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PRESS RELEASE

**Memorandum of Understanding between Aristotle University and the
University of South Carolina, with a Focus on Education and Research**

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Aristotle University (AUTH) and the University of South Carolina, USA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding today, Thursday, 29 October 2026, at the University Senate Hall.

Aristotle University Rector, Professor Kyriakos Anastasidis, and University of South Carolina President, Professor Michael Amiridis, signed the Memorandum.

The agreement aims to promote academic and research cooperation between the two universities through study programmes, exchanges of students, researchers and faculty members, and the development of joint educational and research activities.

Through these initiatives, the two institutions seek to strengthen academic excellence, expand opportunities for international cooperation and networking between the universities and their academic communities, and create the conditions for closer ties between the two countries.

The agreement will remain in effect for five years, with provision for further defining and expanding the areas of cooperation through additional annexes.

Kyriakos Anastasidis: "AUTH's international outreach depends on strong, long-term international partnerships"

Aristotle University Rector, Professor Kyriakos Anastasidis, stated: *"Signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of South Carolina marks another important step towards strengthening Aristotle University's international presence and expanding its academic and research partnerships."*

Our goal is to ensure that this cooperation delivers tangible results through new study programmes, exchanges of students and researchers, knowledge transfer, and joint initiatives in education and research. We believe that institutional cooperation between universities, the exchange of best practices, and the use of scientific expertise for the benefit of the academic community and society are essential prerequisites for a modern, outward-looking public university with strong international connections.”

A public university with a history dating back to 1801 and extensive research activity

The University of South Carolina is a public research university based in Columbia, South Carolina, USA. Founded in 1801, it serves as the flagship institution of the state’s university system and is the largest university in South Carolina in terms of student enrolment. It conducts extensive research and holds the R1 classification, which recognises universities with very high research activity. University of South Carolina President, Professor Michael Amiridis, is a graduate of Aristotle University’s School of Chemical Engineering.

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