



HIGHLIGHTS

Public Integrity Hackathon

1-2 April 2017 — Athens, Greece

HACKATHON – AT A GLANCE

- 2 days
- 38 participants
- 5 mentors
- 13 presented proposals
- 4 keynote speeches

In the media

Students, academic researchers and developers united to participate in the Public Integrity Hackathon, a two day event which aimed to promote the development of ideas and innovative solutions in order for citizens to actively participate in the prevention of corruption in Greece. to the fight against corruption in the public sector.

Mr. Demosthenis Anagnostopoulos, Dean of the Digital Technology School of the Harokopio University stated that: *"We are organising this Hackathon aiming to explore technological proposals for battling corruption in our country. I do not consider our country more corrupt than others, however all of us need to try our best and Greek Universities have a crucial role to play by providing students with tools and events, such as this, in order to successfully fight corruption"*.

A whole-of-society approach is required to reduce corruption in the public sector. Mr. Iraklis Mparogiannis from the General Secretariat Against Corruption noted that *"This event focuses mainly on the opportunities that the Greek State can offer to young scientists in order for them to fight corruption with their own means and ideas"*. The winners will have the option to engage in a service contract agreement to develop their ideas into a fully functioning tool ready to be used by the public, to the benefit of the Greek citizens.

Key Media Links:

[ERT](#)
[PC mag](#)

[Kathimerini](#)
[Proto Thema](#)

Winning Presentations:

1. [Vouli Open Budget](#)
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Watch live streaming of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf1Wgrl1sWM>

Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

Co-organised by the General Secretariat Against Corruption, GFOSS-Open Technologies Alliance, Harokopio University and the OECD, the Public Integrity Hackathon took place on 1-2 April 2017 at Harokopio University in Athens, Greece.

Developers, anti-corruption activists, university and high school students, start-ups, journalists and civil servants from across the country applied to participate in the first Public Integrity Hackathon.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Mr. Demosthenis Anagnostopoulos, Dean of the Digital Technology School of Harokopio University, Ms. Despina Mitropoulou, General Director of GFOSS-Open Technologies Alliance, Mr. Iraklis Mparogianis, Special Advisor to the General Secretary Against Corruption and Mr. Angelos Binis, Policy Analyst at the OECD. A common international challenge, the urgent need to confront the current corruption phenomenon was noted. Greece's efforts to develop effective anti-corruption strategies and raise awareness among citizens and promote transparency and integrity in the public sector were also highlighted.

Keynote speeches

Keynote speeches particularly piqued participants' interest as they were able draw inspiration and direction to guide them in the development of their products. The Keynote Speeches session began with a speech from Mr. Christos Bouras from the Special Service for State Aids (ESIF) of the General Secretariat for Public Investments of the Ministry of Economy and Development. Mr. Bouras presented to participants the State Aids Information System, which is a characteristic example of good practice for using IT-systems within the Greek public administration to achieve the necessary levels of transparency and eliminate any opportunities for corruption.

Dr. Georgios Petasis, research associate of National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos", presented [YourDataStories](#) a platform including data and applications for transparency and anti-corruption. The first pilot of this project will advance fiscal transparency and participation through re-purposing large volumes of publicly available data.

Mr. Thanasis Deligiannis, a member of the [Open Government Partnership](#), highlighted good international examples of ideas and applications regarding transparency issues. More specifically, Mr. Deligiannis showcased [SecureDrop](#), an open source whistleblower submission system that media organisations can use to securely accept and share documents with anonymous sources. Then followed [random.org](#), a random number service used to replace the systems of analog lotteries in the public sector.

Mr. Thodoris Papadopoulos explained to participants how to leverage data accessible to them through the Diavgeia-Transparency Portal, a web platform where all government institutions are obliged to upload their acts and decisions. Finally, Mr. Israel Maranon DePablo, anti-corruption expert from the OECD, focused on the Hackathon's main theme, namely public integrity, that can only be achieved through design of procedures and proper allocation of resources, while noting that corruption is not only identified in acts of fraud and bribery but also in lack of transparency, which in many cases is harder to solve.

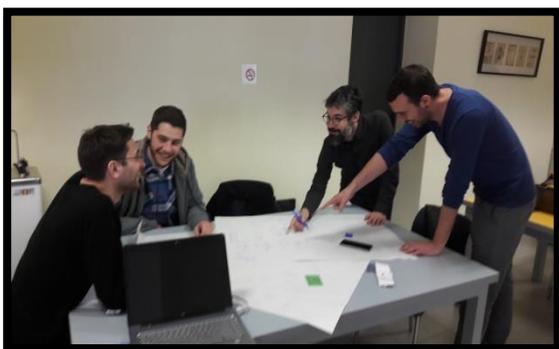
Working and mentoring session



Under the guidance of mentors, participants had the opportunity on Day 2 to work on their ideas and projects on the premises of the Informatics and Telematics Department of the Harokopio University.

13 teams worked intensively to present their final project proposals to the judges by the end of the day.

