

DAISSy-HOU invites you to an event on Social Innovation Ecosystems

The [DAISSy Research Group](#) of the [Hellenic Open University \(HOU\)](#) is hosting an event on “**University and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Innovation Ecosystems**”, on **17 September 2026, from 10:00 to 17:00**, in **Athens, Greece** (ETERON venue, 38–40 Leokoriou Street).

The event is co-organised **with the Directorate of Social and Solidarity Economy of the Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family of Greece**. It takes place within the framework of two European projects implemented by DAISSy-HOU as the sole Greek partner, namely the **Training and Education in Social Innovation – Transnational Master (TESI-TN Master)** and the **Entrepreneurial and Innovation Proficiency: A Way to Digital Agenda (EPIDA)**.

This gathering will bring together representatives from higher education and research, institutional stakeholders, students, graduates, and practitioners from the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) sector. The goal is to foster meaningful dialogue on the role of higher education in advancing SSE, while matching education and research with real-world sector needs and practices.

Through **presentations, discussions and knowledge exchange, the event will explore key challenges, needs and opportunities for collaboration operation**, emphasizing new pathways for innovation, education, social engagement, and entrepreneurship. Key highlights include presentations on:

- ❖ The Adriatic-Ionian **TESI-TN Master** in Social Innovation: [Training and Education in Social Innovation – Transnational Master \(TESI-TN Master\)](#).
- ❖ HOU’s Master’s Programme in Social and Solidarity Economy: <https://www.eap.gr/education/postgraduate/biannual/social-and-solidarity-economy/>.
- ❖ The EU-funded **EPIDA** project on Digital & Social Entrepreneurship: [Entrepreneurial and Innovation Proficiency: A Way to Digital Agenda \(EPIDA\)](#).

The event will put special emphasis on frontline perspectives, featuring talks and shared experiences from active social enterprises and community initiatives.

👉 Participation is free of charge

👉 Registration is already open. The process is simple and can be completed by submitting the event participation form: [DAISSy Event Participation Form](#)

👉 The event will be held in a hybrid format. Following registration, participants can join via [Zoom Meeting](#) (ID: 85029538479 Passcode: 016465)

👉 The Programme and the Poster of the event are available.



TESI TN MASTER

The **TESI-TN Master** European project is an **International Master's Programme in Social Innovation**, aimed at educating a new generation of Social Innovation professionals capable of

designing, implementing and evaluating innovative social interventions and policies, while also contributing to the creation of a transnational ecosystem for education, research and professional cooperation.

More information about the TESI-TN Master is available here: <https://master.unibo.it/tesi-training-education-social-innovation/en>

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The **EPIDA** European project focuses on developing **digital and social entrepreneurial skills** in higher education and strengthening sustainable initiatives within the social economy sector. EPIDA is

coordinated by **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria)** and involves a consortium of universities from France (**Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines**), Greece (**Hellenic Open University – DAISSy Research Group**), Romania (**Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu**) and Albania (**Universitet Aleksandër Xhuvani Elbasan**).

More information about EPIDA is available here: <https://www.e-pida.eu/>

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