



## Award of certificates of successful completion of the training program "Smart City Resilience Officer"

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In the wake of recent severe flooding events, the University of Thessaly, in collaboration with the Research Laboratory of Management, Digital, and Educational Skills (MANDEIS Lab), is proud to announce the awarding of certificates to participants who successfully completed **the vocational educational program, "CRISIS Smart City Resilience Officer."**

The **CRISIS (Competences for Resilient Smart Cities' Staff)** project (<https://crisisproject.eu/>) is a cutting-edge ERASMUS+ project spearheaded by the University of Thessaly and boasts an impressive consortium of five partners across four European nations. The collaborating institutions include the Hellenic Open University, University of Minho, FernUniversität in Hagen, and the University of Nicosia. Together, they aimed to craft a holistic framework for nurturing professional talent in the realm of smart city resilience. The CRISIS project ventured into delineating a novel job profile for city executives, in addition to designing, developing, and delivering a pilot training programme.



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Recent catastrophic fires and floods in Greece underline the pressing need for city resilience training. These unfortunate events accentuate the necessity to better equip our cities, infrastructures, and citizens at large to adeptly respond to emerging climate challenges. Through the confluence of education, advanced technologies, and strategic urban planning, we can fortify our cities, shield our economic foundations, preserve infrastructure, and safeguard our cultural heritage.

Acknowledging this need, the CRISIS project pinpointed 20 core knowledge domains and competencies requisite for city executives aiming for resilience. This resulted in a structured training curriculum segmented into four distinct phases. Spanning 12 weeks and encompassing 75 instructional hours (equivalent to 3 ECTS), this program was graciously offered to 94 enthusiastic participants from diverse backgrounds—ranging from local governance to the broader public sector and individuals simply interested about urban resilience.

Prospective trainees should note that this educational program is slated for a subsequent iteration under the Vocational Training Center (KEDIVIM) of the University of Thessaly in the next coming months.

**For the University of Thessaly:**

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