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In the modern economic environment, competitiveness relies upon the development of innovative products. Knowledge combined with the right technological tools are key elements in the process of developing innovative products & services. Knowledge of such tools exists in both industrial bodies (ICT & other industries) as well as in research organisations (Universities & Research Centres). Therefore, their collaboration is important towards developing innovative products with international perspective.

In this context, 20 bodies have joined forces to organize a series of congresses under the name “Technology Forum”.

## ORGANIZERS

### Industry

Association of Information Technology Companies of Northern Greece (SEPVE)  
 PRAXI Network (PN)  
 Greek International Business Association (SEVE)  
 Balkan and Black Sea ICT Clusters Network (ICT-BBS)  
 Federation of Industries of Northern Greece (SBBE)

### Academia

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)  
 Centre for Research & Technology Hellas (CERTH)  
 University of Macedonia (UoM)  
 Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki (ATEITH)  
 International Hellenic University (IHU)

### Governmental

Region of Central Macedonia (RCM)  
 General Secretariat for Research & Technology (GSRT)  
 Alexander Innovation Zone (AIZ)  
 Greek Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media (MDPTM)  
 Enterprise Greece (EG)  
 Ministry of Interior/Macedonia-Thrace (MIMT)  
 Thessaloniki Municipality (TM)  
 Thessaloniki Tourism Organization (TTO)

### Public

Hellenic Management Association (EEDE)  
 Greek Computer Society (EPY)  
 People, citizens, students invited to the Technology Forum

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Opening: Matrona Kyprianidou,  
General Secretary, General Secretariat for Research & Technology

9:15 am - 9:30 am

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9:30 am - 10:10 am

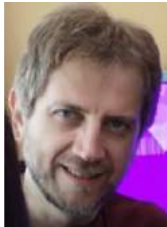


*Towards an automated future. A scientific Perspective*

### **Constantinos Daskalakis,**

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science,  
MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

10:15 am - 10:30 am



*Unobtrusive sensing and AI: New approaches  
in human behavioral modeling towards  
personalized healthcare*

### **Leontios Hadjileontiadis,**

Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering,  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

10:30 am - 10:45 am



*Building the European AI Platform*

### **Dimitrios Tzouvaras,**

Director,  
ITI / CERTH

10:45 am - 10:55 am

Q&A session

10:55 am - 11:20 am

Coffee Break

11:20 am - 12:00 pm



*How AI is transforming Home Automation*

### **Marily Nika,**

Technical Product Manager,  
Google



12:00 pm - 12:15 pm



*Shaping the Crazy Future in Software Innovation*

**Stelian Brad,**

Chairman,  
3B ICT cluster network

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm



*The cybersecurity threat landscape for public institutions, academia, and private sector*

**George Balafoutis,**

Cybersecurity Architect  
Worldwide Cybersecurity Champion Program lead at Microsoft

12:30 pm - 12:40 pm

Q&A session

12:40 pm - 1:40 pm

Light Lunch

1:40 pm - 2:20 pm



*Startups, macroeconomic uncertainty, and Asterix*

**Toli Lerios,**

Mentor Capitalist,  
Mixed Up Media LLC

2:20 pm - 2:35 pm



*Why do (some) Startups succeed?  
Avoiding mistakes and facing Challenges*

**Lefteris Papageorgiou,**

CEO,  
Entranet Inc

2:35 pm - 2:50 pm



*The PM<sup>2</sup> Project Management Methodology  
of the European Commission*

**Nicos Kourounakis,**

Project Management Consultant



2:50 pm - 3:00 pm

Q&A session

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Coffee Break

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm



*The age of Artificial Intelligence: opportunities, challenges and global trends*

**Dana Eleftheriadou,**

Head,  
Advanced Technologies Team / European Commission

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm



*National R&D strategy to support ICT technologies*

**Vasileios Gongolidis,**

Policy Planning Officer,  
General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT)

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Distinguished speaker, Startup scene

4:45 pm - 4:55 pm

Q&A session

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### Round Table Discussion

Coordinator: **Alexandra Gouta,**  
Financial News Editor at the ANA-MPA



**Constantinos Daskalakis,**

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, MIT



**Marily Nika,**

Technical Product Manager, Google



**Toli Lerios,**

Mentor Capitalist, Mixed Up Media LLC



**Dana Eleftheriadou,**

Head, Advanced Technologies Team / European Commission

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm

Closing: Mitkas



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