



Learn the "language" of the Future!

*HePIS, in cooperation with **Microsoft**, the **eSkills Malta Foundation** and the **Computer Society of Malta (CSM)**, is turning Malta's young people towards programming and invites them to take part in its actions!*

Pupils and young people in Malta are being given a unique opportunity to acquire digital and IT skills within the framework of the activities of Microsoft's Global Social Responsibility Program, **Microsoft YouthSpark**!

At a time when IT is an integral part of everyday life, **HePIS**, in collaboration with *the **eSkills Malta Foundation** and the **Computer Society of Malta***, is organizing free training sessions, giving young people aged 10 -25 the opportunity to acquire basic programming knowledge and encourages educational bodies, organizations, teachers, parents, pupils and students to take part!

In the near future, candidates will be required to have basic programming skills, which will be included in many job descriptions. According to research, in a few years those who do not know programming will be considered "illiterate" as it will be at the core of workforce skills.

"Through this collective initiative we aim to help young people from all over Malta acquire basic programming skills and maximise their capabilities. Just like in Greece, GetCoding, as part of the Microsoft YouthSpark program, will assist young people to move in this direction, " says Panayiotis Ioannou, Country Manager, Microsoft Malta.

"It is with great pleasure that we work with Microsoft, *the **eSkills Malta Foundation** and the **Computer Society of Malta*** to help the citizens of Malta discover their potential through Digital Skills and Programming, in the same way that we have done in recent years in Greece", said HePIS President Mr. Nikos Faldamis during the presentation of the programme.

More specifically, **HePIS**, in collaboration with **Microsoft**, *the **eSkills Malta Foundation** and the **Computer Society of Malta***, implements the following actions, that will begin on the 1st November 2017 and will last until the end of December 2017:

Training sessions: Candidates 10 -25 years of age will have the opportunity to learn basic programming skills (HTML, CSS). The sessions will last for 3 hours and will take place across secondary schools.

Getcoding Game: The Getcoding educational game is an initiative of HePIS aimed at encouraging young people to acquire basic programming skills. Over the past two years, more than 23,000 thousand pupils, students, and adults from all over Greece have already played the game, acquiring necessary resources for the digital age we are in.