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**Press Release**

**The New Year’s Cake Cutting Event of the Agricultural University of Athens**

 The new Year has already brought a brilliant gift for the Agricultural University of Athens, namely the beginning of the studies elaborated on **the connection of our University with *Line 3 of the Athens Metro*** that runs from Nikaia to Airport, via Syntagma.

Indeed, that great announcement was made by the Rector of the Agricultural University of Athens, **Professor Spyridon Kintzios and Nikolaos Kouretas**, the Managing Director of *ATTIKO METRO S.A,* during the event of the cutting of the New Year’s Day Cake, hosted on Friday the 21st of January 2022, on the ground floor reception area of the Central Administration Building, in the presence of the Rectorate Authorities, as well as Members of the Academic Community, having a panoramic view of the Christmas Tree. In addition, all the necessary protection measures had been taken for preventing the spread of the Coronavirus Disease *COVID-19*.

Furthermore, as Mr. Kouretas highlighted in his speech*, this is an extremely innovative project, setting a unique piece of work in Greece*. Undoubtedly, **all the concerted and persistent efforts, as well as the actions taken on the part of both Organizations, throughout the previous twelve (12) months, had been contributing to that remarkable achievement**. On top of that, this superb initiative of the Rectorate held much appeal for the people gathered on that festive day, **casting an air of delight and excitement over the relentless attempts made by the Rectorate Authorities about the issue.**

Besides, the Rector of the Agricultural University of Athens, Professor Spyridon Kintzios addressed his warm greeting speech to everyone present on that special occasion, welcoming on the one hand the Rector of *La Rochelle University* in France*,* Professor Jean-Marc Ogier and Nikolaos Kouretas, the Managing Director of *ATTIKO METRO S.A.*, on the other hand, who gave in their turn a short but meaningful greeting speech, too.

Certainly, it should be mentioned that *La Rochelle University* in France has been acting as the leader of the *EU-CONEXUS* Management, being one of the seventeen (17) European transnational Higher Education and Research Institutions. In fact, the Agricultural University of Athens as a founding member of the *EU-Conexus Alliance*, taking on projects and activities in the field of the *Sustainable Blue Growth*, has been participating actively in the much-coveted cultural and political union of our Continent.

Going through the 2nd century of its operation, the Agricultural University of Athens has been looking to the future with optimism, honoring its glorious history. Thanks to the continuous and tireless efforts of its members, our Institution has gained a significant position in the international academic environment, providing high quality Studies, also marking a “distinct footprint” on the area of Research.

Last but not least, *Alexandros Kotsaris*, the son of the colleague *Andreas Kotsari*s from the Department of Administration Welfare of the Administration Office, has got the piece with the gold coin and an *advanced technology Tablet* was given to him as a wonderful present.