Overview of continuing education and programs for seniors in Greece

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- The education and training of vulnerable social groups is the 3rd strategic priority of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) in Greece and as the 2nd priority on which a public debate is needed
- Several organizations (NGOs, voluntary organizations, cultural and educational institutions, CSR structures of the social partners, psychotherapy and counseling organizations, associations of patients and people with disabilities, rehabilitation bodies of former users, education institutions for the elderly, etc.) have developed remarkable general adult education actions – although limited in scope either self-funded or utilizing the resources of Corporate Social Responsibility, European Programmes (ERASMUS, AMIF, BASIC, etc.)

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• But, there is low and uneven participation in programmes

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- Shocks in the personal sphere of life, resulting from the prolonged economic and social crisis, as well as the weakening of traditional social structures (family, local communities, collective organizations) create the need to enhance personal development, which is also related to the acquisition of educational supplies
- The huge publicity that the debate on lifelong learning has received internationally is likely to arouse the interest of citizens.

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Draft Law on Higher Education (on-going)

Third pillar: Promoting linking Universities with society

Strengthen entrepreneurship by establishing a framework for start-ups for students and provision of services by laboratories to citizens and institutions such as pro bono.

Lifelong learning is enhanced through the modernization of the operating framework of the Training and Lifelong Learning Centers, and the possibility of organizing training programs to meet the training needs of private institutions.

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Internationalisation and the development of partnerships are also supported.

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Thank you for your attention

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