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Project Management Update from Greece

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Greek Project Management Standard available for public comment

Greek PM Standard 1429 is available to the public for comments!

Last August, Mr. Christos Folias from the Greek Ministry of Economics has signed an agreement with Mr. Nikolaos Simferis, CEO of [ELOT](#) (the [Greek ISO member](#)) for the development of a new Greek Project Management Standard. Under this agreement, [ELOT](#), until the end of 2008 should develop the Greek Project Management Standard.



Two weeks ago, 14th of April 2008, [ELOT](#) has given to the public the draft version of this new standard under development. As it was expected, this new standard [ELOT 1429](#) it is not a Project Management standard for certifying individuals. It is a maturity model to certify organizations for delivering projects for the central government only. A strict translation of the [ELOT 1429](#) standard to the English is: “Administrative Sufficiency of Organizations for Implementing Projects of Public Interest”

Also new «Implementation Guides” will be developed in order to support the [ELOT 1429](#) standard. These Implementation Guides will be:

- ELOT 1431-1 «Implementation Guide of ELOT 1429 for organizations implementing public technical infrastructure projects”
- ELOT 1431-2 «Implementation Guide of ELOT 1429 for organizations implementing public procurement and services”

- ELOT 1431-3 «Implementation Guide of ELOT 1429 for organizations self funding and implementing specific actions”
- ELOT 1432 «_Administrative Sufficiency of Organizations for Implementing Projects of Public Interest - Requirements for evaluation processes and evaluators”

The Greek Government, Ministry of Finance, is demanding that all organizations in Greece dealing with projects funded through Community Support Framework (CSF 2007-2012), must **be accredited with this new Greek Project Management Standard ELOT 1429 by 1st of January 2009**. Until the 1st of Jan. 2009, companies can overpass this requirement and can be certified with ISO 9000.

This draft version of ELOT Standard 1429 is available for comments from anyone interested, from 14th of April, 2008, until the 21st of May, 2008.

European Union has given green light for the biggest infrastructure project in Greece!

The Public Works Ministry in July 2007 has signed a 30-year concession contract with the “APION KLEOS” consortium for the construction and operation of the National road along the northern and western coast of the Peloponnese.

The “APION KLEOS” consortium comprises the following companies:

- Vinci SA
- Hellenic Technodomiki-TEV SA
- Aktor SA
- J&P-Avax SA
- Hochtief Projektentwicklung GMBH and
- Athena SA

The cost of this project is estimated to 2.8 billion Euros, which makes it the biggest infrastructure project in Greece ever (the cost of APION KLEOS highway is more than the cost of the ATTIKI ODOS and RIO-ANTIRIO bridge combined).

The Northwestern Peloponnese highway **Corinth - Patras - Pyrgos - Tsakona** has got a green “go ahead light” in the middle of April 2008. The project will be delivered gradually and will be completed in 6 years. The northern part from Corinth to Patras will be delivered by summer 2011. This highway is expected to be in full operations by 2014.

The Greek Government will put up to 550 million Euros (20%). The highway will stretch for 365 kilometers, of which 283,7 km will be new, while the remaining 81.7 km correspond to part of the existing network that is to be improved.

