

REGIONAL REPORT – GREECE



High Demand for Project Management in Greece! By Theofanis Giotis

Greek standard in Project Management!

As time passes in Greece, more and more people are interested in Project Management. Last week, the **Greek Government (Ministry of Finance)**, with a non-paper document announced the intention of the Government **to create a Greek Standard for Project Management**. Also, in this document, the Greek Ministry of Finance demands that all organizations in Greece dealing with projects funded through Community Support Framework (CSF 2007-2012), must **be accredited on this new Greek Project Management Standard** by 1st of Jan. 2009.

Greek PMI Chapter constantly increases its members month by month!

The members of the Greek PMI Chapter increased by 17% in the last 3 months (325 members at March 2007 compared with 278 members in December 2006). Compared to 2005, the Greek PMI Chapter increased the Chapter members by **656%** (325 members at March 2007 compared with 43 members at January 2005)



Overbooked Greek PMI Chapter events!

Another indication of the high demand for Project Management is the participation in the **Greek PMI Chapter** events. The **Greek Project Management Institute (PMI-GREECE)**, monthly, organizes Project Management events. These events are open to anyone interested in Project Management in Greece. **The last 2 events held in February and March 2007 by PMI-GREECE, were overbooked!**

Project Risk Management», Thursday 22nd of February 2007

At this event, 153 Project Managers interested in Risk Management, were present. The main issue discussed at this event was how Risk Management is used in Greece. During this event, welcome speeches were given by the following:

- Mr. **Theofanis Giotis**, Steering Committee Representative of **PMI-GREECE** & CEO of **ITEC**
- Dr. **George Diakonikolaou**, Greek Telecommunications Organization (**OTE**)
- Prof. **Elias Tatsiopoulos**, National Technical University of Athens (**NTUA**)
- Mr. **John Faldamis**, Publisher, **KLIDARITHMOS**

Also, during this event, the book titled: *"Project Risk Management in Greek Companies"*, written by Dr. **Konstantinos Kirytopoulos**, was presented by the author.

Finally a round table was formed. In this round, the following honored guests, discussed hot topics about Project Risk Management in Greece:

- Prof. **Demosthenes Angelides** (moderator), Chairman, Dpt of Civil Engineering, **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**
- Mr. **John Vossos**, Manager of Projects and Programs, **HELLENIC AEROSPACE INDUSTRY**
- Miss **Despina Giannopoulou**, Project Manager, **ERICSSON HELLAS**
- Dr. **Konstantinos Kirytopoulos**, Teaching and Research Associate, **National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**
- Dr. **Vrassidas Leopoulos**, Assistant Professor, **National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**
- Dr. **Charalambos Malandrakis**, Managers of Projects, **JP-AVAX**

Project Management Office (PMO), Tuesday 27th of March 2007

At this event, 135 professionals interested in how a Project Management Office (PMO) gives value to an organization, were present. The main issue discussed was how to organize a PM Office and what it means to a company. During this event, the welcome speech was given by:

- Mr. **Theofanis Giotis**, Steering Committee Representative of **PMI-GREECE** & CEO of **ITEC**

Then, the following presentations were given:

- Mr. **Nikolaos Molfetas**, Solution Specialist, Enterprise & Partners Group, **Microsoft**:
"Technology and organization of the PMO"

- Mr. **Stathis Petropoulos** and Miss **Maria Melliou**, **National Bank of Greece (NBG)**:
“Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX 404) at NBG Group – Exceeding Expectations”
- Mr. **Panagiotis Gounaris**, PMP, **ERICSSON HELLAS**, Senior Project Manager, Head of Network Deployment and Integration:
“Project Management Office (PMO) - Added value for an organization”

Finally a round table was formed. In this round, the following honored guests, discussed hot topics about Project Management Office in Greece:

- Mr. **George Papoulias** (moderator), **PMI-GREECE** Steering Committee member & IT Auditor of **NBG**
- Mr. **Simon Franses**, Manager of Projects, **VODAFONE**
- Mr. **Stathis Petropoulos**, Group Program Manager Sarbanes-Oxley-404, **National Bank of Greece (NBG)**
- Miss **Maria Melliou**, Group IT Program Manager Sarbanes-Oxley-404, **National Bank of Greece (NBG)**
- Mr. **Panagiotis Gounaris**, PMP, Senior Project Manager, Head of Network Deployment and Integration, **ERICSSON HELLAS**



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