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Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation: Present at the Conference of Vice Rectors for Research and Lifelong Learning/Chairs of Research and SARF Management Committees of Hellenic Universities

The Chair of the Scientific Council and acting Director of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.), Professor Xenia Chrysochoou, addressed with her speech the 83rd Conference of Vice Rectors for Research and Lifelong Learning/Chairs of Research and SARF Management Committees of Hellenic Universities, which took place on Thursday, 16th December 2021.

The event at the Lavrion Technological Cultural Park of the National Technical University of Athens was attended by the Vice Chair of the Scientific Council and Professor Emeritus of Molecular Biology and Genetics at the School of Medicine of the University of Crete, Mr. Charalampos Savakis, as well as the executive member of the Research Projects Department, Dr. Kouravelou Aikaterini.

The SC Chair referred to the positive conclusions of the recent evaluations of the Foundation, which were conducted both by the National Council for Research, Technology and Innovation and a committee appointed by the European Investment Bank. The evaluation was a constructive process, as it prompted the H.F.R.I. to consider points for improvement in accordance with international practices. Within its four years of operation, the H.F.R.I. appears as funding institution in 1,849 publications, 72% of which are found in peer-reviewed journals, while approximately half of them (849 publications) are included in open access journals. The H.F.R.I. will intensify *“its efforts to highlight the impact of research projects, both in relation to the scientific*

community and the society, through various actions”, which are expected to be announced in the near future. Furthermore, she provided information about the implementation of actions aiming to strengthen basic research with the support of the Recovery Fund of the Ministry of Development and the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. She concluded her speech giving a message for constructive and necessary cooperation between the Foundation and the representatives of Hellenic Universities and encouraging the latter ones to get informed about imminent H.F.R.I. initiatives.

You can watch her brief speech by clicking the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW9fgzQD7eU>

About the H.F.R.I.

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation was established (Law No. 4429/2016) in response to the vital need for supporting Greek scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development and Investments. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular it aims to evaluate and finance unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a unique criterion.

