



Multiplier Event Report

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The Multiplier Event Team Meeting took place on the 21st April, 2016 in Thessaloniki Greece at Le Palace Hotel. A sign-in sheet accompanies this report.

The Multiplier Event had been communicated to interested parties in the weeks prior to the event. It had been advertised in local online VETs and MEOs groups as well as communicated to focus group members.

On the day of the main event, participants were welcomed and offered beverages. They signed in their name, vocation and email on a sign-in sheet (attached). At the designated start time, Prof Kostas Dimopoulos greeted the audience with a few words on the University of Peloponnese and its participation in the Synergy project.

Subsequently, Jennifer Land, coordinator for the Synergy project from Meath Partnership gave an introductory presentation on Synergy, the aims and objectives of the project as well as its progress to date. Following this, Nikolaos Tsoniotis representing UoP gave a short presentation on specific findings and data accumulated thus far. Also, he went on to demonstrate the Synergy Exchange platform, at the time populated with several mini-learning resources produced following the Training Event in Ireland in February 2016.

At the end of the presentations, a Q&A session took place. During this session, feedback was provided by the audience as well as clarifications were made on certain aspects of the Synergy Exchange platform and on the sustainability of the project. The evening came to a close with a reception where finger food and beverages were served whereby informal discussions and further networking occurred.

Unfortunately, the number of participants was not as high as expected due to the event taking place on a weekday and thus it was decided by the UoP team to host another small scale event and create further opportunity for dissemination.

The second part of the multiplier dissemination event took place on 13th May 2016 within the context of the regular monthly meeting of the SKG Start-uppers community comprising of start-up founders and MEOs. Feedback received from this dissemination activity was more focused on the usability aspect of the Synergy Exchange platform compared to other peer-to-peer online learning platforms. Once again questions were raised with regards to the sustainability of the Synergy project efforts.

In conclusion, two issues have been pointed out by event participants namely sustainability and user experience. Regarding these two points, Nikolaos Tsoniotis, UoP representative informed participants the project thus far invested in understanding and coding of needs and piloting the novel approach of mini-learning resources in a peer-to-peer learning environment and further conveyed Synergy consortium's aim of further investing in the Synergy Exchange platform.