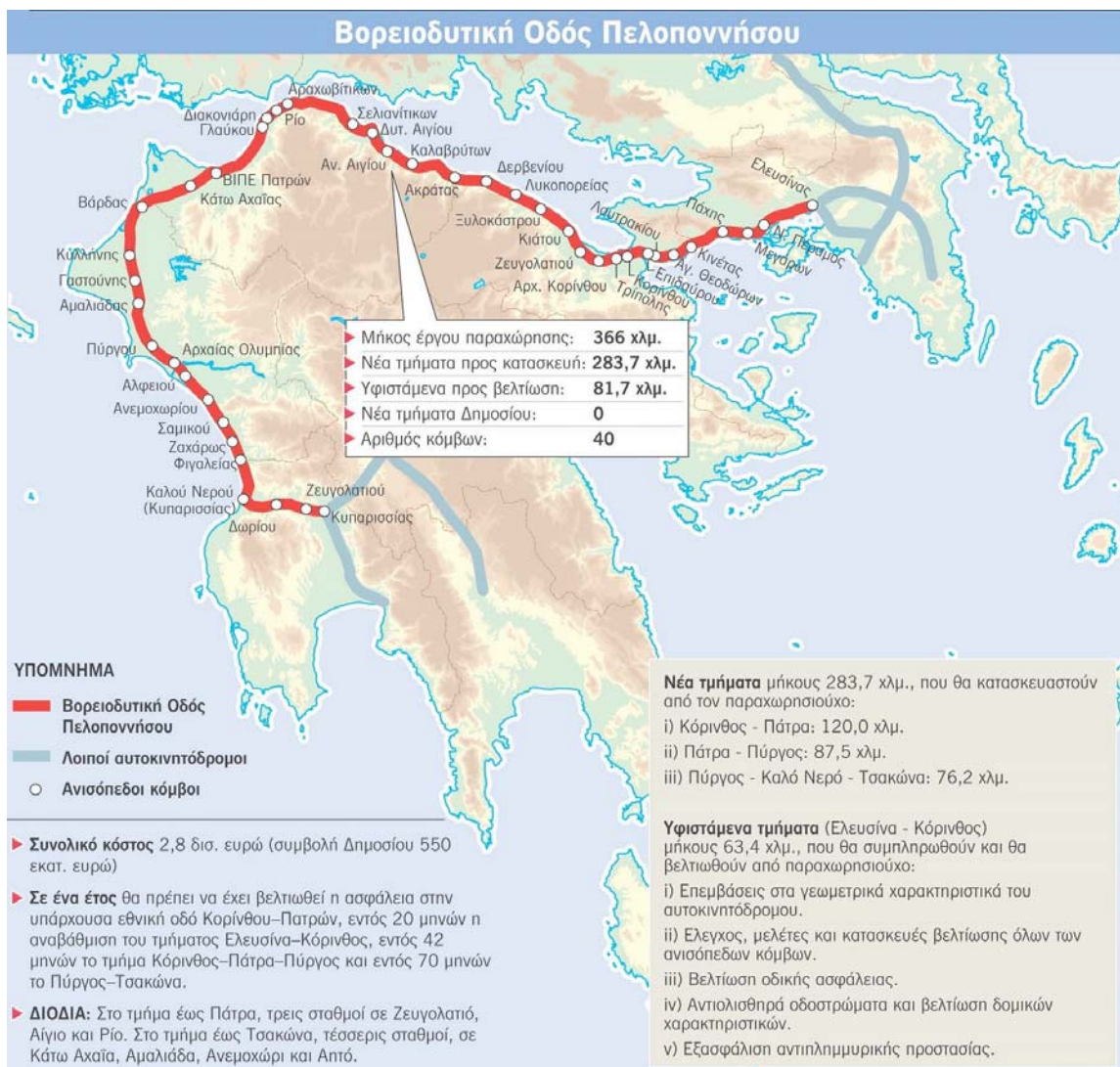
The Corinth - Patras section (120 km) will have:

- 3 lanes of traffic in each direction
- tunnels with a total length of 10.3 km
- 61 bridges
- 13 new junctions and
- 135 overpasses

The western section (Patras - Pyrgos - Tsakona (163.7 km) will have:

- 2 lanes in each direction
- 1.4 km of tunnels and
- 55 bridges

APION KLEOS Highway map in Greek



PMI Greece organizes the Project Risk Management Symposium 2008!

The PMI Athens, Greece Chapter organizes the "Project Risk Management Symposium 2008" at 19th of June, 2008. Keynote speaker for the event is Dr. David Hillson.



Dr. David Hillson is an international risk management consultant, and the Director of [Risk Doctor & Partners](#). Many senior managers have benefited from his insights through personal coaching and mentoring, and he has assisted a wide range of organisations to develop effective in-house risk processes and successfully manage their risk.

David has developed a number of innovations in risk management, which have been widely adopted. He is best known for championing the inclusion of opportunity in the risk process, and has developed a practical approach to understanding and managing risk attitudes (see www.risk-attitude.com).

David is an active member of the global Project Management Institute (PMI) and was a founder member of its Risk Management Specific Interest Group (SIG). He received the [PMI Distinguished Contribution Award](#) for his work in developing risk management over many years.

About the PMI Athens, Greece Chapter (PMI-GREECE)

[The PMI Athens, Greece Chapter](#) operates as the Greek Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI) and was established on June the 8th, 2006 in Athens, Greece. Greek Project Management Institute's major focus is "Making Project Management Indispensable for Business Results in Greece". As of today, 1st of May 2008, PMI Greece has 360 members and 175 Certified Project Management Professionals (PMPs).

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