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Title of the presentation: "E-democracy and Open Data Info sphere in Greece, Diavgeia and Open spending Applications: A Synthesis claiming public clarity and participation".

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Summary of the Presentation

This presentation discusses ways in which government applications like Diavgeia affects data quality and data mining in order to serve open spending policies and accountability. There are a lot of possibilities for development through openness of the Greek Government. This proposal focuses on the exploitation and utilization of data that Diavgeia application offers to the public concern. Open spending policies can allow the advancement of procedures concerning public auditing which can really effect changes.

Extended Abstract of the Presentation

Diavgeia application is open in the air since 2011. Through Diavgeia all administrative acts are published on the website www.diavgeia.gov.gr and they are made subject to audits by all who have an interest. Posting of these public acts is categorized. The goal for Diavgeia app was to be a policy tool for clarity and transparency. This was achieved to a point.

The problem which had been occurred concerns the application's possibility to inform citizens on the spot and be informed by them. This could be a second step towards the openness of decision-making in the Greek government.

A feature this presentation intends to recommend is related to the connection of each act that is being published through Diavgeia application to an open pending application that enables citizens to react instantly and simultaneously towards the public decisions.

How does openness affect feedback of the citizens? Data is not itself Knowledge and Information. The implementation of Diavgeia App does not consider what happens after people are able to access and internalize open data. Once people know things about public decisions they act, but their actions are not being transformed into knowledge for their government.

Transparency is being succeeded by the app Diavgeia but accountability has not. Do citizens have the capability to take action?

There are a lot of open spending applications all over the world. This presentation wants to propose a synthesis between Diavgeia app and CitizenBudget app. A simple add of CitizenBudget app inside the Diavgeia app could transform this transparency initiative entirely at its focus-background.

In the next image we can see a screen shot of Diavgeia app related to acts of the Ministry of Administrative Transformation and Electronic Governance in Greece. We can see that there are published acts that contain meta data but nobody can vote on a specific act, especially when it is concerned to public spending.

