



FRANCO-HELLENIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FORUM | PROGRAM

MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026

09.30-10.00 | Institutional opening

- ★ **Laurence Auer**, Ambassador of France to Greece
- ★ **Dimitrios Terzis**, Secretary General for Research and Innovation
- ★ **Ioannis Mastrogeorgiou**, Special Secretary to the Prime Minister responsible for strategic planning

10.00-12.30 | Innovating for the defence of tomorrow

10.00-11.15 | Round-table: Building strong research ecosystems around defence innovation

Moderation: **Iliana Magra**, Journalist - Kathimerini

Speakers:

- ★ **François-Régis Boulvert**, Naval Group – Director of International R&D Cooperation
- ★ **George Tzamtzis**, Metlen Energy&Metals – Head of Defence Innovation and European Programmes
- ★ **Major General Panoussis**, Innovation branch of the General Staff of Hellenic Armed forces – Director
- ★ **Konstantinos Eleftheriadis**, Demokritos NCSR – Vice-president of the Board of Directors

11.15-12.30 | Round-table: From dual-use to strategic applications

Moderation: **Iliana Magra**, Kathimerini - Journalist

Speakers:

- ★ **Thanos Georgiadis**, Thalès – Director Account & Sales
- ★ **Spyros Basilakos**, National Observatory of Athens – President of the Board of Directors
- ★ **Franck Molina**, CNRS Engineering - Deputy Scientific Director and Head of Dual research
- ★ **Pantelis Tzortzakis**, ELKAK - President

13.00-14.00 | Workshop: Private funding for research and innovation

Speakers:

- ★ **Spyros Arsenis**, National Bank of Greece – Head of Business Innovation Development and Director of NBG Business Seeds
- ★ **Roula Bachtalia**, Eurobank – Head of Venture Banking and Director of the EGG accelerator
- ★ **Aristeidis Samitas**, NKUA – Vice-Rector for finance and development
- ★ **Guy Krief**, French Tech Athens – President

14.00-15.00: Lunch Break

15.00-17.45 | Innovation and energy issues

15h00-15h45 | Fireside chat: Energy Security and Energy Transition for Greece: Renewables, Flexibility, and the opportunity of Innovative Nuclear Solutions

Moderation: **Kostis Geropoulos**, NE Global Media – Director of Energy & Climate Policy and Security

Speakers:

- ★ **Despoina Paliarouta**, Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources
- ★ **Pierre-Arthur Lestrade**, EDF Renewables – Vice-President Europe

15.45-16.45 | Round-table: Smart Grid and smart storage: to bridge the quantitative capacity gap with with qualitative solutions

Moderation: **Kostis Geropoulos**, NE Global Media – Director of Energy & Climate Policy and Security

Speakers:

- ★ **Evangelos Bekiaris**, CERTH – Chief Executive Officer
- ★ **Vassilis Nikolopoulos**, Avokado AI – CTO and co-founder
- ★ **Alexandre Harito**, Smart energies – Country director
- ★ **Ioannis N. Tzortzis**, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water, Member of the Board of Directors

16.45-17.45 | Round-table: How innovation in renewable energy generation can solve the dilemma between decarbonization and competitiveness?

Moderation: **Kostis Geropoulos**, NE Global Media – Director of Energy & Climate Policy and Security

- ★ **Guillaume Echevarria**, Botanickel – Chief Technical Officer
- ★ **Konstantinos Chatzifotis**, Motor Oil Hellas Group – EU Affairs Manager
- ★ **Stéphane Cros**, CEA Laboratoire LITEN – Research Director

19.00-21.30 | Alumni 2026 evening (Résidence de France, by invitation)

Thematic: «Scientific talent: discover, innovate and undertake»

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026

09.30-09.45 | Opening of the second day of the Forum

- ★ **Nikos Papaioannou**, Deputy Minister for Higher Education

09.45-11.30 | Round-table: Innovation for better health: Working towards personalized medicine and public health innovation

Moderation: **Ioannis Kotsiopoulos**, Partner at Agora Partners

Speakers:

- ★ **Georges Patrinos**, Institut Pasteur Hellénique – Chief Executive Officer

- ★ **Alexandra Beletsi**, Servier Hellas – Medical and Patients Affaires Director
- ★ **Kostas Mariaskis**, SEIV – General Secretary
- ★ **Stathis Chorianopoulos**, CEO – Biomérieux Hellas

[12.00-13.00 | Special METLEN live streaming \(in English\)](#)

[13.00-14.00 | Workshop: National and European public funding for research and innovation](#)

Speakers:

- ★ **Matthieu Abgrall**, Institut Français de Grèce - Attaché for Academic and Scientific Cooperation
- ★ **George Caridakis**, ELIDEK – Director
- ★ **Antoine Beyssac**, Bpifrance – International Project Manager
- ★ **Representative of the Hellenic Development Bank**

[14.00-15.00](#): Lunch Break

[15.00-17.45 | Innovation and digital challenges](#)

15.00-16.00 | Round-table: Innovation, digital infrastructures and the future of satellite industry

Moderation: **Alexia Kalaitzi**, Kathemerini – Journalist

Speakers:

- ★ **Lucie Liversain**, Skynopy – Chief of Staff
- ★ **Vassilis Charmandaris**, FORTH – Chairman of the Board
- ★ **Konstantinos Karantzalos** – Secretary General of Telecommunications and Post

16.00-16.45 | Fireside chat: Artificial intelligence at heart of European digital and industrial sovereignty

Moderation: **Alexia Kalaitzi**, Kathemerini – Journalist

Speakers:

- ★ **Ioannis Emiris**, Athena Research Center – Chief Executive Officer
- ★ **Henri Verdier**, Inria – Chief Executive of the Inria Foundation
- ★ **Vassilis Karkatzounis** – Special secretary of Artificial intelligence

16.45-17.45 | Round-table: Innovating together for sovereign and secure cyberspace

Moderation: **Alexia Kalaitzi**, Kathemerini – Journalist

Speakers:

- ★ **Chara Vassiliadou**, QUALCO – Head of Cybersecurity, Strategy and Business Solutions
- ★ **Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos** – Secretary General for Information Systems and Digital Governance (TBC)
- ★ **Georges Rakitzis**, Mind the Hack – CTO et co-founder
- ★ **Vincent Megaidis**, Thalès – Country director (Greece, Cyprus and Malta)

[18.00 | Institutional closing ceremony](#)

Stavros Kalafatis, Deputy Minister of Development Responsible for Research and Innovation

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