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2nd Round of Pilots Press Release

The 2nd round of the UK, Greek and Austrian pilot workshops of the EC NOMAD project was concluded successfully on November 2014. They all took place in Athens and Vienna. The workshops shown that the interest of policy makers, journalists and researchers has risen since the first round of pilots and that they are interested in further interacting with the NOMAD software platform. More people came in touch with NOMAD and tried out its tools and online interface. The feedback received from the interaction with the main stakeholders, the questionnaires and some applications of NOMAD to smaller case studies will lead to further improvement of the NOMAD platform.

The 2nd UK Pilot workshop took place on the 12th November in Athens with the presence of 30 policy makers, journalists, members of NGOs and public entities. During the workshop, Critical Publics was able to showcase the results from EAACI's authored models on allergy and immunotherapy issues. An open discussion followed and focused mainly on the reliability of sources, the crawling and sentiment insights, the usability of the tools and the exploitation of the NOMAD platform. Additional directions on the aforementioned issues were given thoroughly by members of NCSR Demokritos, responsible for the internal processes of NOMAD. Critical Publics had the chance to invite the stakeholders to participate and get involved in the NOMAD project, through the 3rd round of the UK Pilot, which will run until the end of 2014.

The 2nd Austrian Parliament Pilot workshop took place on the 18th November in Vienna with its main purpose being the introduction of participants to NOMAD and a demonstration of its tools. During the workshop, the results of the Open Data Pilot were presented and discussed and the attendants were given the chance to test and interact with NOMAD. The audience consisted of 9 participants who also answered a questionnaire concerning NOMAD's capabilities and limitations.



The 2nd Hellenic Parliament Pilot workshop took place in Athens on the 25th of November in the Hellenic Parliament's premises with rather successful results, where the policy makers from several institutions, organizations and public bodies had the opportunity to express their ideas, suggestions, comments, participate in a live formulation of a domain/policy model and give valuable feedback. From the 33 external participants, 22 were new attendees, in comparison to the 1st round of workshop, conducted back in November 2013. Finally, during the workshop, the participants' interest to create and run their own policy models during the 3rd pilot sessions in different domains was identified.

As a conclusion, the meetings were attended by a total of 60 people, among who were Parliamentarians, scientific collaborators MPs and parties, journalists, members of NGOs, consultants. There was a significant representation of the Greek public sector, having attended bodies such as the General Secretariat of the Government, five ministries (Administrative Reform, Rural Development, Education, Public Order, Marine), the General Secretariat of the Greek Parliament and the Municipality of Athens, contributing significantly to the debate on the adoption and use of ICT tools such as NOMAD, to already established procedures. It is worth mentioning that many of the participants of these

meetings have already expressed interest in the trial use of tools in current issues, such as education, banking, agro tourism, judiciary, defense issues, etc. Those interested can register by 12th December by completing the [online form](#). For more information about NOMAD and the material of NOMAD's events visit <http://nomad-project.eu> or NOMAD's website in the social media.

