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PRESS RELEASE

D. Papastergiou: “Digital examinations mean faster results, resource savings, and above all, a modern and reliable university” – Aristotle University of Thessaloniki introduces an electronic examination system

Joint Press Release by the Ministry of Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence and Aristotle University

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With the aim of upgrading higher education and creating a modern, efficient, and student-friendly public university, the Ministry of Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence has launched a major digital transformation initiative at Aristotle University (AUTH), providing 2,730 tablets and the necessary software for the electronic administration of examinations. Today, Minister of Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence Dimitris Papastergiou, Deputy Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports Nikolaos Papaioannou, and the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, observed electronic examinations conducted using tablets at the School of Medicine of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The project was implemented following a request from Aristotle University to support the next phase of the University's digital modernization. Within a short period of operation, the system has already been used by more than 8,000 students across 27 departments and 165 undergraduate courses, confirming that the digitalization of the examination process has become a mature and reliable educational practice.

The project, with a total budget of €1.2 million (excluding VAT), was implemented through the Public Investment Programme of the Ministry of Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence. It modernizes the examination process and improves the daily experience of both students and academic staff. In practice, it significantly reduces the time required for grading and publishing examination results, eases the administrative workload of teaching staff, saves thousands of sheets of paper and other consumables

for approximately 5,000 examinations held annually involving more than 50,000 students, makes use of the University's existing Question Bank, and generates valuable data that contributes to the continuous improvement of teaching and the quality of studies.

It is worth noting that the tablets support multiple-choice questions, essay responses, mathematical calculations, diagrams, and every other type of assessment required across different scientific disciplines, meeting the needs of all Schools and Departments of the University.

Particular emphasis has been placed on safeguarding the integrity of the examination process. The devices connect exclusively to a specially configured wireless network through which only students participating in the examination can access the platform, preventing any form of external communication or information retrieval during the examination.

Minister of Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence Dimitris Papastergiou stated: "About a year ago, AUTh Rector Kyriakos Anastasiadis asked us to support the University in the next phase of its digital modernization. We responded immediately by securing the necessary resources and moving swiftly to implement the project. Today, we see tangible results that are already delivering benefits. Digital examinations mean faster publication of results, more assessment options, savings in human, financial, and environmental resources, and above all, a modern, reliable, and more efficient public university. Technology has real value when it solves real problems and improves people's everyday lives. In the case of AUTh, it enhances the student experience, facilitates the work of academic staff, and equips the public university with modern tools that meet the needs of our time."

Deputy Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports Nikolaos Papaioannou stated: "The digital transition has now become a reality for Greece's public universities. This initiative is the result of the excellent cooperation between Aristotle University and the Ministry of Digital Governance, with the institutional support of the Ministry of Education.

This is particularly gratifying to me, both as a member of the political leadership of the Ministry of Education and as a member of the academic community of Aristotle University. Once again, AUTh demonstrates its pioneering role by making a decisive contribution to the modernization of Greek higher education.

The digital transition is now visible; it is something that students use in their daily academic life. What we promised is now becoming reality."

The Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, referred to the symbolic significance of the day, as it marks the culmination of one year of systematic cooperation with the competent Ministries to implement a project that, until recently, appeared particularly challenging for a comprehensive university of Aristotle University's size.

As he emphasized, the University's strategic goal of evolving from a university that imparts knowledge into one that offers a comprehensive student experience is now becoming a reality. He also thanked the Minister of Digital Governance for securing the project's funding and ensuring its rapid implementation, the Deputy Minister of Education for the institutional support provided to the initiative, as well as the Digital Governance Unit, the University's administrative staff, and the faculty members who contributed to the successful implementation of the new system.

Photos are attached.

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