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SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION OF THE H.F.R.I. IN THE 85TH THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR (TIF) WITH REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS FROM THE 1ST ACTION “SCIENCE AND SOCIETY” - “200 YEARS FROM THE GREEK REVOLUTION”

On Sunday, 19th September 2021, another year marked by H.F.R.I.’s successful presence in the International Fair of Thessaloniki was concluded. In the context of the anniversary for the 200 years from the Greek Revolution and triggered by the TIF thematic section titled “Past-Present-Future”, the H.F.R.I. participated in the event with research projects funded under the 1st Call for Action “Science and Society” - “200 Years from the Greek Revolution”.

This action aimed to fund the public promotion of ten (10) research projects or actions of high scientific and/or artistic quality, which highlight various aspects of the Greek Revolution of 1821 with innovative approaches, such as the impact it had on the formation and evolution of the economy, society, culture and politics in the Greek state and/or its European dimension.

At the pavilion of the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation, the H.F.R.I. participated with its own exhibition area, where five representative projects of the above-mentioned Action were presented. Each one of them approaches and introduces important aspects of the 1821 Revolution in a different way. The “Map of Greece with visual works of the Greek Revolution”, an aesthetic imprint of the project “Revolution Palimpsests”,

coordinated by Dr. Efrosyni Tsakiri and hosted by the National Technical University of Athens (Host Institution), illustrates in an artistic complexity the network of special urban locations with history and culture levels in the space and time spectrum of the Struggle for Liberation. The significance of space is emphasized by the “Interactive Atlas”, a project coordinated by Dr. Giorgos Tolia and hosted by the National Hellenic Research Foundation (Host Institution). The geographical narration is an open access application aiming to reconstitute the historical landscape of the revolutionary period (1821-1832), by combining a multilevel map with voices and testimonies of foreign and Greek protagonists in the Revolution.

In the field of digital reality, the project “REVOLUTION-1821”, coordinated by Dr. Ioannis Kompatsiaris and hosted by the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (Host Institution), is a virtual museum including digital representations of known and unknown aspects and milestones of the Struggle, thus offering a participating, interactive and entertaining experience to its “visitors”. The game-based experiential education project “VYRON”, implemented by the Ionian University and coordinated by Foivos Mylonas, offers one more opportunity for entertainment and history learning, aiming to highlight the social identity of the Revolution. Through the game, users can explore the reasons that led to the Revolution and strengthen their historic memory. The project “1821 Graphic Novel”, which is coordinated by the sketch artist Soloup (Antonis Nikolakopoulos) and hosted by the University of the Aegean (Host Institution), recounts important events of the 1821 Revolution in an original way. The “1821 graphic novel - The Battle of the Square” attempts to offer a vivid narrative tour, far from stereotypes, in the main locations and in the most important events of the Greek Struggle for Independence between 1821-1827.

H.F.R.I.’s pavilion was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Minister for Research and Innovation, Dr. Christos Dimas, as well as the General Secretary of Research and Innovation, Professor Athanasios Kyriazis, who expressed their positive impressions on the presented projects. Meanwhile, more personalities among the political and state leaders as well as the wider public, which is the direct recipient and beneficiary of these actions, had the chance to interact with the exhibits and get informed about the Foundation’s Actions.

By continuing the actions “Science and Society”, the H.F.R.I. aims to interconnect science directly with society and encourage a broader research culture.

Please find photos from the event attached.

About the H.F.R.I.

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation was established (Law No. 4429/2016) in response to the vital need for supporting Greek scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development and Investments. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular it aims to evaluate and finance unrestricted

research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a unique criterion.

