Hybrid Scientific Forum

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1st day – 09/12/2026 (Time zone EET, GMT+2)

09:00-09:30 (deutsche Zeit: 08:00-08:30)	Opening Ceremony - Opening Remarks and Introductory Reference to the EMERGE Alliance

Parallel Session I*		
10:00-12:30 (deutsche Zeit: 9:00-11:30)	Auditorium/Room 1 Presentations of research projects and/or project proposals in the field of **Sciences**	Auditorium/Room 2 Presentations of research projects and/or project proposals in the field of **Engineering & Architecture**
12:30 – 13:00	Coffee Break	
13:00-14:00	EMERGE FORUM I	
(deutsche Zeit: 12:00-13:00)	**Vice-Rectors for Research Panel – Emerging Research Opportunities & Future Collaborations** – A high-level panel bringing together the Vice-Rectors for Research of the EMERGE Alliance universities to discuss emerging research opportunities, shared priorities, and future collaborations, with a focus on strengthening joint research initiatives and cross-institutional cooperation across the Alliance.	
14:00-15:30	Lunch & Networking	
Parallel Session II*		
16:00-18:30 (deutsche Zeit: 15:00-17:30)	Auditorium/Room 1 Presentations of research projects and/or project proposals in the field of **Health Sciences**	Auditorium/Room 2 Presentations of research projects and/or project proposals in the field of **Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**

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2nd day – 10/12/2026 (Time zone EET, GMT+2)

Session I	
10:00-12:00 (deutsche Zeit: 09:00-11:00)	Auditorium/Room 1 **Research Centers/ Infrastructures** #
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-14:00	EMERGE FORUM II
(deutsche Zeit: 11:30-13:00)	**Research & Regional Development**: A panel discussion bringing together representatives from universities, regional authorities, municipalities, businesses, and other key stakeholders to explore how research contributes to regional economic development. The discussion will focus on pathways for translating research outcomes into evidence-based regional development policies, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, strengthening collaboration between academia and public authorities, creating high-quality employment opportunities, and enhancing the long-term competitiveness and resilience of regional ecosystems
14:00-15:30	Lunch & Networking
Session II	
16:00-17:30 (deutsche Zeit: 15:00-16:30)	Auditorium/Room 1 **Universities & Citizens,** good practices in community engagement, presentation of innovative strategies and programs to promote collaboration between universities and local communities with mutual benefits using bottom up approach.

Participants may attend either in person or remotely.

* **Research Project & Proposal Presentations – 150 min**

9 Universities × 15 min each (12 min presentation + 3 min discussion) = 135 min

Each EMERGE university will deliver one presentation within the scientific field of the respective session. The presentation may focus on **one flagship research project and/or promising project proposal** or may provide a **thematic overview of selected research projects and programmes within the same scientific field**, highlighting the university's relevant research activities, expertise, and potential opportunities for collaboration within the EMERGE Alliance.

