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PRESS RELEASE

**Aristotle University Gives Voice to Its Students: Initiative by the
University Authorities for Continuous Recording of the Student
Experience**

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The AU S-Bar tool, presented today, Wednesday 17 December 2025, at a Press Conference held in the Teleconference–Meeting Room of the Administration Building of Aristotle University, marks the first step toward a new relationship of trust between Aristotle University and the people who experience it daily, its students.

During the Press Conference, the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, stated among other things: *“Today we had the opportunity to publicly present the results of a pilot survey implemented as part of an initiative of the University Authorities of Aristotle University. This is the first pilot step of a large rolling survey (barometer) addressed to our students, which captures how they feel, what they expect, and how they experience their everyday life at the University. Our goal is to establish this institution as a key feedback tool for the administration and the policy of the University, as well as for the way we manage student, academic, and research issues.*

I believe this is an initiative that, for the first time, highlights in an objective manner—under the conditions of a continuous poll—what is really happening inside universities in relation to their core audience, the students. Through longitudinal recording, a clear picture and trend will emerge of what is happening in Higher Education in Greece.

My proposal is for this initiative to be extended to all Public Universities, so that ministries, competent bodies, policymakers, and society can have access to reliable data. Data that do not focus only on academic indicators, but that meaningfully shed light on the contemporary student generation, the way it thinks, behaves, and integrates socially into the country. This is a particularly important initiative, which I

believe will soon bear fruit and will substantially contribute to the formulation of policies and interventions in many fields.”

With the creation of AU S-Bar, Aristotle University acquires a permanent, transparent, and evidence-based policy-making tool—an instrument extremely rare in the Greek context and invaluable for the new era of the University.

The Press Conference was attended by the Vice Rectors: Research and Innovation, Professor Ioannis Rekanos; Academic Affairs and Development, Professor Nikolaos Maggiyoros; and International Relations, Extroversion, Lifelong Learning, and Student Welfare, Professor Iakovos Michailidis. Also participating were the Research Director of Palmos Analysis, Paschalis Temekenidis, and the Creative Director and Head of Strategy of Colibri Branding & Design, Christos Chelmis.

Research findings and photographs are attached.

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