European "Skills-Matching" Platform open. Discover your career route!

The EU project OpenSKIMR is designed to help reduce unemployment across Europe. Based on a specially developed algorithm, the platform "matches" the personal data of a user with career opportunities and suggests suitable further training to the user. After one and a half years of intensive research and development at the Management Center Innsbruck **(MCI), which is an Austrian university of applied sciences, together with PDAgroup and Telefónica, a prototype of the platform has been available to the public free of charge starting today.**

Professor Peter Mirski, Head of the Management, Communication & IT Department at MCI, started the open skill matchmaker (OpenSKIMR) with the mobile telephone service provider Telefónica, the consulting firm PDAgroup, DIGITALEUROPE, and European Schoolnet in 2015.

The EU-sponsored project has emerged as a result of changes in work environments and in skills that employers seek in an increasingly digital world. Because of these changes, it is difficult for many students and professionals to independently find the right training to help pave the way to their dream jobs or other career development opportunities. Now, thanks to OpenSKIMR, further training options and possible career trajectories can be revealed to individuals after they enter their personal data and preferences. Mathematicians and researchers from the Management Center Innsbruck have developed the complex algorithm which has made this all possible. To ensure a common, European wide understanding of the skills and qualifications of the talents subscribed on the platform, OpenSKIMR uses the ESCO occupations and skills terminology.

"The hard work done by the team of experts has paid off", says initiator and visionary, Peter Mirski. "OpenSKIMR is free and accessible to anyone. It is intended to serve young people as digital companion, helping them find the best suitable career paths while also revealing further career development and educational opportunities to them. Currently our platform only covers possibilities within the IT sector, but we are already working on extending this into more fields." A future aim of the platform is for job seekers to be matched with potential employers.

If you would like to chart your own career path, go to routeplanner.openskimr.eu. The anticipated rush of participants will help the referral system to be dynamically improved and optimized.

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