

UK-Greek Strategic Partnership in Education

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the British Embassy and the British Council, builds a "bridge" between the Greek Universities and the UK Universities through the programme "**UK-Greece Strategic Partnership in Education to foster collaborations between UK and Greek Universities**".

The launch event of the programme was held virtually and it was attended, among others, **by the Minister of Education, Niki Kerameos; the Undersecretary in charge of Higher Education, Angelos Syrigos; the Secretary General of Higher Education, Apostolos Dimitropoulos; the British Ambassador to Greece, HE Kate Smith CMG; the Head of UK's International Higher Education Strategy, Gemma Turnbull; the Director of Universities UK International, Vivienne Stern; the Vice-Chancellor of University of Liverpool and member of Russell Group Universities' Advisory Board, Professor Dame Janet Beer; the Head of Education, British Council Greece, Maria Tsakali.**

The aim of the programme is to engage Universities in both countries to launch synergies, such as the development of joint and dual study programmes, the participation of students from abroad in foreign language and summer programmes in our country, the exchange of students, academics, researchers and know-how, as well as other forms of collaboration that the Universities themselves will choose.

All Higher Education Institutes in our country have already expressed interest to participated in the programme, as well as 61 Universities of the United Kingdom, including several Russell Group universities - Imperial College London, Durham University, University of Warwick, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, University of Leeds, University of York, University of Nottingham, University of Liverpool, Cardiff University.

Speaking at the launch event, **Niki Kerameos, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs**, referred to the reasons why the high-quality courses offered by Greek Universities provide fertile ground for synergies with Universities in other countries, including the United Kingdom. She also referred to the favourable timing due to the priority that the Greek Government gives to the Greek Universities' extroversion and internationalisation.

The Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Niki Kerameos said: "*Following the successful collaboration of our Universities with 29 top US Universities, which has been in progress since December 2019, we are expanding the horizons of our Higher Educational Institutes, while launching a framework of collaboration with UK Universities. Greek Universities have a lot to gain but also to offer to the global academic community, through synergies, exchange of good practice, and joint study programmes. A modern education system, extrovert and adapted to the needs of the 21st century, provides our children with the necessary tools for a better future and ensures that our country has the place it deserves on the international academic map.*"

The British Ambassador to Greece, HE Kate Smith, CMG, said: "*The collaboration we have launched with the Ministry of Education is extremely important for two reasons: one is that education has always been one of the strongest bonds between our two peoples. The second is that through education we build our future. Students, academics, researchers and education systems can only benefit from exchange and collaboration. Both sides share a vision and the will to proceed, therefore I am sure that the next steps by the academic community in both countries will bear fruit.*"

Anastasia Andritsou, Director, British Council Greece, and event moderator said:
"Today's event is only the beginning of a series of targeted actions such as research, seminars, and visits by University representatives. These actions will help Higher Education Institutes in the two countries to co-develop fruitful collaborations and successfully meet the challenges and opportunities of an internationalised education."

The full recording of the launch event is available [here](#)

For more information on the programme, please visit:

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