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The Hellenic Capital Market Commission and the University of West Attica sign a Memorandum of Cooperation

The Hellenic Capital Market Commission and the University of West Attica signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on Thursday, 30 July 2026, launching a strategic partnership that brings together supervisory expertise with academic knowledge and scientific research, with the aim of promoting innovation, financial education, and the sustainable development of the Greek capital market.

The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Cooperation took place at the offices of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission and was signed by the Chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, Ms **Vasiliki Lazarakou**, and the Rector of the University of West Attica, Professor **Panagiotis Kaldis**. Also attending on behalf of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission were the First Vice-Chairman, Mr **Michail Fekkas**, the Director General, Ms **Eleni Gliata**, and the Head of the Listed Companies Directorate, Mr **Nikos Gerantonis**. The University of West Attica was also represented by the Vice-Rector for Research, Innovation and Lifelong Learning, Professor **Petros Kalantonis**, the Dean of the School of Administrative, Economic and Social Sciences, Professor **Georgios Pierrakos**, and Associate Professor of the Department of Business Administration, Mr **Anastasios Sepetis**.

The Memorandum establishes a framework for ongoing cooperation in the fields of sustainable finance and ESG criteria, corporate governance, financial technology (FinTech), artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital transformation, and financial literacy. Meanwhile, it includes the development of joint research, educational and scientific initiatives, the exchange of expertise, and the implementation of actions that will strengthen the connection between the academic community, supervisory functions, and the market.

This collaboration reflects the shared belief that knowledge, research and innovation are key pillars for enhancing transparency, trust and resilience in the financial system, and for effectively addressing the complex challenges arising from technological developments, the green transition, and the continuously evolving international regulatory environment.

The Chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, Vasiliki Lazarakou, stated:

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“Cooperation with the academic community is a strategic pillar of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission. Leveraging scientific knowledge and innovation strengthens our ability to shape a modern and effective supervisory framework capable of responding to the challenges of the digital transition, sustainable finance and the ongoing developments in capital markets. Through our cooperation with the University of West Attica, we invest in the creation of knowledge, the enhancement of financial literacy and the development of highly specialised human capital, contributing to the establishment of a modern, reliable and resilient Greek capital market for the benefit of investors, the economy and society at large.”

In turn, the Rector of the University of West Attica, Professor Panagiotis Kaldis, stated:

“The cooperation between the University of West Attica and the Hellenic Capital Market Commission strengthens the connection between academic knowledge and research with an institution of critical importance for the smooth functioning of the Greek economy and financial market. The University of West Attica remains firmly committed to building partnerships with organisations that contribute to generating and leveraging knowledge for the benefit of society and the country’s development. Through this Memorandum of Cooperation, we seek to develop joint research, educational and scientific initiatives in cutting-edge fields such as sustainable finance, corporate governance, financial technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital transformation. At the same time, this collaboration will provide fertile ground for members of our academic community, including students, researchers and faculty members, to engage directly with contemporary developments and the real needs of the market. This partnership will make a substantial contribution to the development of highly qualified professionals and to the strengthening of financial literacy in our country.”

At a time when financial markets are being transformed at a rapid pace under the influence of the digital and green transitions, the cooperation between the Hellenic Capital Market Commission and the University of West Attica highlights the crucial role of partnerships between public institutions and the academic community in generating knowledge, strengthening institutional resilience, and shaping a modern, reliable and sustainable financial ecosystem.