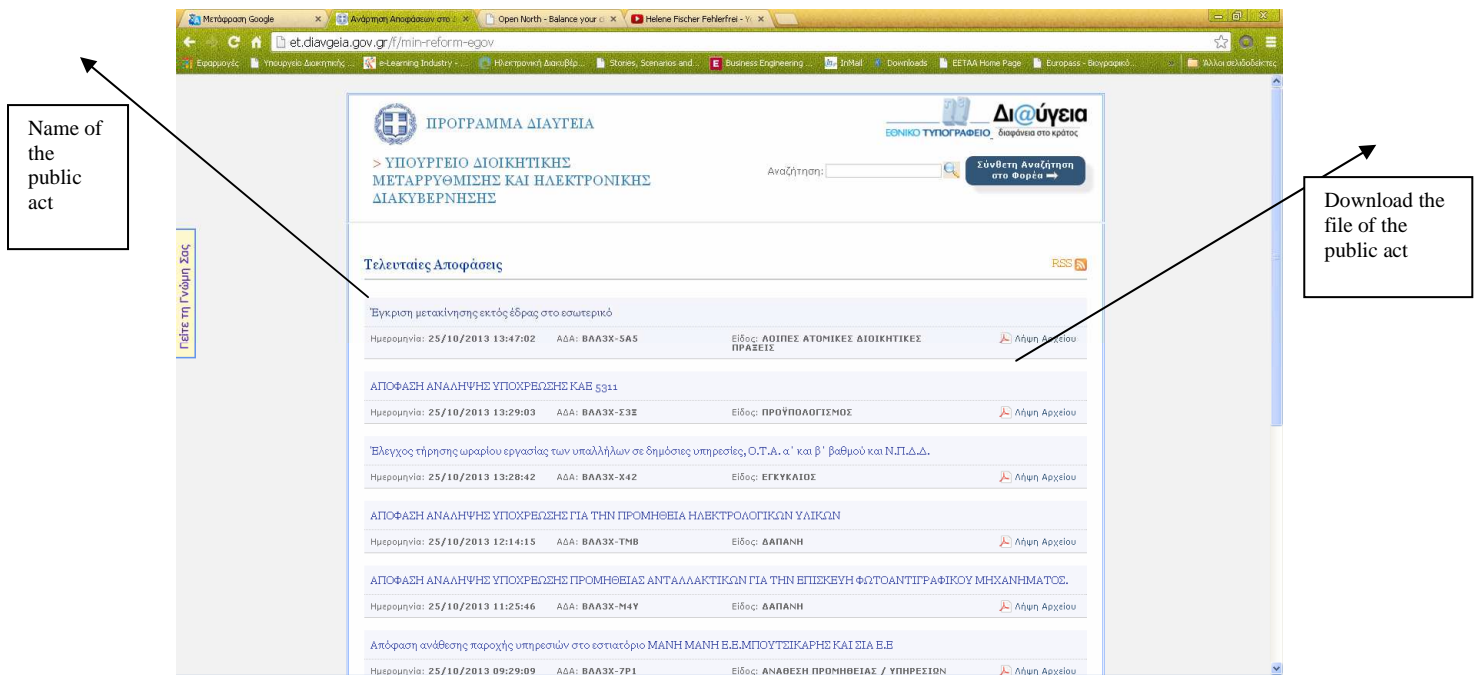


Image 1.

We can download the act of the government that is being published in Diavgeia but we can not vote on it.

This presentation proposes a link between diavgeia file and another open spending application called CitizenBudget.

Through this connection every citizen will have the capability to vote on each of the published acts that concern the government's budget and give a strong feedback to her government.

As we can see below, this specific application helps citizens through strong authentication to vote on subjects that they are interested in.

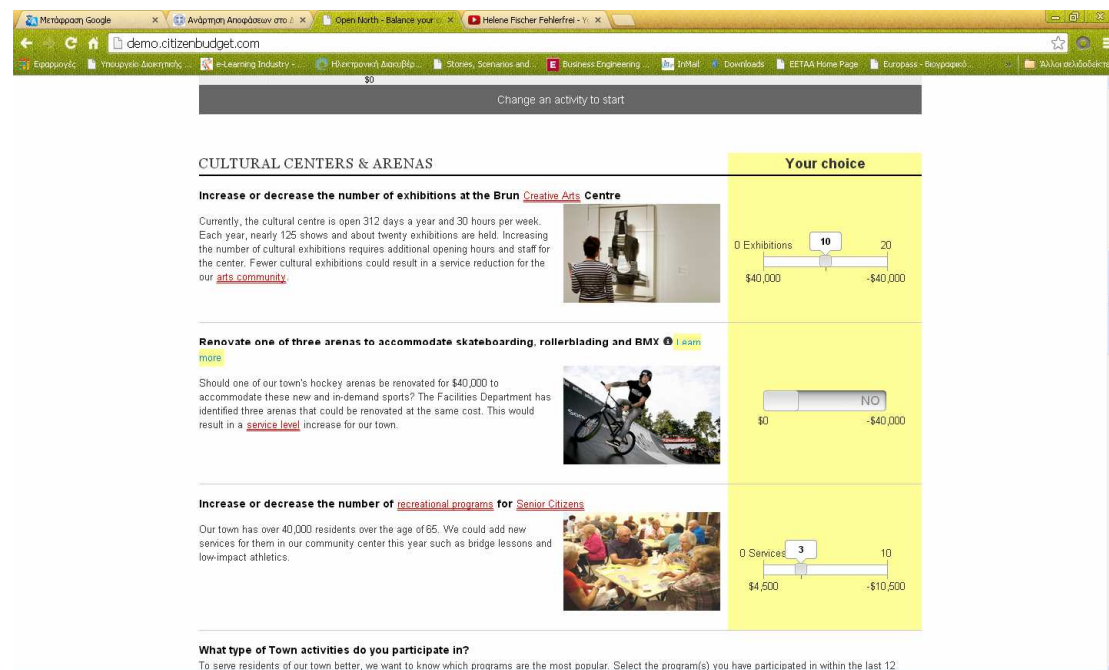
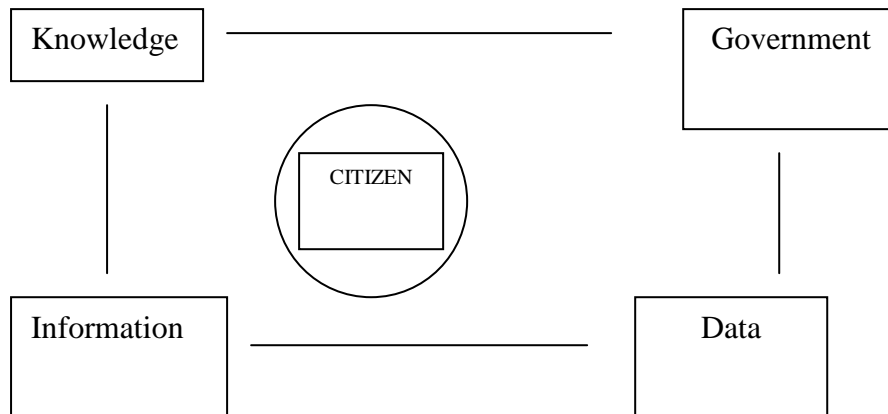


