

REGIONAL REPORT - GREECE



Project Management is Exploding in Greece!

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Greek standard in Project Management!

The Greek Government (Ministry of Finance), has made recently clear that all organizations in Greece dealing with projects funded through Community Support Framework (CSF 2007-2012), must be accredited on a new Greek Project Management Standard by 1st of Jan. 2009. Until the 1st of Jan. 2009, companies can overpass this requirement and can be certified with ISO 9000.

The no. 1 Project Management Congress in Greece (29/11/2007): "Achieving Project Management Excellence using Best Practices"

The **PMI Greece Chapter** is co-organizing with **Boussias Communications** the biggest Project Management Congress in Greece for 2nd year. The congress will be held in Athens, Greece, at 29th of Nov. 2007.



The main speaker of the congress will **Harold Kerzner** (Ph.D., MS, Engineering and MBA). Dr. **Harold Kerzner** is Senior Executive Director with International Institute for Learning, Inc. and Professor of Systems Management at Baldwin-Wallace College. He is an expert in the areas of project management, total quality management, and strategic planning. Dr. Kerzner is the author of the best-selling textbooks: *Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling, and Controlling*, now in its ninth edition, *In Search of Excellence in Project Management*, *Applied Project Management* and *Strategic Planning for Project Management Using a Project Management Maturity Model*.

PMI Greece Chapter advances Project Management in Greece!

The Greek Project Management Institute (PMI-GREECE) (www.pmi-greece.org) organizes Project Management events every month. These events are open to anyone interested in Project Management in Greece. The last event held in June by PMI-GREECE, were overbooked!

«Quality Management in Project Management», Thursday 7th of June 2007

At this event organized by PMI-GREECE, 122 Project Managers interested in Quality Management, were present. The main issue discussed at this event was how Quality Management for Project Management is used in Greece. During this event, a welcome speech was given by:

- Mr. **Theofanis Giotis**, President of PMI-GREECE & CEO of ITEC
- Mr. **Sotirios Rodopoulos**, Steering Committee Member, PMI-GREECE

During this event, the following honored guests had given presentations.

- Mr. **George Zambetas**, FIRSDATA:
"6 sigma: A vehicle to organize changes in the heart of business"
- Prof. **George Bohoris**, University of Piraeus:
"Total Quality Management: Trends"
- Mr. **Dimos Touliaatos**, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA):
"Managing Quality in the Construction Industry"

Finally, all the previous speakers formed a round table with Mr. **Sotirios Rodopoulos**, as the moderator. The event was hosted at Athens Information Technology (AIT) (www.ait.gr) at Peania.



ITEC signs a Project Management Training Agreement with RMC

Worldwide Leader RMC Project Management, Inc. has reached an agreement with ITEC (www.itec.edu) in Greece. ITEC and RMC Project Management have signed an agreement last May in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Under this agreement ITEC will be the only RMC Authorized Training Partner and RMC Authorized Product Distributor in Greece.



For finalizing the agreement, ITEC's CEO **Theofanis Giotis**, has visited RMC Project Management headquarters at Minneapolis, Minnesota where he was training as an RMC Instructor.

Eric Rudolf, RMC Project Management, Director of Marketing stated: "As RMC continues to expand its global reach, we have two primary goals: to enter areas of the world where growth in project management is still in double and even triple digits annually, and to work with companies who are already market leaders in their respective regions. By partnering with ITEC, we have accomplished both."

Similarly, **Ms. Rita Mulcahy**, Founder and CEO, of RMC Project Management commented: "As founder and CEO of the most innovative project management training company in the United States, I'm extremely excited to bring my company's classes and products to the world's fastest-growing project management markets. Having the opportunity to share our 15 years of training experience with the rest of the world is an immense opportunity, and we can't wait to get started."

Theofanis Giotis, CEO, ITEC: "As co-founder and CEO of the most well known company in Greece that delivers Project Management Training, I am very proud that ITEC is the only authorized RMC Project Management Partner in Greece. The last 3 years, I have personally trained more than 500 professionals in Project Management based on PMI's PMBOK®. As of July 2007, I have trained over 35% of all Greek PMPs. ITEC's purpose is to remain a leader in the field of Project Management and to grow faster offering world class services"



**Rita Mulcahy, CEO of RMC Project and
Theofanis Giotis, CEO of ITEC**

Founded by Rita Mulcahy in 1991, RMC Project Management (www.rcmproject.com) is the worldwide innovator in project management training and professional development.



Over the last 15 years, tens of thousands of project managers in over 40 countries have utilized one of RMC's professional development resources, classes or e-Learning courses to expand their project management knowledge and further their careers. Today, RMC offers a wide range of innovative classes and products for beginning project managers, advanced PMs, and project managers seeking an internationally-recognized certification.

The best selling product of RMC Project Management is the PMP® Exam Prep Course designed by Rita Mulcahy that contains:

- PMP® Exam Prep, 5th edition, 445 pages, Rita's Course in a book!
- Hot Topics Flashcards, 5th edition, 600 pages!
- PM FASTrack® Exam Simulation Software, with 1400 preparation questions!



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