



## **AGENDA**

### **25 Years of Sustainable Development and Regional Cooperation**

**Bridging Knowledge and Innovation for a Sustainable and  
Resilient Adriatic-Ionian Region: 25 years of experience**

**University of Ioannina, Greece  
May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**‘Karolos Papoulias’ Conference Center, University campus A’**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

(Conference Hall A, ground floor)

**19.00**

**Policy and Innovation for Regional Growth**

**Opening Ceremony & Welcome addresses**

**Chairpersons:** Prof. Anna K. Batistatou, Prof. Konstantinos Karamanis

Prof. Panagiota Kanti

**Keynote lectures:**

***The Role of Universities in Regional Development***

Prof. Anna Batistatou, Rector, President of UniAdrion

***25 Years of UniAdrion***

Prof. Jenny Pagge, Member of the Governing Board of UniAdrion

**Celebrations and Honors for the 25th Anniversary of UniAdrion**

**Chairpersons:** Prof. Anna K. Batistatou, Prof. Christos Stavrakos,

Prof. Ioannis Leonardos

**Honors:** Prof. Petros Groumpos, Prof. Christos Massalas, Dr. Dimitrios Glaros

**09.00-12.00 Session A: Thematic Tables & Networking in UniAdrion**

**Chairpersons:** Prof. Ioannis Leonardos, Prof. Jenny Pagge

**Thematic Tables:**

**Blue Growth**

**Economic and Policy Analysis**

**Sustainable Tourism**

**Environmental Quality**

**Connecting the Region**

**Societal Challenges**

**Presentations**

UoI, School of Fine Arts: Vice Rector of the University of Ioannina, Prof. **Xenofon Bitsikas**

UoI, School of Sciences: Dean, Prof. **George Floudas**, Dept. of Physics

UoI, School of Economics and Administrative Sciences: Dean, Prof. **Nikolaos Mylonidis**,  
Dept. of Economics

UoI, School of Engineering: Dean, Prof. **Apostolos Avgeropoulos**, Dept. of Materials Science  
and Engineering

UoI, School of Informatics and Telecommunications: Dean, Assoc. Prof. **Alexandros Tzallas**

UoI, School of Agriculture: Dean, Prof. **Ioannis Skoufos**

UoI, School of Social Sciences: Dean, Assoc. Prof. **Sofia Anastasiou**, Early Years Learning  
and Care Dept.

Ionian University, Dean of the Faculty of Environment Prof. **Katerina Kabassi**

UoI, School of Music Studies, Deputy Dean, Assoc. Prof. **Aspasia Theodosiou**

UoI, School of Education: Deputy Dean, Head-Dept. of Early Childhood Education Prof. **Harilaos  
Zaragas**

UoI, School of Philosophy: On behalf of the Dean Assistant Prof. **Maria Tomadaki**

Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas, Prof. **Savvas Christoforidis**, Dept. of Medicine

**Commentators:**

University St. Kliment Ohridski - Bitola, North Macedonia, Rector, Prof. **Igor Nedelkovski**

University of St. Kliment Ohridski -Bitola, North Macedonia, Prof. **Aleksandar Ivanov**

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania, Dr **Aulona Beqo**

"Eqrem Cabej" University of Gjirokaster, Albania, Dr **Roberto Celo**

University of Tirana, Albania, Prof. **Bernard Dosti**

University of Nis, Vice Rector, Prof. **Antic Dragan**

University of Teramo, Italy, Prof. **Davide Fazio**

University of Trieste, Italy, Prof. **Roberto Louvin**

University of Catania, Italy, Prof. **Rosaria Sicurella**

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia, Prof. **Aleksandar Skeparovski**

University of Tuzla (UNTZ), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. **Jasmin Suljagić**

University of Nis, President of Council, Prof. **Dusan Trajkovic**

**Networking in UniAdrion**

Participants:

