

## Financing Greener Cities

Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-9 October 2019 | Athens, Greece

### Practical information for confirmed participants

#### Venue and contact information

Conference Venue		
Serafio Centre Pireos 160, Athina 118 54, Greece <u><a href="#">Πειραιώς &amp; Πέτρον Ράλλη, 118 54</a></u>		Tel: +30 21 0342 6842 <u><a href="http://www.serafio.gr/">http://www.serafio.gr/</a></u>
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<b>On the event:</b>	<b>Serafio Centre</b> Pireos 160, Athina 118 54, Greece	Tel: +30 21 0342 6842

#### Accommodation in Athens

The conference venue is very well connected to the city centre by public transport, thus we recommend you to increase the area of search for appropriate hotel accommodation. For your convenience, we provide you with the following suggestions (please click in the titles to find out more details about the hotels):

- 1) [Attalos Hotel](#)
- 2) [Greotel Pallas Athena](#)
- 3) [Jason Inn Hotel](#)
- 4) [Novotel Athenes](#)
- 5) [Chic hotel](#)
- 6) [Parnon hotel](#)

Kindly note that no reservations have been made, and thus, you are responsible for your own booking (once you book it, please keep the original invoice so that you can be eligible for the travel reimbursement).

## How to reach the workshop venue

We encourage participants to take public transportation when travelling to and from the airport in Athens, as this is mostly faster, cheaper and more environmentally friendly.

Athens International Airport is located about 20 km (12 miles) from the city centre. There are several transportation options to get to and from the airport into the city:

- By Metro:

Metro Line 3 (Agia Marina – Doukissis Plakentias - Athens International Airport), connects Athens airport with the city centre. Trains run every 30 minutes, 7 days a week from

6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The trip from/to the Airport to Syntagma station (Athens centre) lasts approx. 40 minutes.

- ✓ Check the Metro timetable to the airport [here](#).
- ✓ For tickets and cards check [here](#).

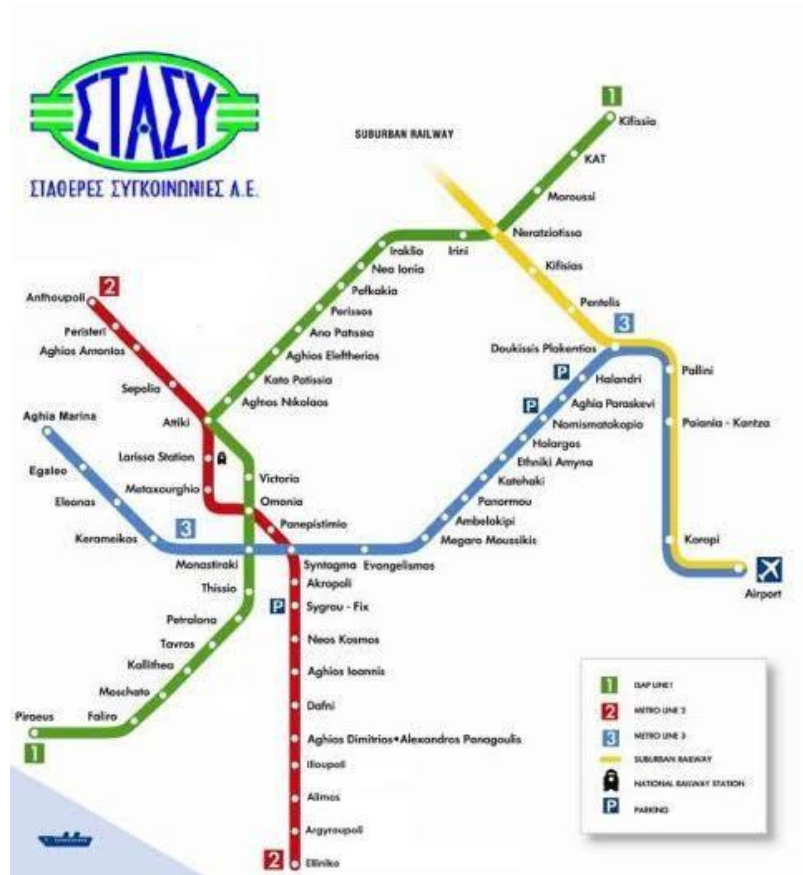
- By Suburban Railway

The Suburban Railway (Proastiakos) departs every 15-25 minutes from the Athens Airport railway station to Plakentias station, where you can change trains and continue to the city center (Metro Line 3 to Egaleo), using the same ticket. For timetables or to book tickets, please check [here](#).

