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OFELIA at the 90th Thessaloniki International Fair



OFELIA participated in the **90th Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF)**, held in Thessaloniki from **5 to 13 September 2026**, together with the project coordinator, **Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH)**.

Throughout the Fair, the OFELIA team had the opportunity to present the project's objectives, activities and upcoming opportunities to visitors, businesses and stakeholders, while strengthening connections with actors from the research, innovation and agri-food communities.

As part of its participation, OFELIA also contributed to thematic events focusing on the future of the agri-food sector, with discussions around **digital and green transformation, innovation, funding opportunities and collaboration between research, businesses, technology providers and public authorities**.

The Fair provided an important opportunity to increase OFELIA's visibility, engage with new stakeholders and promote upcoming project activities, including the **OFELIA Open Call** and future **training opportunities** for businesses and other interested actors.

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OFELIA First Plenary Meeting in Thessaloniki

The **first OFELIA Plenary Meeting** took place in **Thessaloniki on 28–29 September 2026**, bringing together project partners for two days of collaboration, exchange and coordination.

The meeting provided an important opportunity to review the progress achieved during the first year of the project, discuss ongoing activities across the different Work Packages, and align on the priorities and next steps for the coming implementation period.

Partners shared updates on key technical, communication, stakeholder engagement and Business Investment Cases activities, while dedicated

discussions focused on upcoming milestones, deliverables and cross-partner coordination. The meeting also offered valuable space for exchanging experiences, addressing common challenges and strengthening cooperation across the consortium.

Beyond the formal sessions, the Plenary Meeting contributed to reinforcing connections among partners and maintaining a shared vision for the next phase of OFELIA.

The Plenary meeting marked an important milestone in the project's implementation and set the basis for the activities ahead as OFELIA continues working to support innovation and digital transformation in the FFMAPs value chains.

OFELIA at the I3 Coordinators' Day & Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026!



Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026

01.10.2026 - Brussels, Belgium

30.09.2026 - I3 Instrument Coordinators' Day



The **Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH)** participated in two key events of the **I3 Instrument** community, bringing together projects, stakeholders and representatives from regions across Europe.

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

I3 Coordinators' Day

The event brought I3 projects together to exchange implementation experiences, explore complementarities and identify opportunities for cooperation across regions and value chains.

Thursday, 1 October 2026

Annual I3 Instrument Forum 2026

The Forum focused on the achievements and regional impact of the I3 Instrument, bringing together the wider I3 community to exchange experiences and discuss the future of interregional innovation investments.

OFELIA was presented as part of the I3 community, providing an opportunity to share the project's approach and connect with stakeholders working on interregional innovation across Europe.

I3 Instrument Forum wrap up



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