Annual Forum 2026

«Where innovation meets digital needs»

Wednesday, 18 February 2026 (Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens)

09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:20	*"Opening remarks"* **Mihaela Lafont**, Programme / Project Officer, Artificial intelligence Innovation and Policy Coordination - A4, European Commission **Vassilis Charmandaris**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas
10:20 - 10:35	*"smartHEALTH EDIH – Boosting the digital transformation of healthcare"* **Dimitris Plexousakis**, smartHEALTH Coordinator, Institute of Computer Science / Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas
10:35 – 11:30	*"Value creation through smartHEALTH EDIH services"* Moderator: **Maria Makridaki**, Business Development and Innovation Manager, Center for eHealth Application and Services, Institute of Computer Science / Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas Panelists: **Angie Fasoula**, *PhD, Dipl. Electrical & Computer Engineer,* MIMA Technologies P.C. Co-founder & Chief Science & Technology Officer **Helen Latsoudis**, M.Sc., Ph.D., Population Genetics and Data Analysis Collaborating Researcher, Information Systems Laboratory, Institute of Computer Sciences-FORTH & Hemopoiesis Laboratory, School of Medicine, University of Crete **Ioannis Gkouzionis**, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Aisthesis Medical Ltd **Nektarios Papavasileiou**, Manager, 7th Healthcare Region of Crete
11:30 - 12:00	**Coffee Break**
12:00 - 13:30	*"Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Health"* Moderator: **Anastasia Krithara**, Researcher, NCSR-Demokritos Panelists: **Dimitrios Athanasiou,** PCWP Member at European Medicines Agency, Board Member at World Duchenne Organization, Vice Chair at Rare Diseases Greece **Kostas Marias,** Professor, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Dean School of Engineering, Head, Computational BioMedicine Laboratory (CBML), FORTH-ICS **Michail Klontzas,** MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Radiology, University of Crete **Ioanna I. Koukli**, Ph.D. - President Hbio , CEO Pharmassist Ltd **George Dafoulas** MD, MBA in HSM, Digital Health Policy Analyst, Ministry of Digital Governance and AI
13:30 - 14:30	**Lunch Break**
14:30 - 16:00	*"Pathway to the future: A multi-dimensional approach"*

	Moderator: **George Tziaros,** Principal, Risk, Regulatory & Forensic, Deloitte Panelists: **George Papagiannakis,** Co-founder and CEO/CTO, OramaVR SA **Pantelis Natsiavas**, Researcher, Institute of Applied Biosciences, Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas (CERTH) **Evangelos Markatos,** Professor, University of Crete and FORTH, member of the EU Health Cybersecurity Advisory Board **Ioanna Michalopoulou,** Life Sciences & Medical Technology lawyer, LL.M., Michalopoulou & Associates **Constantine A. Stratakis**, MD, PhD Director, Human Genetics & Precision Medicine, IMBB, FORTH & Professor, Univ of Athens Medical School
16:00 - 16:30	**Coffee Break**
16:30 - 17:45	*"Support initiatives for the Greek healthcare innovation ecosystem"* Moderator: **Angelina Kouroubali,** Collaborating Researcher, Institute of Computer Science, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH-ICS) Panelists: **Eleni Zarimi**, Innovation Manager Health Hub/iED/JOIST, EDIH Health Hub coordinated by iED **Stefanos Kollias**, Chairman, GRNET SA **George Dimitriou**, Cluster Manager, Hellenic Digital Health Cluster (HDHC) **Apostolos Dimitriadis**, Business Development and Innovation Manager, FORTH **Kyriakos Tolias**, Director, National Documentation Centre **Stamatiki Kritas**, Cluster Manager, Hellenic Biocluster & Managing Director, Council of European Bioregions **Konstantinos Vavekis**, Technical Coordinator, PRAXI Network - Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas
17:45 - 18:00	Closing remarks