



Press Release

HEDNO Datathon, through HEDNO's business Sandbox initiative has opened and attendance is high

HEDNO Datathon's Info Day was completed with great success and high attendance on Friday, 10 February 2023 through HEDNO's business Sandbox at the Arts Foyer of the Athens Conservatoire.

For the first time, through its business Sandbox initiative, the Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator (HEDNO) shares actual and properly processed and classified data towards the co-creation of innovative solutions that will upgrade the operation and management of electricity for the benefit of consumers.

HEDNO Datathon is co-organized with Mantis Beyond Innovation as an Innovation Enabler and aims towards developing machine learning algorithms for detecting intentional non-technical electricity losses in HEDNO's network and the building of optimal solutions.

The event was attended by data specialists and companies taking part in Datathon as well as innovators interested in this HEDNO's initiative for developing the first business Sandbox in the field of electricity and the new opportunities that this will bring.

The event opened with a brief greeting by Ms Alexandra Sdoukou, the Secretariat-General for Energy and Mineral Raw Materials (MRM) of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy who welcomed HEDNO's initiative as a very important step towards the company's commitment to digitalization and innovation and an outward approach that will create opportunities for researchers and companies to contribute in the evolution of the electricity market.

The next greeting was made by Mr Dimitris Psychogios, First Vice-Chairman at the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERA) who underlined the need of working together with HEDNO to develop a smart energy network. He recognized ERA's crucial role in



encouraging innovation and supporting HEDNO's efforts to incorporate innovative business in the new Sandbox.

Mr Michalis Dritsaw CEO at Elevate Greece, of the Ministry of Development and Investments, attended the event online and spoke about his appreciation for HEDNO's initiative. He stressed that HEDNO, with its HEDNO Datathon "opens its doors to innovative businesses" and promotes its links with the innovation ecosystem by creating new "experimentation spaces" with its business Sandbox.

Finally, Mr Anastasios Manos, CEO at HEDNO, offered a greeting that stressed how this initiative seals the Company's commitment to modernization and digitalization with the use of technology and innovation. HEDNO has set the foundation for its digitalization at three levels: internal operation, the Network and customer support. Datathon is just the start in this journey of HEDNO towards innovation, which is a strategic plan for the Company's administration.

The second part of the event was opened by Mr Giorgos Loukos, Director at the Research and Innovation Department at HEDNO, who presented the new Innovation Hub of the Company, its strategic objectives and the new opportunities offered to achieve those through the creation of the first business Sandbox.

Mr Christos Nikoloudis, CEO & Founder of Mantis Beyond Innovations and Head of Research at the Environment Economy and Sustainable Growth at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), followed by addressing the value and the effectiveness of open innovation models in business challenges.

The event closed with a speech by Mr Christos Malliopoulos, Head of Data Management at HEDNO who presented the technical details of the competition.

Submissions for participation in the competition will remain open until 15 February at the program's website: deddie.mantisbi.io



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