The group of the 5 mentors that supported the efforts of the participants consisted of Mr. Dionysis Rigopoulos, Inspector-Controller of Public Administration, Mr. Ilias Katstritis of the Managing Authority OP "Digital Convergence" of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, Mr. Evangelos Milios, Professor, Associate Dean, Research at the Faculty of Computer Science of the Dalhousie University, Mr. Georgios Blanas, Dean of the School of Business and Economics at the University of Applied Sciences of Thessaly and Mr. Dimitrios Kosmidis, systems analyst and business consultant.



Judges included Mr. Thodoris Karounos and Mr. Prodromos Tsiavos from GFOSS- Open Technologies Alliance, Mr. Iraklis Varlamis from Harokopio University, Mr. Panagiotis Panagiotopoulos from the

Innovation and Entrepreneurship hub "Epi.Noo", Ms. Katerina Pramadari from the Athens University of Economics and Business, Ms. Nancy Routzouni from the Ministry of Administrative Reconstruction, Mr. George Boukouvalas from the General Secretariat Against Corruption, Ms. Kristina Tremonti (Directorate of Financial Affairs, Anti-Corruption Division) and Mr. Israel Maranon DePablo (Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, Public Sector Integrity Division) from the OECD.



Winners Announcement

1st prize went to the Vouli Open Budget team (Stefanos Loukopoulos, Dimitris Marlagkoutsos, Leonidas Economou, Konstantinos Mentzelos, Roza Giannopoulou and Maria Nathanail) for their idea to develop a comparative tool for monitoring the State Budget of the Greek Parliament.

Joint 2nd prize:

a) **Justinian Project** team (Vasilios Pierros, Konstantinos Kourakos, Evdokia Kogia and Gergorios Mpallas-Papadatos) for their idea to develop an online platform to monitor in real time the stages of cases processed daily in courts, which will also enable the user to electronically submit the request and the documents needed for the postponement of a case.

b) **Make the Difference** team (Anastasia Mpiskemi and Georgios Paliouras and Matoula Daskolia) for their idea to create a three-part application: the first part will include a learning tool for children to understand the concept, types and consequences of corruption. The second part will be a reporting platform for anti-corruption cases and the third part will be a learning game for high school students aiming to inform and raise awareness about the consequences of corruption.

The runner ups:

- **Public Mirror** team (Michael Salachoris, Argiris Tsoukalas and Spiros Neokosmidis) for their idea to create a digital application for evaluation and control in the public sector. This will be a simple and easy to use application aiming to provide users with a platform for anonymous complaints or rewards, taking into consideration the user's emotional status.
- **Corruption Check-in** team (Lorentzos Armaos, Alexandros Kazantzidis, Nikos Theocharis and Stelios Marko) for their idea to develop a mobile application for mapping corruption incidents across the country based on data collection, directly from the citizens, who will have the opportunity to report cases of corruption safely and anonymously. The application will also provide a large amount of information regarding the cost and the results of the existing corruption, to raise public awareness.

The prizes were awarded by **Mr. Konstantinos Christou, General Secretary Against Corruption**, who noted that: *"today's event is a sub-action of a wider national anti-corruption plan. I would like to state that there are several efforts occurring in this field on many different levels. Obviously, we need to do more. However, there is no hope for changing the current situation without your help. We need your participation and especially your creativity and ideas. I would like to thank all the participants and I hope that this competition will be established, so that we will have the chance to witness its further development with more innovative ideas and proposals."*

The selected winners may be given the option to engage in a service contract agreement with the OECD and with the support of Open Technologies Alliance (GFOSS) and have the opportunity to develop their proposals into a full working IT tool ready to be used by the public.

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ABOUT THE GREECE-OECD PROJECT ON TECHNICAL SUPPORT ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

The General Secretariat Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights; the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS), European Commission; and, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are key stakeholders in the Greece-OECD Technical Support Project on Anti-Corruption. The project spans 18 months and is dedicated to developing the know-how for the effective implementation of anti-corruption initiatives, as well as advancing the evidence base of what works and why.

The programme of work includes 10 outcome areas, each of them contributing to the objectives of the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan. Examples of these 10 areas include:

- *Strengthening internal control and audit for increased accountability and good governance.*
- *Developing dedicated corruption risk management frameworks focusing on high risk sectors like health, defense, and local government.*
- *Improving asset declaration, political financing and whistle-blower mechanisms.*
- *Enhancing detection and reporting of corruption in the private sector, including Greek companies.*
- *Improving capacity of law enforcement authorities to investigate and prosecute corruption and bribery.*

The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** is a unique forum where 35 member governments work together to address the economic, social and environmental challenges of globalization. The OECD is also at the forefront of efforts to understand and help governments address emerging policy issues such as finding new sources of growth, building skills, and restoring public trust in government institutions and business. The OECD provides a peer learning platform where governments can compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, find out what works and why, work on evidence-based policy choices, identify good practices and work to co-ordinate domestic and international policies. It increasingly engages with a number of non-members who have become important actors in today's global economy.

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