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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Training Seminar on Project Management**

**Athens, 9 – 10 February 2017**

The European and Development Programs Division (E.D.P.D.) of the Ministry of Interior, as Programme Operator of the Programme "Capacity Building of National Asylum and Migration Management Systems" co-financed by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants), organized successfully a two-day "Training Seminar on Project Management" which took place on February 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Athens.

The seminar was attended by the competent staff of European and Development Programs Division (E.D.P.D.) and representatives of the Reception and Identification Service (R.I.S.), Asylum Service (A.S.), UDI, EEA Unit -National Focal Point (N.F.P.) of the Ministry of Economy and Development, Audit Authority, Certifying Authority and the Hellenic Police.

The seminar was provided by the BI Norwegian Business School and participants had the chance to take part in a highly interactive seminar which covered issues across the project management discipline; the project concept, project organization, project planning and execution, project leadership and stakeholder leadership were the main areas of focus. Disciplined project management starts at the portfolio level, where strategic vision and value measures meet. However, strong organization-wide commitment to project management is required to produce better results. Investing more time in project planning and measuring both in quantitative and qualitative terms is essential as well as conducting risk assessments and producing mitigation plans. Additionally, the role of the project leader in getting everyone on board and fulfilling stakeholders' expectations was discussed. Finally, a case-study on the construction of a playground for children within reception facilities for migrants and asylum seekers provided the framework for the practical application of the topics discussed.

The two-day "Training Seminar on Project Management" will enhance the capacity of the PO and the main stakeholders to successfully implement the current as well as the future programmes under the EEA Grants Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.



**(photos from the Training Seminar on Project Management)**