

SCIREA PILOT TRAINING COURSES

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In the framework of the SCIREA project, a series of seminars for covering the special training needs of the refugees and asylum seekers and providing them with adequate training in order to improve their qualifications/skills, was organized and realized. More specifically, two types of seminars were organized: a) **“Informative” seminars (soft topics)** and b) **“Tailor-made” seminars (special topics)**.

“Informative” seminars covered topics related to soft computer skills such as e-mail creation and management, CV writing, searching how to study or work in Europe, and training on Basic Excel Skills. Moreover, this group included seminars of Basic English and German, focused mainly on women refugees who, in most cases, they don't participate in open events and seminars.



“Tailor-made” seminars, were designed to cover specific knowledge, important for the highly skilled refugees to be integrated in the European research area and labour market. More specifically, the seminars aimed at enhancing the IT skills of refugees by covering topics associated with the usage of computers for performing data analysis, statistical analysis, and data visualization



The seminars were held in various places in Lesbos island including **the University of the Aegean** (Fig. 1), **the Moria camp** (Fig. 2), and **the “One Happy Family” (OHF) center** (Fig. 3) with participants of various age group, nationality and education background. When the seminars were held in the premises of the University of the Aegean, the participants were coming at the University Campus by bus for free with the use of transport cards provided by the “Mytilene City Busses” organization and funded by the SCIREA project.



Fig. 1: The University of the Aegean



Fig. 2: The Moria Camp



Fig. 3: The OHF center

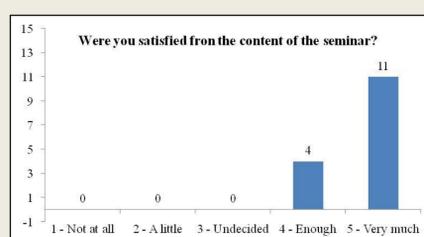
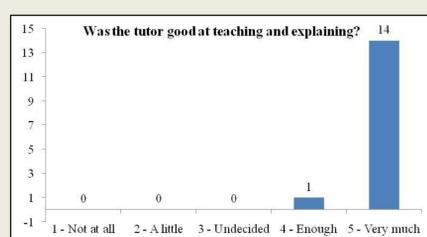
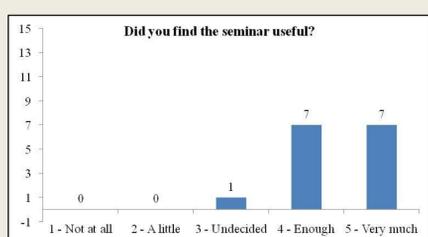
The **“Informative”** seminars aim at providing the refugees with important knowledge in order to continue their life in Europe, as well as to become familiar with the digital world. according to the various topics they are supposed to cover, consist of three different categories; namely, a) **Courses on Basic English and German**, b) **Seminars on e-mail management, CV writing, studying and working in Europe**, and c) **Training on Basic Excel Skills**.

The participants of the **“Courses on Basic English and German”** were women refugees of various age group, nationality and education background. In that way, we gained access to a very fragile part of the refugee society, the women that in most cases they don't participate in open events and seminars.

The participants of the **“Seminars on e-mail management, CV writing, studying and working in Europe”** and **“Training on Basic Excel Skills”** were refugees of various age group, nationality and education background, while the only prerequisite in order to attend these seminars was to be able to use a PC at a beginner level.

The **“tailor-made”** seminars aim at filling special knowledge gaps of the highly skilled refugee scientists, as well as enhancing their IT skills, which is considered of high importance in the process of finding a job or getting access to educational opportunities in Europe. To this task, the “tailor-made” seminars cover special topics related to the usage of specific computer software (i.e. Excel, SPSS, Google Earth, ArcGIS) for performing data analysis (including spatial data analysis), statistical analysis, and data visualization. The “tailor-made” seminars, according to the various topics they are supposed to cover, consist of three different categories; namely, a) **Training on Intermediate/Advanced Excel Skills**, b) **Training on Basic Statistical Techniques with the use of SPSS**, and c) **Training on GIS Mapping and Spatial Data Analysis**.

Seminar evaluation (Training on Intermediate/Advanced Excel Skills)



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