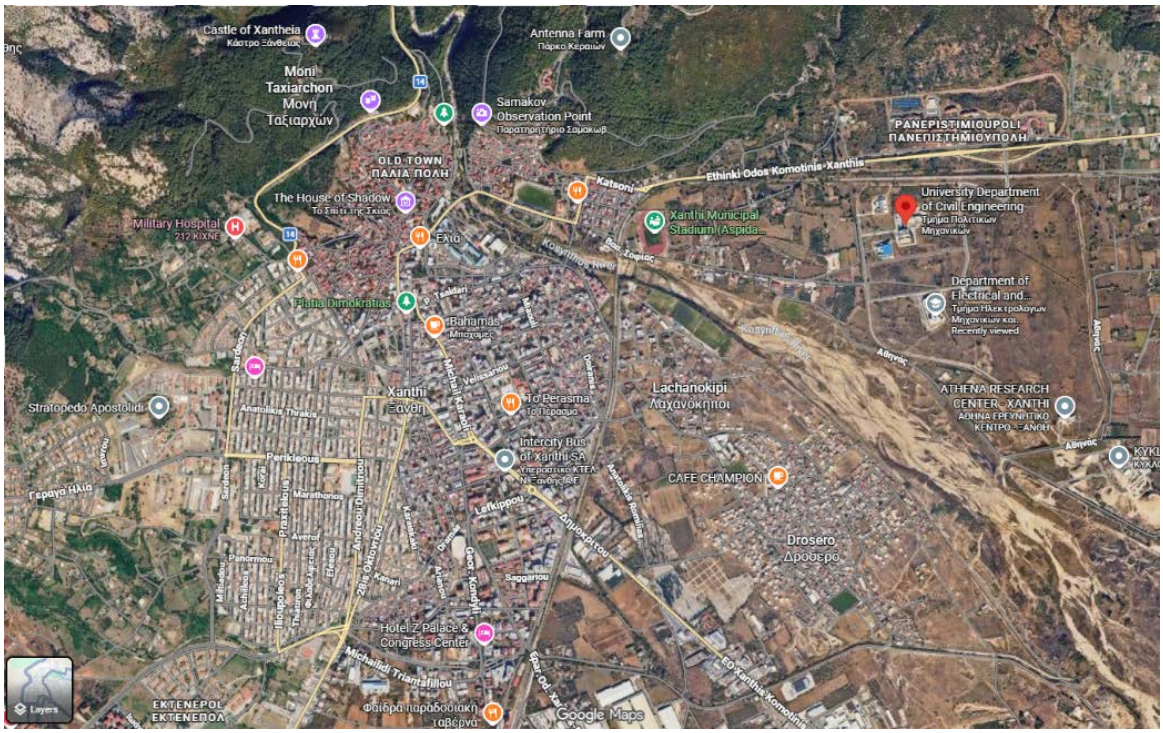
Scientific fields: **Sciences, Engineering & Architecture, Health Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**

Closure of a session = 15 min – General Discussion & Session Wrap-up

Research Centers/ Infrastructures Presentations – 120 min
9 Universities × 13 min each

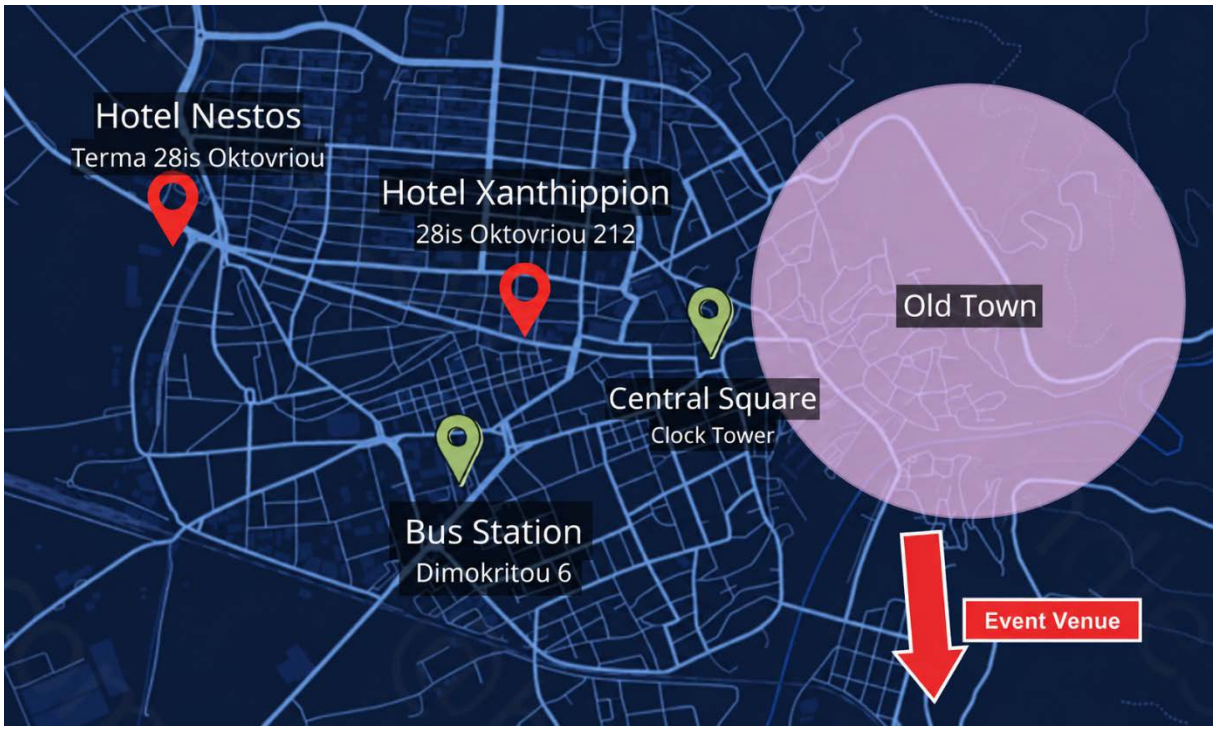
Each EMERGE university will present selected **research centres and/or laboratories**, highlighting their main research areas, expertise, facilities and infrastructure, key research activities, and potential opportunities for collaboration with other EMERGE universities.

