

# INVEST Digitalization Conference

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## **Agenda: INVEST Digitalization Conference**

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**Date:** 6+7+8.11.2024

**Location:** Athens (Amalia Hotel, Syntagma)

**MsTeams:** Click [here](#) (link valid for all 3 days)

### **Objectives**

- To showcase the advancements and future plans of the INVEST project.
- To facilitate hands-on experience with the implemented tools (Virtual campus, EDUC8EU).
- To provide a platform for networking academics, students, and administrators from various universities.
- To engage participants in interactive sessions that highlight practical applications and integration of digital tools in education.

### **DAY 1 Introduction and Overview**

#### **09:00 - 09:30 — Registration and Welcome Coffee**

Gather, register for the event, and enjoy some coffee and networking before the sessions begin.

#### **09:30 - 09:40 — Opening Remarks**

Local Project Coordinator, Prof. Nicholas Samaras

#### **09:40 - 10:15 — Greetings**

#### **10:15 - 10:30 — Speech Session**

**Omiros Iatrellis** – *Enhancing student success with EDUC8EU Smart Advisor*

#### **10:30 - 10:45 — Speech Session**

**Lefteris Papadopoulos** - *A Look at INVEST1.0 Digital Tools*

- *Overview of the Virtual Campus: High-level introduction to the platform, its structure, and accomplishments.*
- *Infrastructure and Tools: A quick walkthrough of the platform's infrastructure and the digital tools available.*
- *New Features Update: Introduction to the latest additions, including the alpha version of the Microcredentials Platform*

#### **10:45 - 11:00 — Speech Session**

**Areti Bania** - *Applying RES-Q Living Lab Research to Real-World Disaster Scenarios*

#### **11:00 - 11:15 — Speech Session**

**Maria Drogkoula** - *The Cross-Disciplinary Promise of AI: From Environmental Science to Education*



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**11:15 - 11:45 — Coffee Break**

**11:45 - 12:00 — Speech Session**

**Konstantinos Kokkinos** - *The Next Chapter: Unveiling Phase 2 Digital Innovations in INVEST Project*

**12:00 - 12:15 — Speech Session**

**Student Presentation** – *Experiences from INVEST activities participation*

**12:15 - 12:30 — Speech Session**

**Andreas Lazarov** – The role of leadership in educational innovations

**12:30 - 12:50 — Interactive Q&A**

A chance for the audience to engage with speakers and ask questions about the presentations.

**12:50 - 13:00 — Closing Remarks**

Recap of the day and thanks to speakers, attendees, and organizers.

**13:00 - 14:00 — Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30 — Hands-on Session on EDUC8EU System, Omiros Iatrellis**

- Features and capabilities of the EDUC8EU system.
- Hands on session; Participants will learn how to integrate their academic programs with the EDUC8EU intelligent advising system, including adding metadata and creating customized requests.

**17:00 – 19:00: Private guided tour to the Acropolis Museum**

**20:00 – 23:30: Social Dinner, WHISPERS Restaurant, Hotel Amalia Roof Garden**



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## DAY 2 In-Depth Presentation and Training

### 09:30 - 09:45 — Opening and first day activities recap

### 09:45 - 10:30 — Virtual Campus Presentation: Overview, Lefteris Papadopoulos

#### Part A: Platform Introduction

- **Introduction to the Virtual Campus platform:** Basic tools and the portal structure.
- **Presentation of the portal:** showcase public available features of the site
- **Open Science Repository:** Presentation of the structure and features of the online repository module with the EOSC integration for publishing research documents.
  - **Key Tools Overview:** Explore features designed to enhance collaboration and manage educational processes: FAQs-Support System, MessengerHub, Notepad, Task Scheduler, Calendar, and MyWorkspace.
- **Student Perspective showcase:** Demonstration of searching programs, courses, registration requests, tracking progress and more.
- **Account Setup:** User account creation for hands-on activities, including setting up **OTP security** features.

### 10:30 - 11:15 — Coffee Break

### 11:15 - 13:15 — Hands-on Session: Mastering the Virtual Campus for INVEST University, Lefteris Papadopoulos

#### Part B: Interactive Exercises

- Practical tasks utilizing Virtual Campus tools for academic and administrative purposes.
- Familiarization with basic communication and productivity tools: MessengerHub, Personal Calendar, Workspace, and Task Scheduler.
- Getting familiar with the web application and exploring available features
- EOSC Online repository demonstration
- Hands-on scenarios focusing on integration techniques for collaboration and productivity.

### 13:15 - 14:15 — Lunch Break



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## **14:15 - 15:30 — Training Workshops for Teachers and Administrative Staff**

### **Administrative Personnel Workshop:**

- Training on using the Virtual Campus for administrative tasks, including:
  - User Account Management
  - Program Enrollment Processes for host and home universities
  - Data Management
  - Reporting and Analytics

**Case study presentation:** Using Virtual Campus as a collaboration and registration platform for Winter School

### **Teachers Workshop:**

- Deep dive into using the Virtual Campus for:
  - Announcements Management
  - Resource Sharing
  - Course Design
  - Grading Procedures

## **15:30 - 15:45 — Coffee Break**

## **15:45 - 16:30 — Q&A and Wrap-Up**

- Open floor for questions.
- Summary of key takeaways and closing remarks.



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## DAY 3 Presentation and Discussion

### 10:00 - 11:20 — Presentation of Micro-credentials modeling and platform

- **Presented by:** Konstantinos Kokkinos

### 11:20 - 11:45 — Coffee Break

### 11:45 - 12:40 — Presentation: Capability Maturity Model for Micro-Credentials by UTH

- **Presented by:** Omiros Iatrellis

An introduction to a structured model designed to assess and enhance the maturity of micro-credential frameworks at universities.

### 12:45 - 13:45 — Lunch

### 13:45 - 15:00 — Open Discussion and Wrap-Up

- An open floor for questions and discussions on the integration challenges and potential of micro-credentials and European degrees. This session will also include a summary of key takeaways from all three days and closing remarks.