WeMakeFuture WORLDWIDE EVENT GREECE 2026

"6th WMF STARTUP COMPETITION & CONFERENCE"

19/11/2026 - Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)
CONFERENCE HALL 1 - 3rd Septembriou, Thessaloniki - metro station: PANEPISTIMIO

PROGRAM

10:00 – 10:30 **REGISTRATION – COFFEE - NETWORKING**

10:30 – 11:10 **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Nikolaos K. Margaropoulos, President @Italian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce of Thessaloniki

Mr. Cosmano Lombardo, Founder and CEO @SearchOn Media Group and creator of WMF

Mr. Michalis Rachmanis, Head of Business Advisory Services @Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EBETH)

Mr. Konstantinos Gkioulekas, Deputy Minister of Macedonia and Thrace of Greece (TBC)

Mr. Nikolaos Tzollas, Deputy Regional Governor for Digital Governance @Region of Central Macedonia

Representative, @Municipality of Thessaloniki

Representative, @Enterprise Greece S.A.

11:10 – 11:30 **INSTITUTIONAL REMARKS**

Mr. Stavros Kalafatis, Deputy Minister of Development, responsible for Research and Innovation

11:30 - 12:10 **STARTUP COMPETITION - PITCH SESSION 1 (5 startups)**

12:10 – 12:40 **SPEECHES**

Mr. Spyros Arsenis, Head of Innovative Entrepreneurship Development @NBG Business Seeds, National Bank of Greece

Mr. Georgios Diakomanolis, COO @IRIDA AI Technologies "From Idea to Success: The WMF Experience"

12:40 - 13:20 **STARTUP COMPETITION - PITCH SESSION 2 (5 startups)**

13:20 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**

14:00 – 14:20 **SPEECHES**

Mrs. Natalia Shchelovanova, Global Open innovation and Startups ecosystem Director @InnovEcoS – CRIF

Mr. Nikolaos Fachantidis, Head of Unit of Robotics @University of Macedonia

14:20 - 15:00 **STARTUP COMPETITION - PITCH SESSION 3 (5 startups)**

15:00 – 15:15 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Mr. Lambros Kaoudis, Innovation Expert @Italian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce of Thessaloniki

Mr. Tommaso Ruggieri, Institutional Relations Lead, PM & Summits Manager @SearchOn Media Group & WMF

15:15 – 15:30 **STARTUP AWARDS**

15:30 **NETWORKING**

MODERATOR and PRESENTATION:
Mr. Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist

Language: English / Greek