Venue: Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace, Xanthi, Greece



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City map



Accommodation : For your accommodation in Xanthi, we recommend HOTEL XANTHIPPION and NESTOS HOTEL XANTHI.
If you decide to proceed with a reservation at our recommended hotels,

please mention "EMERGE" TO SECURE SPECIAL RATES.
We encourage you to book early to ensure availability.

www.hotelxanthippion.gr
www.nestos-hotel.gr

Transportation within Xanthi: University bus transportation will be provided between a designated meeting point in the city and the event venue, with return transportation at the end of the programme. The meeting point will be selected based on participants' accommodation locations to ensure convenient access and will be communicated in advance.

Transportation from Thessaloniki Airport to Xanthi

Please note: The information below is provided for guidance purposes. Transport schedules, fares, and services may change; participants are advised to verify the latest information with the relevant transport providers before travelling.

1. From Thessaloniki Airport to KTEL Macedonia Bus Station

The main airport in Thessaloniki is **Thessaloniki International Airport "Makedonia" (SKG)**.

The easiest public-transport option to reach the **KTEL Macedonia Intercity Bus Station** is the city bus operated by OASTH.

- **Bus route:** 01X – *KTEL – Airport*
- **Night service:** 01N – *KTEL – Airport*
- The buses connect **Thessaloniki Airport directly with the KTEL Macedonia Bus Station**.
- The journey normally takes approximately **50–60 minutes**, depending on traffic.
- Tickets can be purchased at the airport ticket point or in the Bus (payment with card).

2. KTEL Macedonia Bus Station – Thessaloniki (Thessaloniki KTEL Intercity Bus Station "Macedonia")

The **KTEL Macedonia Intercity Bus Station** is the main long-distance coach station in Thessaloniki.

Address: Giannitson 244, Thessaloniki 546 28 (do not use only the address in google maps because it will show a location 700 m from the Bus Station – use **KTEL Macedonia Bus Station** for google maps search).

From the bus station, passengers can take a **KTEL Xanthis** bus to Xanthi.

The Xanthi service departing from **Departure Corridor 14**.

3. KTEL Macedonia – Xanthi

According to the current timetable published by KTEL Macedonia, there are **several buses every day** from Thessaloniki to Xanthi.

The timetable currently includes departures such as:

Departure from Thessaloniki	Arrival in Xanthi	Approx. journey
08:00	10:45	2 h 45 min
11:30	14:00	2 h 30 min
13:30	16:00	2 h 30 min
15:30	18:00	2 h 30 min
19:00	21:30	2 h 30 min
21:00	23:30	2 h 30 min
23:59	02:44 next day	2 h 45 min

There are additional departures on certain days of the week. Therefore, it is advisable to check the official timetable for the **specific date of travel** before departure. The distance between Thessaloniki and Xanthi is approximately **213 km**. The currently published standard one-way fare is approximately **€22.80**. Reduced fares are available for eligible passengers.

Official timetable and ticket information:

KTEL Xanthis official website

Tickets can be purchased at KTEL Macedonia or online from the KTEL Xanthis official website.

It is recommended to allow **some extra time at KTEL Macedonia** between the arrival of the airport bus and the departure of the Xanthi coach, particularly when travelling with luggage.

Route from Thessaloniki Airport to KTEL Macedonia Intercity Bus Station

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