

Press Release

Strengthening rural bioeconomy through inclusive learning and hands-on training.

RELIEF final conference to be held in Kalamata, Greece



Kalamata, Greece – The RELIEF project is reaching its final milestone with an international conference to be held on 20-21 May 2025 at the University of Peloponnese, Antikalamos Campus. Stakeholders from across Europe are invited to attend this key event, which will showcase the main results of the RELIEF project and explore how education and training can support a more circular and sustainable agri-food sector.

Over the past three years, RELIEF has developed a new approach to bioeconomy education, combining flexible learning tools, digital resources and hands-on experiences to empower future farmers, students and professionals. Its comprehensive training programme combines agricultural bioeconomy, entrepreneurship and soft skills and has been piloted with over 450 students in four countries. The conference will present innovative and inclusive learning pathways designed for rural bioeconomy training, insights from pilot training activities conducted in Italy, Greece, Sweden and Portugal, work-based learning experiences that have successfully combined theory and practice, strategic recommendations for the integration of bioeconomy into agricultural education and EU policies

Keynote speakers include:

- *Prof. Panagiotis Liargovas* – Chairman of the Board of the Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) and of the National Productivity Board and Professor of Economics at the University of Peloponnese
- *Prof. Georgios Zakynthinos* – Professor of the Department of Public and Community Health at University of Western Attica

The event will be hosted by the University of Peloponnese, coordinator of the RELIEF project. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with experts, educators and local actors involved in the project activities.

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The full program and registration details will be posted soon.

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