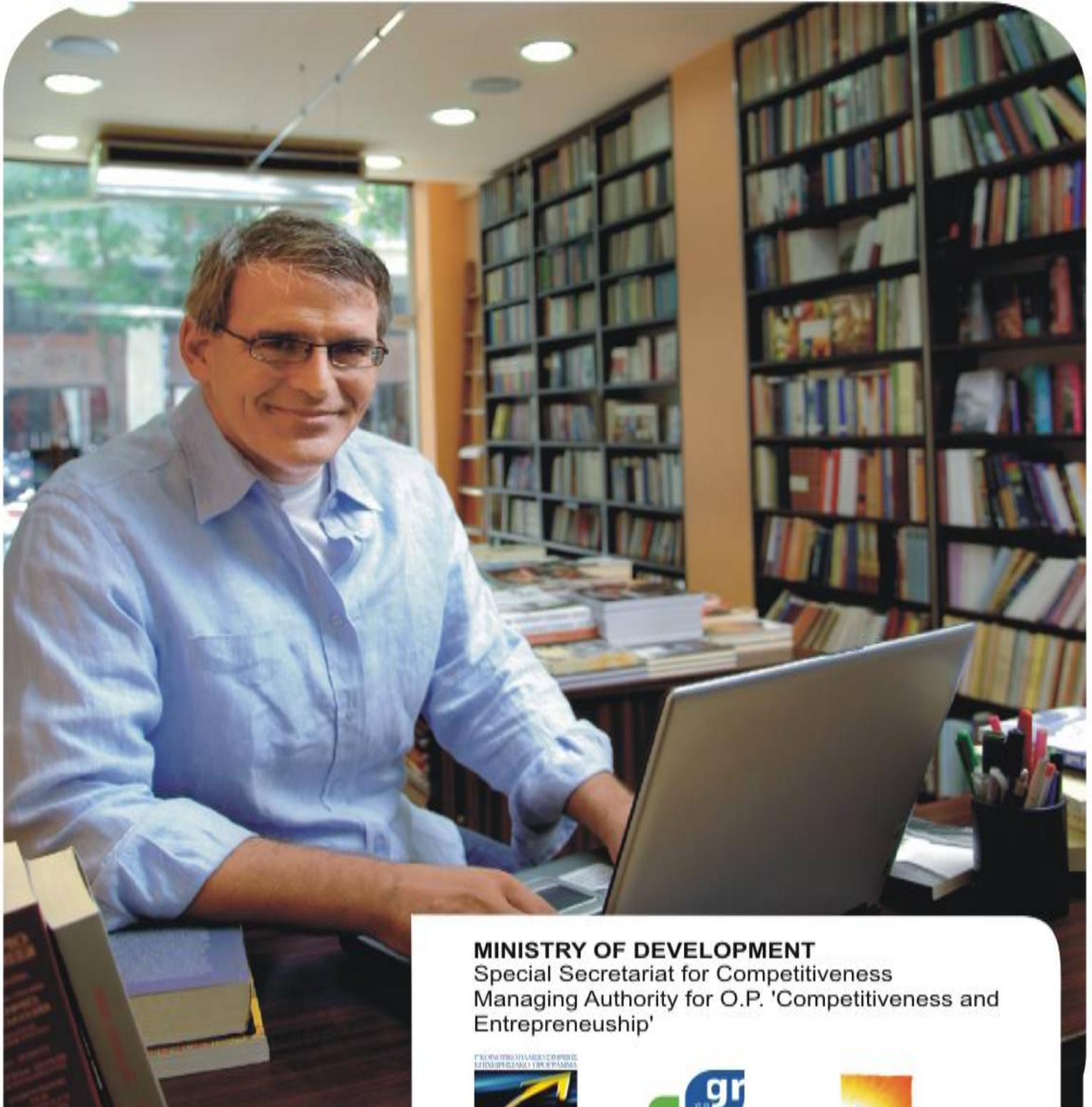


Actions in the Operational Programme 'Competitiveness' to upgrade human resource

Investing in Greece's human resources

Because training is the key to labour market success and higher employability.



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Total budget* for Actions on training: **232.3 m Euro**

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To date, **82,274 individuals have taken part in schemes to upgrade** their vocational qualifications and develop their skills, improving their career prospects in the areas of processing, services, commerce, tourism, research and technology.

In brief:

- **24,431** workers, businessmen, graduates of tourism training programmes and seasonally unemployed individuals have been trained in order to upgrade services in the **Tourism** industry and to expand the tourism product.
- **1,334** young businessmen have been trained in aspects of starting up **new business activities**.
- **34,688** micro-enterprises have had their staff trained in the **use and exploitation of the internet** (educational support in the programme 'Get on line').
- **7,424** workers in SMEs and micro-enterprises have been trained to acquire new **expertise**.
- **5,798** workers in 3,169 SMEs and micro-enterprises in traditional sectors have been trained by the sector institutes of EOMMEX (Greek Organization for SMEs and Handicraft) in order to **improve the competitiveness of their enterprises**.
- **1,600** young researchers have received, or will receive, doctoral degrees.
- **200** researchers have been placed in businesses in **newly created full-time jobs** with demanding requirements, or have collaborated with Greek research teams.
- **2,400** scientists, researchers and workers in businesses have been trained in aspects of **advanced technology**, and in the management of research impact on production and the country's business and social organization.

- **4,399** employees in the new structures which have been created, and in the agencies overseen by the Ministry of Development, have been trained to receive the necessary expertise in matters of key interest and importance to SMEs.

* The total budget covers approved projects in the area of training.

The new programme “**Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship**”, run by the Ministry of Development for the Programme Period 2007-2013, will continue to develop human resources in tandem with actions to support businesses. The objective is to improve the competitiveness of Greek enterprises and that of the Greek economy as a whole, within the context of the Lisbon Strategy.

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