

Invitation

The **Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)** is hosting a roundtable **online discussion** on:

Innovation, Internationalization and the Diaspora in the Greek Startup Ecosystem

In the early days of the long economic crisis in Greece, a new productive model began to emerge, with its epicenter the emerging startup ecosystem of the country. Since then a number of studies have mapped the evolution of the ecosystem, focusing mostly on funding, startup exits and macro level mappings of startupperes and their initiatives.

This webinar will attempt a fresh perspective to the study of the Greek startup ecosystem, focusing on innovation, internationalization and the diaspora nexus, while also introducing a combined micro and macro approach. It opens with a presentation of recent research findings on the aforementioned theme from a micro level analysis (ELIAMEP Working paper 19/11/2025) on the outcomes and organization of a uniquely placed accelerator in the ecosystem.

The ensuing, main body of the webinar will focus on a general appreciation of the present situation and the enrichment of future prospects for the innovation, internationalization, diaspora nexus.

Opening Remarks

Ioanna Sapfo Pepelasis, Professor Emerita, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB); Senior Research Fellow at ELIAMEP; principal investigator, co-author

Speakers

Yannis Caloghirou, Professor Emeritus of the National Technical University of Athens

Marios Dikaiakos, Professor of Computer Science, Director, Laboratory for Internet Computing Chair, Council for Entrepreneurship, University of Cyprus

Marina Hatsopoulos, Board Chair, Levitronix Technologies

Athanasios Kolokythas, M2 ETE (PhD Track) student, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE); co-author

Vassilis Papakonstantinou, Co-founder and Vice-Chairman, StartSmart SEE (former MITEF Greece)

Jenny Vidali, MA, College of Europe; co-author

Moderator

Odin Linardatou, Head of Communications, ELIAMEP

The event will be held in English.

**Tuesday 10 February 2026,
at 18:00-19:30 (EET)**

Live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#) and on ELIAMEP's official accounts on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Please submit your questions before and during the discussion at: events@eliamep.gr