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ERA CHAIRS

3rd Meeting of Greek ERA Chairs

**Deliverables and Impact –
Upgrading Research in Greece**

The conference is part of the ERA Chairs Programme, an EU-funded initiative under the WIDERA actions of Horizon Europe that aims to strengthen research excellence in “widening” countries by attracting outstanding researchers to lead institutional transformation. The event will showcase the achievements of ongoing ERA Chair projects coordinated by Greek institutions and their partners, highlighting how these initiatives enhance talent attraction, foster international collaboration, and upgrade the research and innovation landscape in Greece. It also seeks to promote dialogue on sustainability, synergies, and long-term impact of ERA Chairs on the national and European research ecosystem.

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FORTH, HERAKLION
Auditorium “Georgios Lianis”



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PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 30

09:00-09:30 Arrival & Welcome Coffee

9.30-9.35 George Garinis and Melina Tamiolaki (Welcome)

09:35-09:50 Greetings

- Prof. Vassilis Charmandaris, Director, FORTH
- Prof. George Kontakis, Rector, University of Crete
- Representatives from GSRI and the Region of Crete

09:50-10:30 Insights from the EU and the Greek NCP

- Maria Isabel Farfan (European Commission)
- Vassiliki Kalodimou (PRAXI Network/FORTH): Insights from a National Contact Point

Session I (Open to the Public)

Presentations by ERA Chairs

Chair: Prof. George Garinis

10:30-10:55 Prof. Alexandros Stamatakis - *Comp-Biodiv-GR (FORTH)*
(Coordinator: Prof. Kostas Marias)

10:55-11:20 Prof. John Vontas, *Coordinator MICROBIOPEST (FORTH)*
(ERA Chair: Prof. George Dimopoulos)

11:20-11:45 Prof. Christophe Roche - *TALOS-AI4SSH (University of Crete)*
(Coordinator: Prof. Melina Tamiolaki)

11:45-12:15 Coffee Break

12:15-12:40 Dr. Georgios Skretas - *Boost4Bio (BSRC Fleming)*
(Coordinator: Dr. George Panayotou)

12:40-13:05 Prof. Manolis Pasparakis - *InflaCare (FORTH)*
(Coordinator: Prof. George A. Garinis)

13:05-13:30 Prof. Panagiotis Tsakalides, *Coordinator TITAN (FORTH)*
(ERA Chair: Dr. Jean-Luc Starck)

13:55-14:20 Dr. Argyris Politis - *MASSTRUCT (BSRC Fleming)*
(Coordinator: Dr. Georgios Skretas)

14:20-15:30 Lunch Break

Session II: Presentations by ERA Chairs (continued)

Chair: Prof. John Vontas

15:30-15:55 Dr. Georgios Kosmadakis - *Coordinator EXCELLEND (NCSR Demokritos)*
(ERA Chair: Prof. Georgios Tsataronis)

15:55-16:20 Prof. Bjoern Schumacher - *RACE (University of Crete)*
(Coordinator: Prof. George A. Garinis)

16:20-16:45 Prof. George Spyroulias - *Coordinator ESPERANCE (University of Patras)*
(ERA Chair: Prof. Anastassis Perrakis)

16:45-17:10 Prof. Eugenios Katsanidis - *Coordinator foodigIT (AUTH)*
(ERA Chair: Prof. Jozsef Barany)

17:10-17:30 Coffee Break

Session III: Roundtable Discussion

17:30-18:30 Open Roundtable Discussion with ERA Chairs, Coordinators, and Stakeholders

Theme: Upgrading Research Science in Greece

Moderators: Prof. Melina Tamiolaki, Prof. George A. Garinis & invited panelists

Discussion Topics:

- Talent attraction & retention
- Scientific environment and institutional support
- Inter-institutional collaboration and national synergies
- Long-term visibility and sustainability of ERA Chairs
- Integration of ERA Chair deliverables within host institutions

18:30 Closing Remarks & Group Photo

20:00 Dinner at Merastri Restaurant (Chrysostomou 17, Heraklion)