

Zigurat, AIDIGITS Group and Metropolitan College of Greece join forces to create a BIM Hub that will revolutionize the Construction Industry in Greece

Among the Zigurat global partners, you will find multinational leading companies, professional organizations, institutions, consultancy companies, and universities. However, in the Zigurat Ecosystem, it is the first time that three parties have joined together for a common purpose.

Knowing our identity and understanding our mission gives purpose to our actions. Our modern society keeps moving, and centuries have passed, and still the Hellenic motto of “know thyself” keeps appealing to each one of us to link our identity, purpose, and actions. And it is exactly in the field of actions where AIDIGITS Group, the Metropolitan College, and Zigurat Institute of Technology will work together to accelerate the adoption of BIM in Greece.

Metropolitan College is taking the lead to promote among its community one of the best training programs in the e-learning industry: The Global Master in BIM Management for Infrastructure Projects.

The Master Degree is a unique training program that combines industry experts, practical hands-on implementations, more than 25 years of true digital construction use-cases, and an online refined methodology. Moreover, their students will be able to hold a Master’s Degree from the renowned University of Barcelona. Additionally, the participants in this Master program will be qualified to apply and receive the professional ISO19650-based BIM Certification which is offered jointly by the reputable Organizations TUV Nord Hellas and AIDIGITS Group.

The triple partnership has the finest ingredients to boost leadership and accelerate the Digital Transformation in the AEC (Architectural, Engineering and Construction) Greek Industry.

About Zigurat Global Institute of Technology

The name of the institute was inspired by Ziggurat, one of the first Mesopotamian archeological construction. The Ziggurat symbolizes, better than anything else the history of engineering, architecture, knowledge, and technological transformation that represents us. Throughout our 20-year history as an educational institution, every step we have taken at Zigurat Institute of Technology has been to evolve.

Today, we continue to look into the future to prevail as a virtual face-to-face polytechnic school of global reference. On this path, we are accompanied by professionals from all over the world: from academic partners of worldwide reputation to a valuable teaching team, made up of experts active in the field, and, of course, our Alumni community of thousands of professionals of over 100 nationalities who, in their day, wanted to change the world and now, from the present, we can affirm that they have done so.

Pau Farré, CEO of Zigurat Institute of Technology, stated the following:

“Partnering with relevant institutions worldwide is the way to go because the Zigurat team truly believes that cooperation is the great revolution and that creating synergies and tightening global ties in the educational sector is the most strategic and compassionate solution we all need to meet today's challenges.

Companies of all sizes and sectors need professionals who can adapt and thrive at the pace of innovation. Savvy decision-makers and future-fit leaders who will embrace disruptive technologies that are revolutionizing business models and promoting economic growth in a sustainable way. This partnership is a powerful joining of forces to achieve that in a global and holistic manner”

About Metropolitan College of Greece

Metropolitan College, founded in 1982, is today the largest College for University Studies in Greece, operating in 8 locations around the country with state-of-the-art campuses. In collaboration with distinguished Universities abroad, it offers the widest range of contemporary courses which are in high demand in the job market, including the programmes of the Faculty of Architecture, Engineering, and the Built Environment. Metropolitan College of Greece is recognized among students and their parents as the leading choice of high-quality tertiary private education in Greece. It is also a member of or accredited by a great variety of prestigious national and international organizations and associations.

Metropolitan College's Global University Hub is Greece's largest university hub, home to key global education institutions, offering online university degrees, executive and professional education. Bringing leading international universities from Europe, the United States, and other parts of the globe to Greece, it delivers diverse academic and professional programmes at state-of-the-art educational facilities, and constantly developing the country's higher education sector.

Dr. Ianis G. Matsoukas, Executive Director of Metropolitan College's Global University Hub, stated the following:

“Greece and the south-east of Europe demand graduates who have a global orientation, are competitive in an international marketplace, and who can adapt to diverse cultural, economic, and governmental environments. This innovative partnership is in line with Metropolitan College's strategy to develop global citizens for the future of work and preparing them to thrive in an age of rapid change. As Greece's largest private academic ecosystem, it's our role to create the right environment with state-of-the-art infrastructure, space to scale and business-friendly regulations to attract the best academic and professional organizations to our country, to capitalize on the confidence of our communities in the 8 regions we serve”.

About AIDIGITS

AIDIGITS is a group of EMEA Organizations that have been established to enable the continuity and expansion of their skilled executive Engineers to provide professional services in the Middle East, Europe and Africa. AIDIGITS capitalizes in its operations its extensive background, diversification of capabilities and expertise in the field of BIM, Project controls, Systems integration, ITWINS, Smart buildings, Smart infrastructures and Projects knowledge coupled with a backbone of unique experts and competent Engineers who possess more than 25 years of hands-on experience on BIM Technology applications around the Globe.

AIDIGITS experts have been providing Academic and knowledge transfer services for almost two decades, offering BIM Education, Digital Construction knowledge transfer, Training and Certification through its alliance with world leaders like Zigurat Institute of Technology, Metropolitan College and TÜV HELLAS amongst others.

Mr. Issam El Absi, CEO of AIDIGITS Group and AIDIGITS BIM Academy Director stated:

"The market is going into a massive disruption due to Digital Transformation policies and reformation plans. The European and the whole international construction sector have already identified BIM adoption as a pillar for driving the construction business efficiency and sustainability. The Greek construction sector is going at the moment through a BIM adoption and Digital reformation roadmap directed by the EU. With that comes a lot of challenges and obstacles where only competent resources in the sector can overcome and manage these challenges.

Here comes the significance of this partnership that brings three qualified leaders (Zigurat Institute of Technology, Metropolitan College and AIDIGITS Group) in this business to join forces and deliver to the Greek local Construction business the Global BIM Management for Infrastructures and Buildings Master program. This program has been offered for seven (7) consecutive years so far, building the capacity of participants around the Globe to a unique level of competency in BIM adoption and Digital construction workflows that enables them to lead BIM implementations in their Projects, Organizations and Societies.

This program is brought to the Greek Market with attractive new flavors to all architects and engineers working in Greece and the region. This edition will be the first one offered by the newly established "Metropolitan College/AIDIGITS BIM Academy" (MCAID BIM Academy).

So, in addition to being a Dual Master Degree program endorsed by Zigurat Institute of Technology and the University of Barcelona, it will be the first online edition offered in a Hybrid mode, with in-premise monthly lectures offered at the MCAID BIM Academy lecture halls at the Metropolitan College campus in Maroussi and the rest of their campuses.

The academic content of this edition is extending the Information Management part to cover the GIS world, making GIS and BIM combined workflows an integral part of the curriculum, in addition to qualifying the participants to acquire any two of the TUV Nord (Hellas) and AIDIGITS ce-BIM professional certification levels."