

Widening Country Inspiration Story

“Find the right partners that deliver.”

Organisation name: University of the Aegean
Organisation type: Higher Education Organisation
Country: Greece
Project Acronym: ODECO
Project start and end date: 1.10.2021 – 30.09.2025
Type of MSCA, Horizon 2020:
 Innovative Training Networks
Is your organisation a coordinator? No

What is your project about?

ODECO (Towards a sustainable open data ecosystem) aims at transforming the current open data systems to open data ecosystems. The central aim of the ODECO network is to train the next generation of creative and innovative early-stage open data researchers, to unlock their creative and innovative potential to address current and future challenges in the creation of user driven, circular and inclusive open data ecosystems.

Why is your project important for society?

ODECO's training design is based on existing initiatives to map and define essential open data skills and knowledge, considering the main challenges in future open data research and practice in society. ODECO will deliver the next generation of leaders who will use their experiences and connections to create new companies and research groups, as well as develop and implement future open data policies.

What communication and public engagement measures have you foreseen?

ODECO disseminated project results to the professional community (policy



makers and industry) and the scientific community, through targeted and focused activities using a specialised language, and to citizens, in non-specialist language. The means for dissemination are scientific articles, blogposts, social media posts, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC), case studies analysis, website.

What kind of support did you get?

Other successful applicants in the consortium and the coordinator informed us about the processes and the guidelines. The available documents under the call contain important and useful information too.

Do you have other successful projects under Horizon 2020?

Yes.

What in your experience helped you to succeed? A large network of possible partners in different domains. Specific

partners helped in the idea formation and the identification of the right partnership.

How did you find the partners in your consortium?

Direct networking and through partners of partners. Using the [Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal partner search](#) also provided some good results.

The MSCA Innovative Training Networks (ITN) support competitively selected joint research training/ doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs from different countries across Europe and beyond.

The MSCA-NET project is the MSCA NCP project to facilitate the transnational cooperation to achieve a consistent and harmonised level of NCP support. The scientific community can also profit from our project to support their MSCA application.



What tips can you give other organisations that would like to apply for MSCA?

- Ensure proper management;
- Find the right partners that deliver;
- Design the project for the Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs). Connect the project deliverables to the specific ESRs' projects.
- Find a dynamic coordinator with a great background in the scientific issue that is the object of the study.

More information on the project:



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support researchers at all stage of their career across all disciplines. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and provide innovative trainings and career developments.