



Partners of "DemoCU"

- Network for Employment and Social Care
- National Technical University of Athens, School of Rural and Surveying Engineering, Dept. of Geography and Regional Planning
- Municipality of Korydallos

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Goal of "DemoCU"

The goal of "DemoCU" is the promotion of participatory governance and democracy in decision-making processes at the Municipality of Korydallos. As pilot application, the cultural/sports sector is considered, as a 'ring' policy embracing all different citizens' groups of the local society. The project aims at engaging cultural/sport associations and citizens in the participatory process, while particular care is taken for specific target groups (youth, people with special needs, Roma, elderly, migrants, and NGOs staff).

Actions carried out in "DemoCU"

- a) Mapping / visualization of cultural and sports structures and infrastructures in Korydallos Municipality.
- b) Multi-level participatory actions for informing, motivating and supporting wide participation in the decision-making process at the local level.
- c) Deployment of the e-Platform "DemoCU" supporting management of cultural resources in the Municipality of Korydallos.
- d) Development of an Integrated Plan for the Management of Cultural / Sports Structures and Infrastructures as a 'pillar' for the sustainable local development of Korydallos Municipality.
- e) Development of a "Guide of Good Practices", based on the experience gained by the "DemoCU" Project, for further deepening participatory democracy and participatory processes both within and outside the study region.

Products of "DemoCU"

a) The Cultural Participatory Democracy e-Platform "DemoCU" for the Municipality of Korydallos

"DemoCU" e-Platform consists the central pole of communication of the Project's goal, objectives, deliverables, material etc., but also a point of reference for the interaction of the Project with associations and citizens of the Municipality of Korydallos. In such a context, it will be used for promoting the Project's approach both within and outside the study region. Within the study region (Municipality of Korydallos), the e-Platform "DemoCU" will serve interaction of the Project with local associations and citizens, for gathering their views on the Cultural and Sports sectors and embedding them into the Integrated Plan for the Management of Cultural Structures and Infrastructures of Korydallos Municipality. Outside the study region, the e-Platform "DemoCU" will consist of a node for diffusing information and experience on participatory democracy and processes; and promoting the Korydallos paradigm, as an example of the application of socially innovative and participatory approaches in the decision-making processes at the local level.

b) An Integrated Plan for Managing the Cultural Structures and Infrastructures of the Municipality of Korydallos

Through the multi-level participatory processes carried out in the "DemoCU" Project, an Integrated Plan for Managing the Cultural Structures and Infrastructures of the Municipality of Korydallos is elaborated and finalized. This Plan is accomplished by close cooperation of the Project working team with the local administration, the local cultural and sports associations as well as the citizens of the municipality. In this respect, the final Plan produced out of the participatory process represents the proposal of the local community to the administration for a more effective management of the Cultural and Sports sectors in Korydallos municipality, in alignment with local expectations and needs.

c) A "Guide of Good Practices" for deepening participatory democracy and participatory approaches in decision-making processes at the local level

"DemoCU" Project aims to capitalize on the experience gained from the application of participatory approaches in the Cultural and Sports sectors in the study region and to systematically present the steps of the participatory processes and respective outcomes in the form of a "Guide of Good Practices". The scope of this Guide is to promote participatory democracy and decision-making at the local level, by providing information on the Project's experience to those interested in dealing with the cultural and sports sectors or adopting participatory approaches in other fields.

Benefits of "DemoCU" at the Municipality of Korydallos

For the Municipality

- Mapping / visualization of cultural and sports structures and infrastructures in Korydallos Municipality.
- Reaching consensus towards a common strategy for cultural/sports development.
- Promotion of the innovative role of Korydallos Municipality in participatory democracy at the national and European level.
- Utilization of the "DemoCU" digital platform beyond the end of the project.

For citizens

- Diffusion of information on cultural and sport resources of the Korydallos Municipality.
- Activation / participation in cultural / sport issues through a number of participatory processes (Web-based participatory tools, Focus Groups, Charrette) and experience-based learning workshops.
- Identification of needs and problems of different social groups with respect to cultural aspects.
- Embedding of citizens' aspirations in the development of cultural and sports sectors in Korydallos Municipality.

For Cultural and Sports Associations

- Networking among cultural / sports associations – taking advantage of new opportunities that networking can produce.
- Networking between cultural / sports associations and the local administration.
- Promotion / wide communication of cultural /sports activities and initiatives (events, games, etc.) to local population.
- Potential for setting forth proposals, views, new ideas etc. to local authorities through the "DemoCU" discussion forum.



The **non-profit organization "Network of Employment and Social Care"** is the coordinator of the project **"DemoCU"**. The Working Team consists of scientific and administrative staff.

The team, having extended experience in the field of social protection and support of vulnerable groups and in the field of networking with the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), aims at the support of the project in various sectors.

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The **Working Team of NTUA** consists of a scientific group of the Department of Geography and Regional Planning, School of Rural and Surveying Engineering. The team, based on its experience in regional / urban and more specifically participatory planning issues, will support the **"DemoCU"** participatory methodological aspects. More specifically, the NTUA team is responsible for the design and implementation of the participatory methodological approach of the project.

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The **Working Team of the Korydallos Municipality** consists of a group of employees, who will offer their services to the **"DemoCU"** project. The team is experienced in the support of different participatory initiatives, carried out in the Municipality of Korydallos in the past, such as the consultation process for developing the strategic and operational five year plan of the municipality, the functioning of the Consultation City Committee, but also the participatory budgeting that was implemented for a number of years in the Municipality.

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