

SEPVE



SEPVE-Association of Information Technology Companies of Northern Greece

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SEPVE's background

- SEPVE was founded in April 1994
- It is based in Thessaloniki.
- The Association today numbers more than 230 members. (<http://www.sepve.org.gr>)
- It is the only collective body representing the interests of the Information Technology businesses in the regions of Macedonia, Thrace and Thessaly.
- It plays a major role in assessing and promoting the needs of the Information Society in Greece and South Eastern Europe.

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SEPVE's vision

Key role to foster:

- Information Technology as a lever of development for the whole of Greek society
- Thessaloniki and Northern Greece as a centre for Information Technology in the broader geographical region
- SEPVE as a bridge for business cooperation with South Eastern Europe

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SEPVE's role in the Greek IT sector 1/2

- Consultant to the Ministry of Macedonia and Thrace on the potential for development and exploitation of the Information Technology businesses of the region
- Consultant to the four regional authorities of Northern Greece and Thessaly on means of funding Information Technology SMEs
- Advisory services to the Ministry of National Economy to assist in the more effective development and use of electronic data interchange systems

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SEPVE's role in the Greek IT sector 2/2

- SEPVE is one of the main sources of information on technology issues for the Prime Minister's office
- Recommending and advising the Ministry of Development on new measures, projects and initiatives under the Development Act.
- Advisory role for the Information Society Programme

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SEPVE activities 1/2

- Offering information to both existing and future members on the latest developments in the Information Technology sector, on both the national and international levels.
- Fostering the growth of Information Technology within Northern Greece
- Promoting an enhanced status for IT businesses, thus making a positive contribution to Greece's advance into the Information Society
- Coordinating and submitting business plans and proposals to government departments and agencies in order to enhance the development of its members' businesses.

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SEPVE activities 2/2

- Creating an effective communication and collaboration platform among its members, and between its members and the public sector as well as other business sectors.
- Organizing educational and information seminars, round table discussions and conferences, in order to improve the administrative and technical skills of its members.
- Promoting cooperation between its members and related businesses in the Balkan countries, as well as in the Mediterranean region and the Middle East, thus taking advantage of the key geographical position of northern Greece.

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SEPVE participation – EU & national projects 1/2

- Organisation, management and coordination of the 1st and 2nd INTERBALKAN IT FORUM in Thessaloniki 1998/2000
- ADAPT - 1998
- INTERREG II - 1998
- FP5 - IST-Programme – ISIS Project - 2001
- LEONARDO-Programme – ‘Web Content Manager’ Project – 2001
- “Aristeia” - Innovative Action Programme for Central Macedonia - 2002
- New Employment, New E-quality: Promoting Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue in the IT Sector - 2003

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SEPVE participation – EU & national projects 2/2

- LEONARDO-Programme – ‘ViPiA - Virtual Pre-Incubator Accelerator’ -2004
- FP6 – IST-Programme – EUROPEAN IST - 2004
- ETI / FP6 -INNOV5 Project SEE-INNOVATION - 2005
- ETI / FP6 -INNOV5 Project EASIER – 2005

New proposals:

- action n°: 2005/33: “Enhancing the cooperation between ICT suppliers and SMEs at regional level”
- INTERREG III A Phare CBC: Integrated Programme for the development of Human Resources in the IT sector for the creation of co-operations between Greece and Bulgaria.

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