

# **The University of Crete participates in seven research projects with a total funding of 1,087,393 euros**



The rector's authority congratulates colleagues and members of their research groups for their significant success in submitting proposals to the call for Basic Research Funding – National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Greece 2.0).

The announcement was aimed at funding original research projects of high scientific quality and excellence in the context of two distinct Sub-Actions: 1: Funding of New Researchers and 2: Funding of Projects in Cutting-Edge Fields.

For the University of Crete, proposals for research projects concerning Natural Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Innovation Management and Economics and Mathematics and Information Sciences were approved.

Also, a memorandum of cooperation was signed today between the Institute of Informatics of ITE and the Institute of Scientific & Technical Information (ISTIC) under the Ministry of Research and Technology of China. The primary objective of the Memorandum is to explore the possibilities of developing research cooperation between the two institutions, to promote research excellence in the field of artificial intelligence. At the same time, ISTIC can act as a

support, facilitating communication and cooperation between Chinese institutions and related institutions in Greece in areas of common interest.

Founded in October 1956, ISTIC is a national-level science and technology information research institute affiliated with the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China. Specifically, the Artificial Intelligence Center of ISTIC is the supporting unit of the Next Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Research Center of the Ministry of Science and Technology. It develops the policy of the Next Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Plan and acts as an open platform for strategic research in this area.

With the memorandum, the interaction and exchange of researchers in the field of artificial intelligence between China and Greece, and their participation in conferences, forums, and seminars, will be supported at the same time. According to the president of ITE, professor Nektarios Tavernarakis: "The cooperation of the Technology and Research Foundation with the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information is going to strengthen its long-term and extremely fruitful cooperation with state bodies, research and academic institutions of China. ITE, responding to the ever-increasing challenges of the future, places special emphasis on technologies that will catalyze the advent of the 4th industrial revolution, such as artificial intelligence. The extensive experience and high expertise of the Institutes of the Foundation in this rapidly developing scientific field, provide the guarantees for the effective implementation of this new cooperation". The cooperation with the internationally recognized Institute of Informatics of the ITE will strengthen, as pointed out by the general director of ISTIC Zhao Zhiyun, the activities of the scientific and technological information research institute and will open new perspectives for both organizations in terms of education and the advancement of research in the field of Artificial Intelligence".

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