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Press Release

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation will host an event on Curiosity-Driven Research | February 6, 2025

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI) is organizing an event titled: “HFRI and Curiosity-Driven Research: Open Dialogue with the Scientific Community of Greece”, on Thursday, February 6, 2025, 09:00 - 17:00, at Gasholder 1 – Auditorium “Miltiadis Evert” of Technopolis City of Athens. The Deputy Minister of Development, Mrs Zoe Rapti and the General Secretary for Research and Innovation (GSRI), Dr Anastasios Gaitanis will give their greeting remarks on the event.

After eight years of operation, and on the occasion of the end of the term of the present Scientific Council (SC), HFRI wishes to initiate a fruitful dialogue on the importance of curiosity-driven research with representatives of the Greek research and academic community.

The event will begin with the presentation by the President of the SC, Professor Xenia Chrysoschoou, titled: “2016-2025: HFRI’s imprint on the Greek research ecosystem”, during which she will highlight the Foundation’s contribution to the funding of curiosity-driven research, without thematic or geographical limitations.

In the following sessions, Members of HFRI’s SC will present qualitative data for each Scientific Area. Each session will provide an opportunity for a constructive discussion with renowned members of the scientific community on what curiosity research means and how it is reflected in the research ecosystem, exchanging ideas and views for the future.

Professor Maria Leptin, President of the European Research Council (ERC), will intervene in the discussion and speak about the value of and investment in curiosity-driven research. “The creation

of HFRI was an important milestone for Greece. National and EU level support such as provided by the ERC to curiosity driven research are complementary”, Prof. Leptin stated, on the occasion of her speech at the conference.

The workshop will be live-streamed on HFRI's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@elidek-hfri>).

Find attached the invitation and the event program.

Technopolis City of Athens: 100 Piraeus st., 118 54 Gazi - Athens

How to get there:

By metro - line 3 (Blue line): Kerameikos station

By trolley: No. 21 (from Omonoia station), Fotaerio Stop

By bus: No. 049, 815, 838, 914, B18, Γ18, Fotaerio Stop

About HFRI

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI) was established (Law 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. HFRI aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular, it aims to evaluate and fund unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic exclusions or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a sole criterion.