Image 2.

E – Democracy and e- participation are strongly connected to each other. Open data policies in Greece could be transformed through this implementation. Public auditing and decision-making could have reliable feedback in order to react with responsibility.



This presentation proposes Citizen at the very centre of the loop that is becoming reality between data, governments, information and Knowledge. Public accountability can be succeeded through such a loop. Statistics that follow the citizen's feed back can change government's decisions on economy topics.

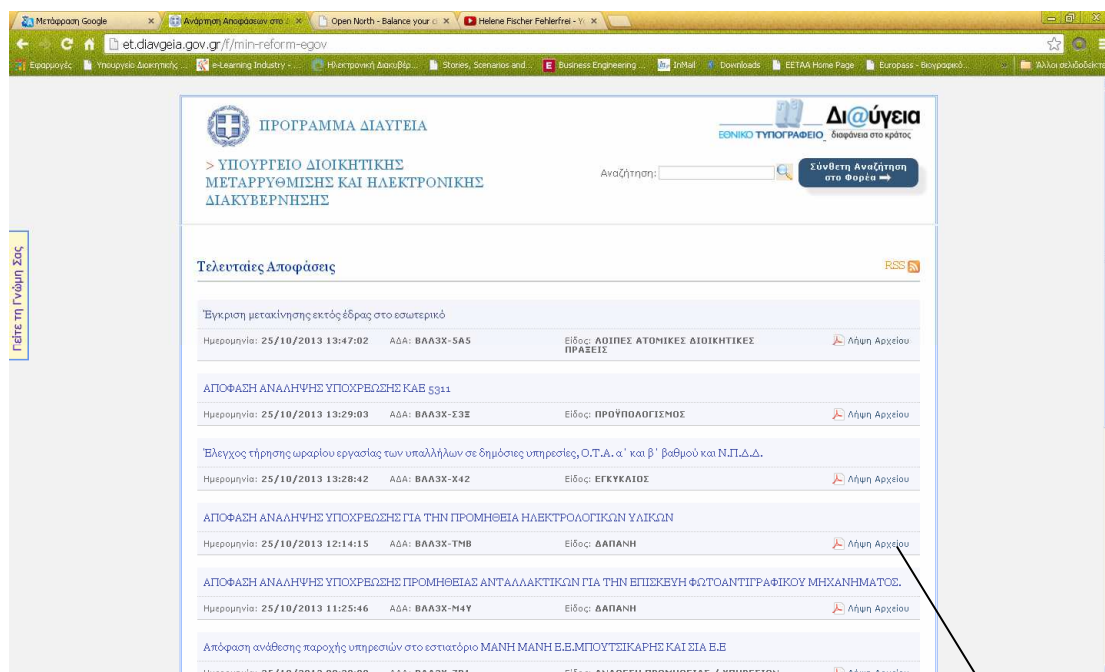


Image 3.

Where someone can find the download button he can also find the vote button.

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