Deans of UoI Schools

Members of UniAdrion

Members of UoI

Members of Government-Industry-Community

**12.00-12.30** Coffee Break

**12.30-13.30 Session B: Case Studies & Best Practices**

**Chairpersons:** Prof. Katerina Plakitsi, Prof. Xenofon Bitsikas

*“SOLIS: a success story of Zero net Energy, Zero Energy Buildings and public awareness of RES and energy efficiency between Greece and Albania”*

Prof. **Katerina Plakitsi**, Dept. of Early Childhood Education, Member of the Governing Council of the UoI

*“Smart Travel on Culture Routes - Smart Tour”*

Prof. **Stavros Nikolopoulos**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering,  
Member of the Governing Council of the UoI  
and **Maria Chroni**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, UoI

*“Post Alphabetical Interactive Museum using participatory, space-embedded, story-telling (PALIMPSEST)”*

Prof. **Xenofon Bitsikas**, Dept. of Fine Arts and Art Sciences, Vice Rector of the UoI

*“Cutting-Edge ICT for Cultural Heritage Preservation”*

Prof. **Ioannis Fudos**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, UoI

*“Operational Fire Danger Prevention Platform 2 (Ofidia2)”*

Prof. **Stergios Anastasiadis**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, UoI

*“Adriatic-Ionian Collaboration for entrepreneurial education: Experiences and challenges”*

Assoc. Prof. **Yorgos Goletsis**, Dept. of Economics, UoI

*“Cultural Routes of Sacred Sites-CROSS”*

Prof. **Polyxeni Mantzou**, Dept. of Architecture, UoI

*“Smart City IoT-Enabled Infrastructure Health Monitoring-ARIADNE”*

Prof. **Dimitrios Fotiadis**, Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, UoI

*“Projects and collaborations of Knowledge and Intelligent Computing Laboratory at EUSAIR area”*

Prof. **Chrysostomos Stylios**, Dept. of Informatics and Telecommunications, UoI

*“Creating Resilient Areas to Develop Lifecycles and Ecosystem Services – CRADLES”*

Assist. Prof. **Petros Karvelis**, Dept. of Informatics and Telecommunications, UoI

*“Innovative Use of Olive, Winery and Cheese Waste by Products in Animal Nutrition for the Production of Functional Foods from Animals (Inno.Triton)”*

*“Ecological footprint in cross-border marine fish farming in Sagiada - Greece - and southern Albania (ECO-FISH)”*

*“Cheese route as an innovative cultural heritage driving force for rural tourism development in the cross-border area (CheeseCult)”*

Prof. **Ioannis Skoufos**, Dept. of Agriculture, UoI

*“Strengthening BIODiversity Preservation through Sustainable Exploitation of the Bioresources CHAIN in the Programme Area (BIOCHAIN)”*

Assoc. Prof. **Nicholas Korres**, Dept. of Agriculture, UoI

*“Historic Building Information Modelling for Safeguarding and Promoting Cultural Heritage Monuments”*

Dr. **Dimitrios Exarchos**, Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, UoI

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**13.30-15.00    Networking lunch**

**15.00-15.30    Session C: Closing Remarks, Policy Recommendations & Wrap-up**

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**Session restricted to UniAdrion Members ONLY**

**15.30-17.00    Governing Board (GB) &  
Parallel session for non-members of the GB**

Visit to the History of Medicine Museum and the

Collection of Rare Books of the Library and Information Centre, Uol

**17.00-17.30    Coffee Break**

**17.30- 19.00    General Assembly (GA)**

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**19.30            Musical Performance** (Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

The **Choir of the Department of Music Studies** and the musical ensemble **Cantus Serenus** will present works by M. Haydn, A. Vivaldi, J. Brahms, T. Mikroutsikos, M. Hadjidakis.

The performance is held under the supervision and direction of Choir Conductor **Antonios Ververis** and student **Andreas Chasiotis**.

*The musical performance is open to all participants and the public.*