

Fintech Athens 5.0 – Accelerating Growth

DAY 1

Thursday 29.10.2026 University of Athens, "Propylaea", 30 Panepistimiou Str, Athens

10:30-11:00 Registrations

Welcome Address

Prof. Aristeidis Samitas, Vice Rector of Finance and Development, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

11:00-11:20 Opening

Gerasimos Siasos, Rector of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Education,

Prof. Leonidas Doukakis, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs and Personnel, AUEB

Takis Theodorikakos, Minister of Development (TBC)

Gikas Hardouvelis, President of BoD, National Bank of Greece

11:35-12:15 Educating the Innovators: Building the Talent Pipeline for Fintech Growth

MODERATOR: Prof. Dimitrios Kenourgios, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (TBC)

PANELISTS:

Ass. Prof. Nikos Daskalakis, Panteion University

Prof. Georgios Dotsis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Prof. Stathis Polyzos, Zayed University

Prof. Dimitris Thomakos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

12:15-13:30 Introducing French Fintech ecosystem

Curated by French Embassy of Athens

MODERATOR: Prof. Aristeidis Samitas, Vice Rector of Finance and Development, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

PANELISTS:

Matthieu ABGRALL, Attaché de coopération scientifique et universitaire, Directeur Délégué, Institut français de Grèce

Prof. Panos Xidonas,
Ambassador

+ 1 or 2 big Financial Institution (BPI, Euronext)

+ 1 research director on Fintech

+ 1 french fintech Unicorn ou Station F

13:30-13:40 Thodoris Tselidis. Winning the Mind Game: Judo, Discipline, and Olympic Success

13:30-15:00 Lunch**15:00-15:20 Keynote Vasiliki Lazarakou, Chair HCMA, Republic of Greece****15:20-16:00 The Learning Revolution: Skills and Careers for Accelerating Fintech Growth (ΟΠΑ Panel)****MODERATOR:** Prof. Katerina Pramataris, Athens University of Economics and Business**PANELISTS:**

Prof. Leonidas Doukakis, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Athens University of Economics and Business

Prof. Evangelos Diikitopoulos, Department of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business

Prof. Ilias Kampouris, Abu Dhabi University

Prof. Hossein Jahanshahloo, Alliance Manchester Business School

16:00-16:40 Redefining Fintech Growth: Innovation in B2B and B2C Finance**MODERATOR:** George Marinos, Vice General Manager, National Bank of Greece (TBC)**PANELISTS:**

Dimitris Mitropoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Denys Petrov, CEE Enterprise Manager, Google (TBC)

Andreas Spengel, Head of Fintech, Mastercard

Peter Voorneveld, Account Executive, Industry Specialist for CFD Brokers, AWS

17:00-18:00 Guided tour from the University of Athens premises area to the History Museum of University of Athens, Tholou 5, Plaka**18:00 – 19:00 Guided tour to the History Museum of University of Athens, Tholou 5, Plaka - Invitation only****19:00 Reception at History Museum of University of Athens, Tholou 5, Plaka - Invitation only**

DAY 2

Friday 30.10.2026 Small Stock Exchange, National Bank of Greece, 1 Pesmatzoglou Str, Athens**10:00-10:30 Registrations****10:30-10:45 Opening**

Ernestos Panayiotou, General Manager Transformation, Strategy & International Activities, National Bank of Greece

Nikolaos Thomaidis, Vice President of the Administration Council of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

German Ambassador (TBC)

Yannis Tsakiris, Vice President EIB

Haris Lambropoulos, President HDBI, Member BoD EIB & EIF

10:45-11:30 The Future of Finance: Banks, Payments Institutions and Fintech Players as Growth Catalysts**MODERATOR:** Stratos Molyviatis, COO NBG Group (TBC)**PANELISTS:**

Christoforos Chatzopoulos, CEO NBG Pay

Stathis Onasoglou, Field CTO, EMEA Strategic FSI, Google (TBC)

Panagiotis Polydoros, Country Manager for GR/CY/MA, Mastercard

Christian Sarafidis, Microsoft EMEA Financial Services

11:50-12:20 Fintech as a Growth Catalyst for Travel and Hospitality**MODERATOR:** Katerina Saridaki, Director CapsuleT Accelerator-Hellenic Chamber of Hotels**PANELISTS:****12:20-13:00 Introducing German Fintech Ecosystem**

Curated by AHK

MODERATOR:**PANELISTS:**

+ 1 or 2 big Financial Institutions running innovation programmes (incubators or accelerators)

+ 1 research director on Fintech

+ 1 german fintech Unicorn

(By invitation only) Roundtable 12:00 – 13:30 Crypto, predictions, perpetual

Council Hall, Melas Mansion

MODERATOR: Dimitrios Psarrakis, CEO ADI Predictstreet, Senior Fellow at the Center of Digital Assets and Blockchain, Wharton School**PANELISTS:**

Yannis Alvanopoulos, Global Head of Mysten Labs Solution Engineering

Nikos Andrikogiannopoulos, Co-founder and CEO, Metrika

Christoforos Chatzopoulos, CEO NBG Pay

Ass. Prof. Nikos Daskalakis, Panteio Panepistimio

Leo Drakopoulos, AWS Regional Manager, Solution Architecture for GR/CY/MA

Panagiotis Georgitseas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Mirouna Girtu, Ferragamo Family Office

Prof Dr. Hossein Jahanshahloo, Alliance Manchester Business School

George Kourakos, Director of Innovation, Kaizen Gaming

Yannis Larios, Applied AI Advisor, Deloitte

Michalis Nikoletos, Qualco CEO Advisor, CEO, DeFi Advisors

Akshay Mahajan, Board Director, Finstreet

Julien Nivot, Digital Finance Unit, ESMA

Grigoris Siourounis, Co-founder, Havenex Group

Thanasis Noulas, VP, Bitvavo (TBC)

George Tzekas, Financial Analyst (TBC)

Vlatakis (TBC)

13:00-14:15 Lunch**14:15-15:00 Financial Markets 4.0: Transitioning from Financial Instruments to Immersive Experiences****MODERATOR:** Akshay Mahajan, Board Director, Finstreet**PANELISTS:**

Vasiliki Lazarakou, Chair HCMA, Republic of Greece

Andrey Kirilenko, Professor of Finance, Judge Business School, Cambridge University (TBC)

Dimitrios Psarrakis, CEO ADI Predictstreet, Senior Fellow at the Center of Digital Assets and Blockchain, Wharton School

15:45-16:30 Lifelong Learning for All: Building Inclusive Pathways to growth**MODERATOR:** Prof. Aristeidis Samitas, Vice Rector of Finance and Development, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**PANELISTS:**

Olga Pavlopoulou, General Secretary/University Relations Chair CFA

Prof. Spyros Papathanasiou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Myladie Stoumbou, Microsoft Regional General Manager & Board Member (TBC)

15:45-16:30 Onassis Panel**MODERATOR:** Heracles Papatheodorou, Digital & Development Project Manager, Onassis Foundation**16:30-17:15 Fintech Investments****MODERATOR:** Perikles Vasileiadis, Portfolio Director, Endeavor**PANELISTS:**

Apostolos Apostolakis, Founding Partner Venture Friends

Pete Benedetto, Partner Head of Europe, Endeavor Catalyst (TBC)

Christina Crosby, Managing Partner Astir Capital Advisors (TBC)

Mirouna Girtu, Ferragamo Family Office

16:15-16:45 Conclusions - Next steps**17:45-19:00 Fintech Circles - Closing Reception powered by Endeavor Greece, Mela Building**

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