



Best practices about
how SMEs utilize AI and Green practices.

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Transforming Tomorrow, Today



Sector: Civil Society

Area of Impact: Waste management / Solid, Climate change / Sea

Location: Greece

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AI Pioneers in Civil Society

(Overview of the Practice)

SciFY trained in AI NGOs active in the environmental sector, as well as in other fields, such as: support of vulnerable groups, youth empowerment, etc. through targeted seminars and workshops. The organizations trained used the new knowledge and skills to improve their social impact and maximize their results.

Outcomes and Impact

- A new NGO training program in AI was created.
- Ten NGOs were trained in the use of AI.
- The trained organizations developed a plan for the use of AI to increase their effectiveness around SDGs.
- All the trained NGOs had practical material to improve their effectiveness with AI applications.
- AI expertise was developed in permanent support structures for Civil Society organizations.
- Dozens of NGOs were informed about the project and the potential AI presents.

Objectives

- Develop an AI training program specific for NGOs.
- Help Greek NGOs to maximize their impact with the use of AI, including the ones working on environmental issues
- Introduce AI in the Greek Civil Society.
- Co-create a specific plan to utilize AI into their operations.

Innovation Level

- It is the first AI training program tailored made for NGOs in Greece.
- Provided a road map for the trained NGOs on how to use AI in a specific way that led to the first real results.
- A lot of new collaborations sprout through this program.



Evidence of Effectiveness

- WWF in Greece has already initiated a new AI-supported project with the collaboration of SciFY.
- Most of the participating NGOs have already utilized knowledge gained into their organization.
- All the trained NGOs have a plan for how AI can help them.

Scalability and Replicability

- This action can easily be implemented on a larger scale; however, attention should be paid to the hands-on section to divide NGOs into groups according to their needs.
- Is easy to replicate since it requires mainly the expertise in AI & Civil Society field.



Activities and Approach

- Adaptation of the initial, successful training program “Pioneers in AI” to the needs of Civil Society organizations.
- Training of 10 Civil Society organizations in AI.
- Guidance offered on the use of AI by NGOs.
- Organization of an event for the dissemination of the results to other Civil Society organizations.

Alignment with

International Standards

This training project was an adaptation of the AI Training that was developed for several sectors: “Pioneers in AI”. This initial training was distinguished by UNESCO’s IRCAI in the “100 Top AI projects” contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Partnerships / collaborations

- This project was implemented by SciFY with the support of Teleperformance Greece.
- The training was implemented in the facilities of NCSR “Demokritos”.

>> Challenges

- We were not able to train all these dozens of NGOs that wanted to participate in this 1st round of training.
- It needs time and effort on behalf of the upper-level managers of NGOs in order to participate and conclude the program correctly.

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Lessons Learned <<

- It is important to do an introductory interview with NGOs to bring together those that could collaborate on specific projects.
- Equally important to the theoretical part is the hands-on section where the NGOs along with the AI experts will map how they will use AI effectively.