GREEK ERA CHAIRS DAYS 2026

Draft Program – *subject to changes*

25-26 November 2026 · BSRC Fleming, 34 Fleming st, Vari 16672, Attica, Greece

The Greek ERA Chairs Days is a two-day meeting at BSRC "Alexander Fleming" that brings together the ERA Chair holders working in Greece, their host institutions, policy makers, funders and industry.

DAY 1 Wed 25 Nov · 4th Meeting of Greek ERA Chairs

Time	Programme	Coordinator
09:00–09:40	*Arrival and welcome coffee*	
09:40–10:00	**Opening remarks** Georgios Skretas (BSRC Fleming); European Commission project officers; PRAXI Network [TBC]	
Session I: Presentations by ERA Chairs · 15 min talk + 5 min Q&A		
10:00–10:20	**Argyris Politis** – MASSTRUCT (BSRC Fleming)	Georgios Skretas
10:20–10:40	**Georgios Skretas** – Boost4Bio (BSRC Fleming)	George Panayotou
10:40–11:00	**Alexandros Stamatakis** – Comp-Biodiv-GR (FORTH)	Kostas Marias
11:00–11:30	*Coffee break*	
11:30–11:50	**George Dimopoulos** – MICROBIOPEST (FORTH)	John Vontas
11:50–12:10	**Panagiotis L. Kastritis** – hot4cryo (NHRF)	Dimosthenis Sarigiannis
12:10–12:30	**Manolis Pasparakis** – InflaCare (FORTH)	George A. Garinis
12:30–12:50	**Jean-Luc Starck** – TITAN (FORTH)	Panagiotis Tsakalides
12:50–14:00	*Lunch break (BSRC Fleming)*	
Session II: Presentations by ERA Chairs (continued) · 15 min talk + 5 min Q&A		
14:00–14:20	**Georgios Tsatsaronis** – EXCELLEND (NCSR Demokritos)	Georgios Kosmadakis
14:20–14:40	**Bjoern Schumacher** – RACE (University of Crete)	George A. Garinis
14:40–15:00	**Christophe Roche** – TALOS-AI4SSH (University of Crete)	Melina Tamiolaki
15:00–15:20	**Anastassis Perrakis** – ESPERANCE (University of Patras)	George Spyroulias
15:20–15:40	**Jozsef Barany** – foodigIT (AUTH)	[TBC]
15:40–16:00	*Coffee break*	
Session III: Round table – Upgrading research in Greece *ERA Chairs, coordinators and stakeholders*		
16:00–17:30	Topics: talent attraction and retention; scientific environment and institutional support; collaboration and national synergies; sustainability and visibility of ERA Chairs after the grant; integrating ERA Chair deliverables into host institutions	

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17:30–18:00	Recommendations for the November 26th policy-making session	
18:00	**Closing remarks and group photo**	
19:30	*Dinner*	

DAY 2 Thu 26 Nov · Fleming's legacy and the future of Greek R&I

Time	Session	Speakers / chair
09:00–09:30	*Registration and coffee*	
09:30–09:40	**Welcome addresses and opening of the keynote session**	
09:40–10:00	**BSRC "Alexander Fleming": who we are and what we do**	Georgios Skretas (BSRC Fleming)
10:00–10:45	**Keynote 1** ***"Sir Alexander Fleming: the man, the discovery and the legacy"***	Kevin Brown *Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, Alexander Fleming Laboratory Museum, Trust Archivist and Fleming Museum Curator, UK*
10:45–11:30	**Keynote 2** ***"Antibiotic resistance: the emerging threat and what science can do about it"***	Nassos Typas *Head of Molecular Systems Biology, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany*
11:30–12:00	*Coffee break*	
12:00–12:45	**Keynote 3** ***"Building a life sciences ecosystem: lessons from VIB and Flanders, and propositions for Greece"***	Jo Bury *Former Managing Director and co-founder of VIB (Flanders Institute for Biotechnology), Belgium*
12:45–13:15	**Guided tour of the Fleming Museum** Alexander Fleming's original notebooks, photographs of the penicillin Petri dishes, instruments and personal effects, donated by Amalia Fleming	Kevin Brown; BSRC Fleming representatives
13:15–14:15	*Lunch*	
14:15–15:45	**Round table – Policy propositions for the Greek R&I ecosystem**	GSRI & HFRI representatives; Jo Bury; ERA Chair holders representatives; industry representative; panel moderator
15:45–16:15	**Conclusions from both round tables and final draft of the joint policy brief**	Round-table moderators
16:15–16:30	**Closing remarks and next steps**	Georgios Skretas

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