

# NEW TECH FORUM 2026

INTELLIGENT NETWORKS &  
DIGITAL TWINS

8 MAY 2026

FOUNDATION OF THE HELLENIC WORLD - ATHENS

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

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**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**, Dr. Dimitrios Terzis, General Secretariat for Research & Innovation

**Introductory Address**, Takis Papadopoulos, Region of Western Greece

**Keynote Address**, Leonidas Christopoulos, Hellenic Film & Audiovisual Center

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**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 Giakoumis, CERTH / ITI

**Spatial AI and the latest trends in XR standardization**, Ali Hantal, XR Masters, Metaverse Standards Forum

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

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**Coffee break** 11:35 - 12:00

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

**5G, IoT & AI Accelerating digital & Transforming Life**, 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

**HCDI's Operating Model for Dual-Use Innovation**, Dr. Georgios 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

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**Lunch break** 13:30 - 14:30

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**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 and Tanya Politi, Associate Professor, University of Peloponnese

**Digitization of manufacturing at Titan Cement**, Ilias Panagoulas, Titan Cement

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**Coffee break** 16:00 - 16:25

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**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. Alben Mihovska, SmartAvatar

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

**A Vision for Greece**, Marios Nicolaou, p-NET

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