

## WEBSUMMIT 2019-LISBON



IDEA had a strong presence at Websummit, in Lisbon, in partnership with Research Promotion Foundation and Invest Cyprus - Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency.



During our Cyprus National Delegation meeting within the frame of WebSummit at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Lisbon, we had the honour to be hosted in a dinner by our Ambassador in

Portugal Mr Andreas Ignatiou. During the event we heard some excellent and warm words from Georgios A. Papandreou, ex-Prime Minister of Greece. Among others, Mr. Papandreou mentioned that «Cyprus has taken more steps than us in this area and we have to learn from you...».

Wonderful and inspirational words from our Chief Scientist, Kyriacos M Kokkinos to our Cyprus National Delegation. «...In terms of our viability as an economy and as a society, we must place our hopes in research, in innovation, in the business community that innovates. in the field of business and social innovation... ".



## IDEA AT EUROPE-INDIA INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP

15 European countries including Cyprus and 15 innovation centers from India, are working intensively on innovation partnerships under the auspices of the European Commission, EU in India. A great opportunity for all parties involved!

We exchanged ideas, expertise and best practice of the other region's innovation. Forge or strengthen ties with accelerators, incubators, entrepreneurs and other innovation stakeholders in Europe and India. Tap into local know-how about innovation and business in the participating countries. Discussed potential partnerships for market leverage or the joint development of innovative products, services or solutions and organised staff and start-up exchanges.



## CYPRUSJS EVENT AT IDEA

We are very happy to host the Cyprus Java Script Community, CyprusJS, educational event at IDEA. A number of Java enthusiasts have attended the event that gave them the opportunity to exchange experiences and at the same time attend the JavaScript presentations.



# CYPRUS WON AT EUROPEAN FINALS – EEPA

Within October, European Commission announced that Cyprus made it to the finals of the European Commission’s competition: European Enterprise Promotion Awards! Having surpassed 260 applications from 29 countries, IDEA is now among the 3 finalists, proudly represented Cyprus!

## And the winner is...Cyprus!

An extremely significant distinction came as IDEA became the 2019 European Winner in the European Commission’s ‘Enterprise Promotion Awards’ in **Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills**.

Mrs Angela Panayiotou, Manager of IDEA, upon the receipt of the award, said the following: “We started small; We aimed high. Prompted by our duty for giving back to our young people, through alignment, cooperation & confidence in them. IDEA makes a gigantic effort to create culture; it became a cluster that boosts innovation & entrepreneurship in our small country, through partnerships and hard work. Today’s prestigious Award is a noble endorsement by our great European Family. We commit ourselves for more: #Cyprus is at the cross road of 3 continents. We are proud to be European. We are determined to transform Cyprus into a Regional Innovation Hub, a bridge between Asia, Africa and Europe. Our greatest thanks to our valuable partners, to the young people of Cyprus, to our Government and especially, to the visionaries in the Bank of Cyprus. A last message: To reach to success, it is not the size of the country; it is the size of the mind! And it is the size of collaboration! Thank you Europe!!!”

