

AGENDA

EIT OPEN DAY GREECE: From Innovation to Impact – Powering the Future of Europe

EIT OPEN DAY | (10:00 am – 13.00 pm)

10:00 – 10:10 | Opening and Welcome

Michalis Stangos, Director EIT Food Greece
Begoña Pérez Villarreal, Director EIT Food CLC South

Presentation of the Trends in Greece Where EIT Can Make an Impact

10:10 – 10:25 | “Current Open Innovation Trends”

Michalis Dritsas, Head of Office, Deputy Minister of Development and Investment

10:25 – 10:40 | “Skills of the Future: How Can We Be Better Prepared in a VUCA World”

Yannis Mastrogeorgiou, Special Secretary for Strategic Foresight at Presidency of the Government

10:40 - 11:00 | “Greece Innovation 2035 - The plan for the future”

Dr. Haris Lambropoulos, President, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments S.A. (HDBI)
Dr. Stavros Mantzanakis, Member at Foresight Team, Presidency of the Greek Government - Innovation and Funding

The Evolution of the Innovation Ecosystem of Greece

11:00 – 11:15 | Keynote Speech

Dr. Christos Dimas, Deputy Minister of Development and Investments

What Changes Can Entrepreneurs Now Bring to the Current Paradigm?

11:15 – 11:35 | Panel Discussion

Christos Tsolkas, CEO, Delta Foods SA
Dimitrios Tzovaras, Chairman of the Board of Directors, CERTH

Moderator: Faidra Mavrogiorgi, journalist - esgstories.g

Structuring Open Innovation and Digital Transformation Efforts in Greece

11:35 – 11:50 | Fireside Chat

Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos, Secretary General, GSIS
Athanasios Kyriazis, General Secretary for Research & Innovation



11:50 – 12:20 | Panel Discussion

Nikos Lambrogeorgos, Client Executive, Cisco Greece

Alexandros Minas, Principal Director, Head of Thessaloniki Technology Hub, Accenture

Vasileios Gongolidis, Head of Innovation Planning Division, GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Tasos Vasiliadis, Founder, Joist Innovation Park – President, iED

Moderator: Kostas Ketsietzis, journalist – moneyreview.gr

12:20 – 13:20 | EIT in action

EIT DIGITAL | **Federico Menna**, Head of Staff and Operations EIT Digital

EIT FOOD | **Begoña Pérez Villarreal**, Director EIT Food CLC South

EIT Urban Mobility | **Nikos Giannoulidis**, Director EIT Urban Mobility Hub Greece

EIT Manufacturing | **Konstantinos Georgoulis**, Director of EU Affairs and RIS at EIT Manufacturing & **Dr Niki Koussi**, Director EIT Manufacturing CLC South East

EIT Health | **George Megas**, Coordinator EIT Health Hub Greece

EIT Innoenergy | **Stamatis Mitropoulos & Yiannis Geragotellis** (zoom)

13:30 – 14:00 | Coffee Break - On-Site Networking

DRIVING AGRIFOOD RESILIENCE THROUGH INNOVATION

14:00– 14:05 | Welcome

Michalis Stangos, Director EIT Food Greece

Begoña Pérez Villarreal, Director EIT Food CLC South

14:05 – 14:15 | Keynote speech

Georgios Georgantas, Minister of Rural Development and Food

14:15– 14:25 | “Current Open Innovation Trends”

Thomas Bartzanas, Associate Professor, Greenhouse & Hydroponics Systems, Agricultural University of Athens / Chair of Board of Directors, SmartAgroHub S.A

14:25 – 14:35 | “How Agribusiness Challenges of Tomorrow Can Be Tackled Today”

Thanos Mavros, Partner EY, Consumer Leader South East Europe

[New Wave of Agrifood and Transition to Sustainable Food Systems](#)

14:35 – 15:00 | Panel Discussion

Marios Koniaris, RIS3 Coordinator for the agri-food chain - Directorate for International Scientific and Technological Cooperation

Antonis Vezyroglou, Founder & CEO, Vezyroglou Farm

Elena Koukouna, Sustainability Expert, SmartAgroHub S.A.

Moderator: Antonis Andronikakis, journalist Ypaithros - Chora



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[Agrifood System Resilience and Food Security](#)

15:00 – 15:25 | Panel Discussion

Fotis Chatzipapadopoulos, Director, SmartAgroHub S.A.

Notis Argiriou, Professor, University of the Aegean

George Arsenos, Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Moderator: Lazaros Theodorakidis, journalist – voria.gr / Flash 99,4

Lunch Break | Networking (15:30 – 16:15)

INNOVATION GALA (16:15 – 18.00)

16:15 – 16:20 | Welcome

Michalis Stangos, Director EIT Food Greece

[How EU Funding Opportunities Can Boost Innovation in the Agrifood Sector](#)

16:20 – 16:35 | Keynote Speaker

George Stylios, Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Food

[Designing Collaboration Models Fit for a Changing Agrifood Sector](#)

16:35 – 17:05 | Roundtable

Sonia Mousavere, Head of Communications & PGA, Bayer Hellas AG

Machi Simeonidou, Managing Director, AgroApps PC

Apostolos Apostolakos, Managing Director, Central Market and Fisheries Agency (OKAA)

George Zanakis, Marketing & Development Manager, Corteva Agriscience, Hellas

Moderator: Giorgos Makris, journalist – Agricola

17:05 – 17:30 | [Presentation of the Greek Agro-Startup Ecosystem](#)

Happy Goats, George Arsenos, Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Telefarm, Artemis Agiomavriti

Eden Library, Nikos Mylonas, Co-Founder and Project Manager

Infoscope Hellas, Georgios Efthymiou

Advanced Intelligent Robotics, Theodoros Potiris, Managing Director

17:30 – 18:00 | [Success stories from the Greek Agro-Startup Ecosystem](#)

Scientact, Dimitris Kouvas, Co-Founder

Geosense, Vassilis Polychronos, Founder & CTO

Centaur Analytics, Sotiris Bantas, Founder & CEO

Agroapps, Machi Simeonidou, Managing Director

Augmenta*

18:00 – 19:30 | [EIT Food Workshop: Funding and Collaboration Opportunities](#)

Vaya Piteli, PRAXI Network: Funding opportunities in the HORIZON Europe program

Thanos Karvounis, SmartAgroHub S.A.: Tips for a successful application

19:30 | Networking Drinks