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PRESS RELEASE

**Greek University Rectors Meet at the Aristotle Innovation Forum to
Discuss the Future of Higher Education in the Digital Age**

Thessaloniki, 16 May 2026

The event titled “Universities in the Digital Age” will highlight the challenges and opportunities that the digital era creates for Higher Education. The event will take place as part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum on Monday, 18 May 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00, at Pavilion 15 of the Thessaloniki International Exhibition Center.

Speakers at the event will include the Rector of the Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis; the Rector of the International Hellenic University, Professor Stamatis Aggelopoulos; the Rector of the University of Western Macedonia, Professor Theodoros Theodoulidis; the Rector of the University of Macedonia, Professor Stylianos Katranidis; the Rector of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Professor Christina Koulouri; the Rector of the University of Ioannina, Professor Anna Batistatou; the Rector of the University of Thessaly, Professor Charalambos Billinis; the Rector of the University of Patras, Professor Christos Bouras; the Rector of the Ionian University, Professor Andreas Floros; the Rector of the National Technical University of Athens, Professor Ioannis Chatzigeorgiou; and the Vice Rector for Research and Innovation of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor Efstathios Efstathopoulos.

Deputy Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports Nikolaos Papaioannou will moderate the discussion.

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

The President of the Hellenic Republic, His Excellency Konstantinos An. Tasoulas, has placed the AIF under his auspices. The Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and

Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia support the forum, while the Thessaloniki International Exhibition serves as its strategic partner. Major sponsors include PPC and Piraeus Bank.

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