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Elections are Over in Greece! Reconstruction for Burned Areas Generates a Lot of Projects!

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Greek elections and fires are over!

On Sept. the 16th early elections took place in Greece. As expected, the current Government with Prime Minister Mr. Constantinos Karamanlis won the elections. The new government was announced on Sept. the 20th. The new government puts a lot of effort for the reconstruction of the burned areas by last month's fires. Fires caused a lot of damage! The result of fires during August was:

- Between 24th and 26th of August: 1,839 square kilometers of burned land (in all 2007: 2,688 square kilometers of burned land)
- Dead people: 68
- Burned villages: 110
- Burned houses: about 1,000
- Cost for the Greek Economy: between of 0.6% to 0.8% of GDP with means about 2 billion Euros

Reconstructing the Burned areas in Greece!

Until now, hundreds of millions of Euros were raised by a charity in order to help the people in the burned areas. More hundreds of millions of Euros will be given by the Government and the European Union for the complete reconstruction of the burned areas. This reconstruction will generate hundreds of new projects in the next 3 to 18 months with project management being a "tool" for managing all these projects.

Greek Project Management Standard!

Last week [ELOT](#) has started to form technical committees for the development of the Greek Project Management Standard. The 1st meeting ever for the committee will be on

the 2nd of Oct. 2007 with representatives from all major stakeholders. During this meeting, the following issues will be discussed:

1. development of the Greek Project Management Standard
2. development of the ISO Project Management Standard

***The no. 1 Project Management Congress in Greece (29/11/2007):
70 registrations until now***

The **PMI Greece Chapter** is co-organizing with **Boussias Communications** the biggest Project Management Congress in Greece for 2nd year. The congress “**Achieving Project Management Excellence using Best Practices**” will be held in Athens, Greece, at 29th of Nov. 2007. Until today, more than 70 people have registered and paid for this event although the congress is after 60 days. The main speaker of the congress will be Dr. **Harold Kerzner** (Ph.D., MS, Engineering and MBA).



Keynote Speech: “Building a Project Based Organization” by Alexander Matthey PMP

Mr. **Alexander Matthey**, MSc, PMP, **Managing Director of 3PM Experts**, Switzerland, will be the keynote speaker at PM Congress 2007. Mr. Alexander Matthey, PMP, expert and trainer in Project, Programme and Project Portfolio Management, possesses 24 years of professional experience in numerous industries from across Europe, Australasia, and the Middle East. He is a visiting professor at the Geneva University, at the Ecole Supérieur de Commerce Lille and Faculty member of the International University in Geneva. As VP Marketing and Sponsorship at the PMI Switzerland Chapter he promotes Professional Project Management by speaking and holding seminars at international and national conferences, at private companies, at universities and government organizations. Mr. Matthey holds a Master’s degree in Science and in Business Information Systems. He is a certified Project Management Professional. He speaks French, English, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Russian.

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