

## Greece Joins MIRRI-ERIC as a Member

**Braga (Portugal), 19 March 2024** - We are delighted to share the momentous news that Greece has officially become a member nation of the **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure European Research Infrastructure Consortium (MIRRI-ERIC)**! This exciting development represents a significant leap forward in the realm of microbial research and biotechnology, not only for Greece but also for the broader European scientific community.

Leading Greek institutions have joined forces to contribute to this prestigious membership. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, renowned for its rich educational heritage dating back to 1837, stands at the forefront of this collaborative effort. Embracing the ethos of "universitas," the university continues to provide invaluable educational services and cultivate independent citizens with global knowledge.

Adding to the collaborative spirit are the Agricultural University of Athens and the Benaki Phytopathological Institute. Established in 1920, the Agricultural University of Athens has been instrumental in driving educational and research excellence in agricultural science. Committed to addressing the evolving needs of the Greek economy and society, the university strives to make significant contributions to the agri-nutrition sector through innovation and scientific rigor.

Meanwhile, the Benaki Phytopathological Institute, founded in 1929, has earned widespread recognition as a guardian of quality, safety, and sustainable development in agriculture. With a focus on risk assessment, environmental protection, and food safety, the institute plays a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of both consumers and the environment.

As members of MIRRI-ERIC, Greece gains access to an extensive network of resources, expertise, and collaborative opportunities, propelling its research capabilities to new heights. This membership underscores Greece's commitment to promoting scientific excellence and fostering international cooperation in the critical field of microbial research.

Together, these institutions are poised to drive scientific progress, unlock the full potential of microbial resources, and address pressing challenges facing society and the environment. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Greece and its participating institutions on this remarkable achievement, and we eagerly anticipate the ground-breaking discoveries and innovations that lie ahead.



**ABOUT MIRRI:**

The **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure – European Research Infrastructure Consortium (MIRRI-ERIC)** is the pan-European distributed Research Infrastructure for the preservation, systematic investigation, provision and valorisation of microbial resources and biodiversity. It brings together ~50 microbial domain Biological Resource Centres (mBRCs), culture collections and research institutes. MIRRI serves the bioscience and the bioindustry communities by facilitating the access, through a single point, to the broadest range of high-quality microorganisms, their derivatives, associated data and services, with a special focus on the domains of Health & Food, Agro-Food, and Environment & Energy. By serving its users, by collaborating with other research infrastructures and by working with public authorities and policy makers, MIRRI contributes to the advancement of research and innovation in life sciences and biotechnology, as well as for a sustainable, competitive and resilient bioeconomy. For more information, please visit [www.mirri.org](http://www.mirri.org) and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/microbial-resource-research-infrastructure/>.

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