

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

Strengthening Greece's Participation in the ERC

Visit of Professor Maria Leptin, President of the European Research Council

DATE Tuesday, 20 October 2026	TIME 09:00 onwards	VENUE BRFAA, Athens
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ERC EVENT | BRFAA 09:50-12:00

TIME	SESSION / SPEAKERS
09:50–10:05	Welcome remarks Prof. Lucas Papademos - President of the Board, BRFAA Dr. Konstantinos Tamvakopoulos, President of the Scientific Council of BRFAA Prof. Themis Alissafi, ERC Ambassador
10:05–10:35 (15min talk followed by 15min questions)	Keynote address Prof. Maria Leptin — President, European Research Council
10:35–10:45	Greece in the ERC: current performance and statistics Dr Elisavet Karaïskou — National Expert of Greece to the ERC PC, General Secretariat for R&I.
10:45–11:00	Looking ahead to 2027: changes and applicant support ERC National Contact Points Greece — PRAXI Network New eligibility windows, forthcoming changes and support services available to prospective applicants
11:00–11:10	Fireside chat: The Role of ERC Ambassadors Prof. Themis Alissafi, ERC Ambassador to Greece, Prof Phoebe Koundouri ERC Ambassador to Cyprus
11:10–11:40	Round table: how ERC funding shapes scientific careers Five-minute interventions: Dr. Alceste Bonanos; Dr. Panayiota Poirazi; Prof. Nikolaos Chronis, Prof. Themis Alissafi Moderated discussion on the role of ERC funding in career development and each grantee's success story Moderator: to be confirmed
11:40–12:00	Closing round table: strengthening Greece's ERC performance Prof. Maria Leptin, Prof. Phoebe Koundouri and Dr Georges Kotrotsios National Representative to the Program Committee of ERC, Chair of the Sectorial Scientific Committee for Scientific Diaspora and Technology diplomacy, Member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences Discussion on concrete actions to help Greece increase its ERC success rate