- 24-hour Express Buses:

Express Buses connect Athens (city centre & greater area) and Piraeus (port) with Athens International Airport. Service is provided on a non-stop basis, seven days a week including holidays (24/7). All buses disembark at the Departures Level (inbound trips to airport) and depart from the Arrivals Level (outbound trips from airport). There are four routes:

- ✓ X93: Kifissos KTEL (long-distance buses) Station – Airport



Direct Connection to the intercity bus (KTEL) terminals KIFISOS and LIOSION.

Link to suburban rail station at: KIFISIAS

- ✓ X95: Syntagma – Airport

Direct Connection to Syntagma Square. Link to Metro line 2 station at: SYNTAGMA

Link to Metro line 3 at: NOMISMATOKOPEIO, ETHNIKI AMYNA, SYNTAGMA

Link to tramway routes at: SYNTAGMA

- ✓ X96: Piraeus – Airport

Direct Connection to Piraeus central passenger port terminals. Link to metro line 1 stations at: N.FALIRO (ISAP N.FALIRO), PEIRAIAS. Link to suburban rail station at: PEIRAIAS

Link to tramway routes at: PLATEIA GLYFADAS, EDEM, FLISVOS

- ✓ X97: Eliniko Metro Station – Airport

Direct Connection to ELLINIKO metro station. Link to Metro line 2 stations at: AG. DIMITRIOS, DAFNI

Check [here](#) for ticket info and cards.

- By Taxi

Taxis are available at the designated Taxi rank located at Exit 3 of Arrivals Level. A taxi from the airport to the city center costs a flat rate of €38 from 5:00 a.m. to midnight, and €54 from midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Note: The charge is determined by the time of arrival at the destination and includes all applicable surcharges and extras.

## GETTING AROUND

The Athens Metro is fast, affordable, and easy to navigate. Look out for the artfully displayed antiquities unearthed during construction as you enter and exit the stations.

For Metro Fares, see: <http://www.stasy.gr/index.php?id=78&L=1#c234>

For Metro maps, see: [http://www.stasy.gr/index.php?id=33&no\\_cache=1&L=1](http://www.stasy.gr/index.php?id=33&no_cache=1&L=1)

For Metro timetables, see: <http://www.stasy.gr/index.php?id=67&L=1>

## PRIVATE TRANSFERS

- Welcome Pick Ups: English-speaking taxi drivers with impeccable customer service. Agias Eleousis 5 / Tel: +30 211 198008 / [www.welcomepickups.com](http://www.welcomepickups.com)
- Taxiplon: Taxi services  
Tel: +30 210 2719555 / [business@taxiplon.gr](mailto:business@taxiplon.gr) / [www.taxiplon.gr](http://www.taxiplon.gr)
- Amphitriion: Coaches, minivans, taxis & limos.  
46, Kyprou St, Dafni / Tel: +30 211 10 90000 / [info@amphitriionprisma.gr](mailto:info@amphitriionprisma.gr)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: 1033

Emergency: 112 / 100

Tourist Police: 171

Fire Emergency: 199



Ambulance: 166

Hospitals/Pharmacies: 14944

SOS Doctors: 1016

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

The international dialing code for Greece is +30

Plug sockets & voltage: Greece uses 230V C-type and F-type plugs. For more information about electrical standards around the world, please click [here](#).

Water: It is safe to drink tap water in Athens.

### **BACKGROUND TO ATHENS**

A world-famous past and exciting present. Enclosed by glittering beaches and forested mountains, Athens has inspired visitors for centuries. Culture has always been the city's hallmark: with a rare mix of archaeological sites, contemporary and classical museums, cutting-edge galleries, open-air cinemas and now a dazzling new opera house and national library designed by Renzo Piano, Athens is Europe's eternal cultural capital. Add street markets and designer boutiques, creative start-ups, a world-class cocktail culture, fantastic and affordable food, and you have a city for all seasons and all kinds of traveller.

Athens is a vibrant, welcoming city. You can stroll along the pedestrian path that circles Europe's largest Archaeological Park for a close-up view of some of the world's most significant ancient treasures —first and foremost, the Acropolis. Or catch the tram to the coastline that stretches 120 km for a walk or swim along the Athens Riviera, lined with secret coves and lively beaches. With 300 sun-drenched days a year, Athenians spend a lot of time by the sea.

The city's appeal as a tourist destination is flourishing, thanks to new infrastructure and cultural attractions, an expanding transportation network, and more green spaces.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Athens and wish you a safe trip!**

For more information about the city's attractions, neighbourhoods and what's on, visit:

[www.thisisathens.org](http://www.thisisathens.org).

Official Website of the Ministry of Culture, about the most important archaeological or historical sites (in English): <http://odysseus.culture.gr>.