraduate Program (MSc) “*Spatial Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Development (SPSRD)*” of the Department of Spatial Planning and Development Engineering at the Polytechnic School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH).

The Memorandum was signed by the Deputy Mayor for Operational Planning, Digital Policy, and e-Governance of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Mr. Kostas Vasilopoulos, and the Director of the MSc program, Professor Dionysis Latinopoulos of the Polytechnic School of AUTH.

The purpose of the Memorandum, which was signed on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Thessaloniki City Hall, is to strengthen cooperation on critical issues of sustainable and resilient development in the Municipality of Thessaloniki, drawing on the scientific knowledge and experience of the MSc program.

Both parties commit to jointly promote actions related to, among other areas, urban and social resilience, climate neutrality, climate change adaptation, participatory planning, and the use of digital tools in spatial planning.

Key areas — though not limited to — of collaboration and joint action will include: scientific guidance, implementation of educational seminars, support for student research and internships, research partnerships, and co-organization of events, conferences, and workshops.

The agreement has a five-year duration and includes the establishment of a Coordinating Team to monitor and coordinate the joint actions, creating a stable framework for collaboration.

Attached are photographs from the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation.

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media