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PRESS RELEASE

**Aristotle Innovation Forum
Youth Entrepreneurship and Startups: Piraeus Bank Organizes Two
Thematic Discussions at Aristotle Innovation Forum 2026**

Thessaloniki, 14 May 2026

With the aim of highlighting the role of innovation, youth entrepreneurship, and startups in developing a dynamic startup ecosystem in Greece, with particular emphasis on strengthening regional development, Piraeus Bank is participating as a Gold Sponsor with two thematic discussions at the Aristotle Innovation Forum 2026 on Tuesday, 19 May 2026.

The participation takes place within the framework of Piraeus Bank's EQUALL Corporate Responsibility initiative, and more specifically through actions supporting the younger generation in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship. Through real-life experiences shared by teams representing youth entrepreneurship that participated in the first cycle of the Piraeus Startup Accelerator, the discussions will open a dialogue on the journey from idea to funding. The initiative aims to inspire young entrepreneurs and strengthen the connection between the academic community, the real economy, and investors.

The detailed program of the thematic discussions is as follows:

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

11:30 – 12:15 | Panel Discussion: “From Idea to Market: Experiences from the 1st Cycle of the Piraeus Startup Accelerator”

- Charalampos Tzanidis, Co-founder & CEO at SCILEND
- Panagiotis Pantazis, Co-founder & COO at SCILEND
- Thomas Bountouridis, CEO at Honestli
- Panagiotis Karadaglis, Founder at LifePulse

- Katerina Gianniki, Graphic Designer at LifePulse
- Christos Kouros, Co-founder at Prooflab

Moderator: Nasos Koskinas, CEO & Founder at POS4work Innovation Hub

12:15 – 13:00 | Fireside Chat: “From Idea to Funding”

- Evangelos Kosmidis, CEO at Loggerhead VC

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

The AIF operates under the auspices of His Excellency, the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas. The forum is held with the support of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia. The Thessaloniki International Exhibition serves as a strategic partner. Major sponsors include PPC and Piraeus Bank.

The event is open to the public.

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

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