

Competence Center for Business & Logistics Challenges

Inaugural event

1st July, 2019

Draft Agenda

10:30 – 11:00	Arrival of participants
11:00 -11:10	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evangelos Bekiaris, Director, HIT/CERTH - Nikos Efthymiadis, Chairman, Thessaloniki Technology Park
11:10 -12:00	Welcome addresses & stakeholders statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eleftheria Hatzigeorgiou, Minister, Ministry of Macedonia and Thrace (tbc) - Gregory Pflieger, US Consul General in Thessaloniki - Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Regional Governor of Central Macedonia (tbc) - Mayor of Thessaloniki (tbc) - Representative of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Dimitrios Lagoudas Deputy Director, TEES (tbc) - Kyriakos Loufakis , Alexander Innovation Zone - Representative of Federation of Industries of Greece - Representative of Greek Exporters Association
12:00 - 13:00	Research cooperation and industry competence building for innovation <p>Initiatives for Central Macedonia and Greece</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Georgia Aifadopoulou, Research Director, HIT/CERTH - Dimitris Vlachos, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <p>US experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg Winfree, Director, Texas A&M Transportation Institute <p>EU Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remote intervention ALICE Secretary General, Fernando Liesa
13:00 – 13:15	Interventions
13:15 - 13:30	Ceremony of Signature of the Cooperation Agreement between HIT/CERTH and Texas A&M Transportation Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Greg Winfree, Director, Texas A&M Transportation Institute o Evangelos Bekiaris, Director, HIT/CERTH o Georgia Aifadopoulou, Deputy Director, HIT/CERTH
13:30	Closure of the Event & Lunch