

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER’S VISIT AT IDEA & CULTURAL FOUNDATION

It was a great honour to welcome at IDEA the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Nikos Christodoulides and his delegation. The Minister expressed his true interest on the activities of our Organization and had a fruitful discussion with Dr Charis Pouangare and Angela Panayiotou on common activities and synergies. The Minister also met the team of IDEA, mentors and current startups in a short tour that followed through our premises. From there, the Minister was welcomed at the Cultural Foundation of BOC where he attended a meeting with all parties involved.



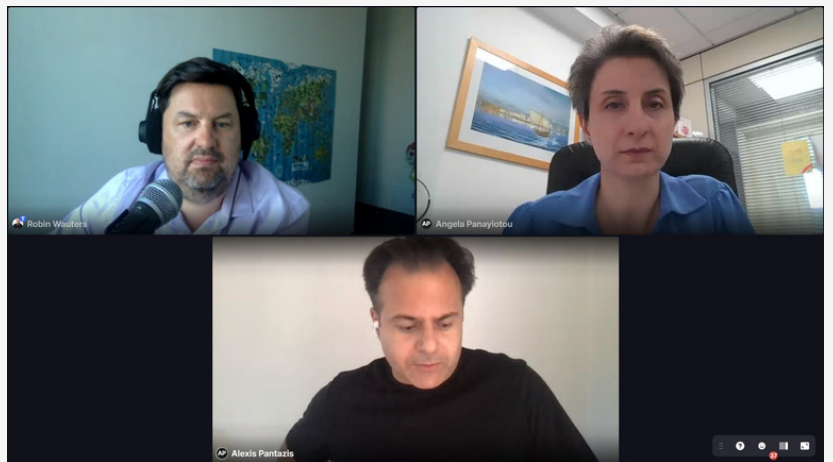
## MENTORING SESSIONS FOR STARTUPS

Group mentoring sessions with startups continue once a week and startups can benefit from actual past experience and industry expertise. Teams can also share their achievements, discuss common dilemmas and challenges, look for common solutions and help each other. Essential is the progress report that each week startups must deliver on what they did last week, what they will do next week and what problems they are facing, towards the creation of their Minimum Viable Product.



## PARTICIPATED AT THE TECH.EU DISCUSSION PANEL

We were invited by Tech.eu to participate in their new 'To The Point' event where we discussed with Robin Wauters an interesting topic: "Checking in on Cyprus, a gateway to innovation". We dived into the tech startup scene of the rising innovation hub and talked about Fintech matters. The panel discussion, featuring our Manager Angela Panayiotou with Hellas Direct, was on innovation from and within big corporations, and how they can benefit from Cyprus ecosystem. The full agenda involved an intro presentation by Robin Wauters (Tech.eu) and Marios Tannousis, Deputy Director General of CIPA, then, Chief Scientist Dr. Nikolas Mastroyiannopoulos and Stavriana Kofteros were engaged in a conversation with Robin Wauters about: "Current status of Cyprus as a tech ecosystem and its relation to the region". Last panel was a discussion about Cyprus as a place to launch a new business, or expand to, and scale internationally from a small island, with Argyris Argyrou (Foody), Victoria Kostic-Nola (VIZ Ventures/INTENCITY) and Yiannis Tinis (Amdocs, Tech Cyprus).



## PRESENTING IDEA AT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CYPRUS "ENTREPRENEURIAL GATHERING"



Junior Achievement Cyprus has invited us at the "Entrepreneurial Gathering" where we had the opportunity to present to the "JA StartUp" Finalists of 2020 & 2021 how IDEA can help them transform their entrepreneurial ideas into real businesses. We presented our program together with our alumni

Activity GoGo who inspired the young entrepreneurs. Participating in such events is really inspiring, as we see young, brilliant minds eager to explore entrepreneurship as an alternative career path.

## HPC & AI FOR SCIENTISTS AND INNOVATION

We have participated in an online gathering with the Cyprus Institute and the Ministry of Energy, Trade & Industry to collaborate on the creation of a European-funded 'HPC (High Performance Computing) & AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Science and Innovation' hub. The views exchanged were of high interest to all parties involved.



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## ATTENDED THE FINAL EVENT OF AEIP

The AEIP (Africa-Europe Innovation Partnership) Food Waste Challenge ended with great synergies emerging from the participants. We have attended the "Building Sustainable Partnerships with Enrich in Africa & beyond: The Africa-Europe Innovation Partnership's final event", which was held virtually at end of June. AEIP has officially launched its third thematic challenge on April. Since then, matching African and European innovators in a global challenge has proven to be valuable, as was the case with the AEIP cleantech challenge. In addition to the currently launched food waste challenge, another major global challenge will benefit greatly from our collaboration: access to quality education and lifelong learning (SDG4).

