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Subject: **Collaboration Opportunities with Archimedes Research Unit, Athena Research Center**

The undersigned has been directed to refer to self-explanatory U.O. (enclosed) no Gre-1/4/2023(E-I) dated 12th December 2023 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the subject cited above.

02. Our Mission in Greece has reached out the Archimedes Research Unit. The Unit conducts research in Artificial Intelligence, Data Sciences and Algorithms. According to our Mission, the Director of the Unit has expressed interest in considering qualified research applications from Pakistan.

03. In this regard, interested researchers may find more information by visiting the link <https://www.athenarc.gr/en/archimedes/call-for-collaborators>.

04. This information may be shared with interested researchers.

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Reference is invited to the subject cited above.

2. Embassy of Pakistan in Greece is working to enhance bilateral ties in educational collaboration with Greece. Recently, a visit was undertaken to Archimedes Center for Research, which is part of Athena Research Center to understand the scope and mandate of the center and explore possibility of bilateral cooperation with Pakistan.

3. The Archimedes Center for Research in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and Algorithms was founded in January 2022. It operates as a Research Unit of the Athens Research Center and is funded by the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Archimedes Center is housing both basic and applied research and is connected with Greek, as well as foreign University institutes and research centers.

4. Its main mission is funding of visiting researchers (*faculty members and researchers in Greece and abroad*) as well as PhD candidates in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and Algorithms.

5. The Center was only accepting applications from the EU countries but pursuant to meeting with Dr. Timos Sellis, Director of the Archimedes Research Unit, the Center has expressed its willingness to consider qualified research applicants from Pakistan.

6. Further details regarding research projects and the application process can be obtained from the website: <https://www.athenarc.gr/en/archimedes/call-for-collaborators>

7. Foregoing in view, it is requested that kindly disseminate the above information among interested stakeholders.

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