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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Aristotle Innovation Forum: The Role of Teaching and Learning Support Centers in Enhancing University Teaching and Learning**

Thessaloniki, 13 May 2026

“Challenges for Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: The Role of Teaching and Learning Support Centers” is the title of the event organized by the Teaching and Learning Support Center (KEDIMA) of the Aristotle University, within the framework of the Aristotle Innovation Forum, on Wednesday, 20 May 2026, from 11:00 to 13:00, at the “Alexandros Papanastasiou” Ceremonial Hall of the Old Building of the Faculty of Philosophy.

The session focuses on the challenges involved in enhancing teaching and learning in higher education, highlighting the role of Teaching and Learning Support Centers in supporting academic staff, promoting pedagogical innovation, and strengthening the quality of university teaching.

Through presentations and discussions by coordinators of KEDIMA centers from Greek universities, the most significant challenges, current initiatives, and strategic priorities for the academic development and institutional strengthening of Teaching and Learning Support Centers in Greek universities will be presented.

The event will feature the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the University of Ioannina, Professor Anastasios Emvalotis; the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the Aristotle University, Professor Domna Kakana; the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the University of Patras, Professor Athanasios Karalis; the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the Democritus University of Thrace, Professor Katerina Kedraka; the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the International Hellenic University, Assistant Professor Giorgos Kountios; Aristotle University KEDIMA associate Nikos Mouratoglou; the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the University of Thessaly, Professor Kafenia Botsoglou; and the Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor Vasileios Tsafos. The session will be moderated by Professor Domna Kakana.

More information: [Aristotle Innovation Forum Event Page](#)

### **The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**

On Tuesday, 19 May, from 16:30 to 18:00, the session entitled “The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education” will take place at Pavilion 15 of the Thessaloniki International Fair.

The session focuses on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education, highlighting universities’ institutional policies and guidelines, the role of Teaching and Learning Support Centers, and training initiatives for academic staff.

Through presentations and discussions by representatives and coordinators of KEDIMA centers from Greek universities, different approaches, experiences, and concerns regarding the integration of Artificial Intelligence into teaching and learning will be explored, as well as the pedagogical and institutional challenges universities are called upon to address.

The roundtable discussion will feature Professor Nikos Vasileiadis, President of the Digital Governance Committee of the Aristotle University and of the Universities’ Digital Transformation Committee of the Rectors’ Conference; Angeliki Agorogianni, Head of the Digital Governance Unit of the Aristotle University and member of the Scientific Committee of its KEDIMA; Professor Athanasios Karalis, Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the University of Patras; Assistant Professor Giorgos Kountios, Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the International Hellenic University; Professor Maria Menegaki, Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the National Technical University of Athens; and Professor Vasileios Tsafos, Coordinator of the KEDIMA of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The session will be moderated by Professor Domna Kakana.

More information: [Round Table Event Page](#)

These events are part of the activities of the Teaching and Learning Support Center of the Aristotle University, implemented within the framework of the programme “Human Resources and Social Cohesion 2021–2027.”

The Aristotle Innovation Forum — one of the most dynamic innovation forums in Southeastern Europe — is organized by the Aristotle University from 17 to 23 May 2026.

The Forum is held under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas. It is supported by the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports of Greece, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia, while the Thessaloniki International Fair serves as strategic partner. Major sponsors include Public Power Corporation and Piraeus Bank.

The event is open to the public.

**More information:** <https://aristotleforum.auth.gr/>

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