

Project name: Creation of telecenters to support lifelong learning, entrepreneurship and access to Information Society, for citizens in isolated areas (TELEACCESS)

Measure: 2.2, Improving access to knowledge and the information society

Project description:

The utilisation of advanced Information and Communication technologies to support the “digital divide” problem of citizens in isolated territories, is the main action of the proposed work. The project will exploit the provision of telecenters services to CADSES mountain and island territories. Satellite and wireless networks will be used to create pilot telecenters in selected partners’ sites. Based on the experience of the consortium, in similar projects, these pilot telecenters will be established to provide several services such as: teletraining, e-consulting, internet access, e-promotion etc for the benefit of local entrepreneurs, professionals serving the remote communities (teachers, doctors), learners of all ages, and generally the community.

Central objectives:

Aim

- To provide a solution to the ‘digital divide’ problem of isolated rural CADSES territories, improving public services and supporting local economic and social development through the use of advanced ICT.

Objectives

- To Exploit already gained experience concerning telecenters from past European projects
- To Encourage citizens to use information technologies
- To utilise new satellite and wireless technologies to support citizens in isolated territories to access and use available information and e-services (e-learning, e-consulting, e-government).
- To encourage the isolated communities to produce their own local information and content based services (e-promotion, e-commerce).
- To develop the necessary co-operation and networking between stakeholders and experienced agents.

Expected outcome:

- Study on the use of telecenters and their offered services
- Study on the specific needs of isolated regions of the CADSES area
- Pilot creation of telecenters in selected partners’ sites
- Creation of various telematics services to be provided from the pilot telecenters
- Detailed action plan for telecenters establishment in CADSES isolated region, based on the pilot outcomes and results
- Networking activities
- Dissemination activities

Project duration from 3/2005 to 9/2007

Estimated total budget (EUR): (to be defined after Consortium finalisation)

Lead partner: COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE - GREECE

Partners already found:

- Greek municipalities
- Educational institute with experience in similar activities

Partners searched for:

- Municipal, Prefectural or Regional bodies of isolated territories of cadses (from all cadses areas)
- Municipal, Prefectural or Regional developmental agencies of isolated territories of cadses (from all cadses areas)
- Universities or other institutes with experience in the support of Entrepreneurs, Tourism and regional development)