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Demokritos and Vodafone Greece join forces to create Giga Campus, thus contributing to the digital transformation of Greece through 5G and IoT technologies

The **National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos"** and **Vodafone Greece** announce that they are entering into a strategic partnership, through the creation of the **Giga Campus**, a hub of innovation, which aims to support the acceleration of Greece's digital transformation through the Internet of Things (IoT) and 5G, in a Gigabit society, thus contributing to the strengthening of the country's businesses and to a more sustainable, digital tomorrow.

The aim of this effort is to create a model hub of innovation, the Giga Campus by Vodafone & Demokritos that will operate on the premises of Demokritos, as a living laboratory of exponential technologies that utilises the most innovative applications of the 4th industrial revolution and Vodafone's 5G network.

The partnership focuses on the pilot implementation and evolution of modern IoT services - and not just them - with the aim of subsequently disseminating them in the Greek market by the Demokritos's ecosystem. Moreover, in the framework of the partnership, the start-ups that are hosted in the "Lefkippos" Technology Park of Demokritos shall be supported through Vodafone Business modern technological services.

The meeting of the two organisations, in view of the partnership launch, which took place at NCSR Demokritos in Ayia Paraskevi was attended by the Minister of State and Digital Governance, Mr. Kyriakos Pierrakakis.





Dr. Georgios Nounesis, Director and Chairman of the Board of NCSR "Demokritos" stated: *"Our agreement with Vodafone Greece is a fundamental milestone for our development strategy. At Giga Campus, Greek businesses will have a unique opportunity to access IoT and 5G infrastructure, as well as create synergies with leading research teams of Demokritos. A dynamic digital innovation ecosystem is being created in Attica that will support Greek businesses on the road to their digital transformation. We are proud of our partnership with Vodafone Greece and we will work hard and systematically to achieve brilliant technological goals, to highlight and utilize young scientists' talent and, certainly, to generate added value that will help underpin the recovery of the Greek Economy"*.

Harry Broumidis, Chairman and CEO of Vodafone Greece, said: *"In Democritus we see a reliable partner that works with passion, so that Greece may take advantage of all the 4th industrial revolution's benefits. Vodafone consistently innovates in Greece, strategically investing in the development of cutting edge technologies. By utilizing the power of Vodafone Giga Network 5G and the high specialization of Vodafone's global IoT research and*

development center in Greece, our partnership with Demokritos will accelerate our goal of ushering in the digital future, by creating a hub of innovation that will contribute to Greece's effort to make its digital leap".

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