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# AGENDA

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**09:30 - 10:00**      **Registration**

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**10:00 - 10:20**      **Welcome Remarks**

**Professor Georgia Andreou**, President of H.F.R.I. Scientific Council

**Panos Papoulias**, Chief Operating Officer of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)

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**10:20 - 11:00**      **Keynote Speaker**

**Dr. Laura Pontiggia**, Senior Policy Analyst at ERC Executive Agency

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**11:00 - 11:15**      **H.F.R.I. & SNF: Fostering excellence in Greece**

**Dr. Katerina Kouravelou**, Director of H.F.R.I.

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**11:15 - 11:30**      **Coffee break**

**11:30 - 12:10**      **Panel Discussion**

**Bridging the gap: New opportunities for ERC Greek applicants**

Chair: **Professor George Karagiannidis**, Member of H.F.R.I. Scientific Council

**Elias Aifantis**, SA.2. Engineering Sciences & Technology  
**Thomas Tsovilis**, SA.2. Engineering Sciences & Technology  
**Dimitrios Anastasakis**, SA.3. Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences)  
**Panayotis Verginis**, SA.3. Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences)  
**George Diallinas**, SA.3. Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences)  
**Gkikas Magiorkinis**, SA.3. Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences)  
**Panagiotis Moschou**, SA.4. Agricultural Sciences – Food Science & Technology

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**12:10 - 12:50**      **Panel Discussion**

**Funding ERC Seal of Excellence**

Chair: **Professor Athanasios Tsakris**, Member of H.F.R.I. Scientific Council

**Konstantinos Makris**, SA.1. Physical Sciences  
**Niki Saoulidou**, SA.1. Physical Sciences  
**Nikolaos Michailidis**, SA.2. Engineering Sciences & Technology  
**Efthimios Polatidis**, SA.2. Engineering Sciences & Technology  
**Panayiota Poirazi**, SA.3. Life Sciences (Medical & Health Sciences)  
**Spyros Pandis**, SA.8. Environment & Energy

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**12:50 - 13:00**      **Closing remarks**

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**13:00 - 14:00**      **Light lunch and networking**