Pilot training of the OpenDCO project – An Open Data Officer

The **OpenDCO (Competences for Open Data City Officer)** (https://www.opendatacity.eu/) project aims at the professional development of city staff through the development of a new open data-focused job profile. The project is implemented by a consortium of 5 partners from 4 different European countries (Greece, Cyprus, Germany and Portugal).

 Open data is data that is freely available to all, without restrictions. Their importance is enormous, as they can be used for transparency and accountability of the public sector and help inform citizens, fuel innovation, as businesses can use them to develop new products and services, improve decision-making, while governments and organizations can use them to make informed decisions, etc.

With the aim of improving staff capabilities and reskilling them in LGOs and municipalities, this project identified the critical skills necessary for executives undertaking the creation and management of open data within local authorities in the country. Subsequently, he developed a specially designed training program to develop these skills.

In this context, on March 19, 2024, a distance learning program begins, which will last until June 2024 and will lead to certification. This training is offered free of charge.

To better inform stakeholders about the importance of open data, the need for staff retraining, and the implementation of the training program, we are organizing an online information session. **The event will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 18:00**, and will take place at https://tinyurl.com/OPENDCO-MOOC. The program of the event will include speeches by:

1) Dr. Ioannis Stamelos, Professor, Head of the Department of Informatics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Open Technologies Organization (EELLAK), on "Open data and its importance in Smart Cities"
2) Dr. Panos Fitsilis, Professor at the University of Thessaly, on "The future of work in smart cities"
3) Dr. Paraskevi Tsoutsa, assistant professor at the University of Thessaly, on "The open data management specialist and the openDCO project"

4) Dr. Panagiotakopoulos Theodoros, researcher at HOU, on "The pilot implementation of the OpenDCO educational program"

For more information about the OpenDCO project:

Websites:
- Information material: https://tinyurl.com/openDCO-MOOC-GR
- Project website for registration in the program: https://www.opendatacity.eu/registration/
- Video: https://www.opendatacity.eu/videos/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/opendatacityofficerproject
- Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9353997/
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ONLINE ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΥΣΙΑΣΗΣ ΤΟΥ
OPEN DATA CITY OFFICER
(OPENDCO) MOOC

📅 **Τρίτη, 12 Μαρτίου 2024**   🕐 **18:00 - 20:00**

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