NEW TECH FORUM 2026

INTELLIGENT NETWORKS &
DIGITAL TWINS

8 MAY 2026

FOUNDATION OF THE HELLENIC WORLD - ATHENS

Registration 09:30 - 10:00

Opening & Keynote Address 10:00 - 10:35

Welcome Address, Didoe Prevedourou, p-NET

Welcome Address, Dimitris Efraimoglou, Foundation of the Hellenic World

Opening Address (Video), H.E. Dimitris Papastergiou, Ministry of Digital Governance

Introductory Address, Dimitris Terzis, General Secretariat for Research & Innovation

Introductory Address, Panayiotis Papadopoulos, Region of Western Greece

Keynote Address, Leonidas Christopoulos, Hellenic Film & Audiovisual Center

Session 1: Latest Technology Trends 10:35 - 11:35

Scaling Digital Twins for Industry and Infrastructure: Delivering Measurable ROI and National Competitiveness, Jeff Melanson, UNITY

AI & Robotics, Dr. Dimitrios Tzovaras, CERTH / ITI

Latest Trends in XR and Metaverse Technologies (tbc), Ali Hantal, XR Masters, Metaverse Standards Forum

The Role of Intellectual Property in R&D - A Technologist's Lens, Dr. Dhananjay Lal, Adeia

Coffee break 11:35 - 12:00

Session 2: Telecoms and Defense 12:00 - 13:30

Latest Telecom Trends in Greece, George Onopas, OTE Group

Non-Terrestrial Networks: Converging Terrestrial and Space Connectivity, Dr. Angelos Goulianos, European Space Agency

Latest Network Technologies enabling Measurable Value across Verticals, Maria Marinidou, p-NET

Presentation (tbc), Dr. George Pouraimis, Hellenic Center for Defence Innovation

AI in Defense Applications, Dr. Chrissavgi Dre, INTRACOM DEFENSE

From Open RAN to Tactical Resilience: Leading the Evolution of Dual-Use 5G, Dr. Slawomir Pietrzyk, IS-Wireless

Lunch break 13:30 - 14:30

Session 3: Vertical Sectors 14:30 - 16:00

Immersive Technologies and Digital Culture at the Foundation of the Hellenic World, Dimitris Christopoulos & George Sofianopoulos, Foundation of the Hellenic World

Expanding Tourism Opportunities through XR: Greece & Malta Case Studies, Angeliki Eleftheriou, MOPTIL

Digital Culture: How many Realities are too many?, Prof. Panos Parthenios, Technical University of Crete

Digital Twins for Climate-Resilient Cities: From Urban Heat to Actionable Interventions, Prof. Vasos Vassiliou, University of Cyprus & CYENS Centre of Excellence

Paving the way to Meta-Cities, Prof. Spyros Denazis, University of Patras & p-NET

Digitization of manufacturing at Titan Cement, Ilias Panagoulias, Titan Cement

Coffee break 16:00 - 16:25

Session 4: Vertical Sectors 16:25 - 17:25

When Networks Think: Agentic AI and Digital Twins Powering the Next Gen Telco, Dr. John Soldatos, Electrical & Computing Engineer & AI Expert/Consultant

Federated Testbeds for Digital Twins and Immersive Innovation, Dr. Albena Mihovska, SmartAvatar

Building Regional Ecosystems, Neils Kalniņš, Electronic Communications Office of Latvia

A Vision for Greece, Marios Nicolaou, p-NET

Wine, Cheese & Conversations 17:25 - 19:00