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Women Political Leaders Summit 2024

Introduction and general information

This document contains practical information regarding your participation at the WPL Democracy for the 21st Century Summit on the 19th to the 21st of March 2024 in Athens, Greece. You can find useful information about Greece following this [link](#).

Venue

The Summit activities will take place in the following locations;

Venues:

- NJV Athens Plaza Hotel – 2, Vasileos Georgiou A' str., Syntagma square, Athens, 105 64, Greece
- Acropolis Museum – Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Athina 117 42, Greece
- Hellenic Parliament – **Μέγαρο**, Voulis, Athina 100 21, Greece

Registration and accessing the venue

Collection of the badges for the Summit will take place on 19th of March 2024 at the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel – 2, Vasileos Georgiou A' str., Syntagma square, Athens, 105 64, Greece between 7:30–9:00 AM. The badges will be used for all three of the Summit days.

Participants must show a valid form of identification (passport or equivalent) in order to gain access to the venue.

Badges Pick-up

Participants can pick up their badges on Tuesday 19th March from 14:30 to 17:30 and on Wednesday 20th March from 08:30 to 09:30 at the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel.

Participants must show a valid form of identification (passport or equivalent) in order to collect the badges.

Language of the Summit

The working language of the Summit is English. Simultaneous interpretations in French and Spanish (and Arabic only on Day 3 at the Parliament) will be provided for all plenary sessions.

Visa information

All visa information, including the list of countries that require a visa to enter Greece, can be found [here](#). Please note that all holders of UN Laissez-Passer are required to obtain a visa.

Citizens of foreign countries in which there are no visa requirements to enter Greece can stay in the country for no more than 90 days during one year if no other terms are defined by international agreements.

For information regarding Greek Embassies, please consult the [diplomatic list](#) of Greek Embassies.

Please note that all people (including assistants and staff) who wish to receive visa assistance and enter the Summit venue must be registered.

Airport arrival and departure

When organising your travel arrangements, please be aware that Monday the 18th is a bank holiday in Greece.

[Athens International Airport](#) is located 33 km southeast of Athens. It is easily accessible via the Athens ring road (Attiki Odos). The drive from downtown Athens takes 30–45 minutes, depending on traffic.

By Metro

Metro Line 3 connects the airport to the city centre directly (Syntagma Square). The journey time is approximately 40 minutes. Trains run every 30 minutes, 7 days a week from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm. One-way tickets cost €9 (€4.50 for children, teenagers, over 65), Two-way tickets cost €16.

By Bus

24-hour express buses connect Athens International Airport with Syntagma Square (Line X-95), the port of Piraeus and the Intercity Bus Terminal (KTEL Kifissos). These non-stop services operate daily, including public holidays. All buses drop off passengers at the Departures Level and depart from the Arrivals Level. Bus tickets are sold at the ticket booth outside the Arrivals hall (between Exits 4 and 5.) One-way tickets cost €5.50 (€2.70 for children, teenagers, over 65).

There are four express bus routes from the airport:

- X93: Airport – Kifissos Station (Estimated journey time: 65 minutes)
- X95: Airport – Syntagma Square (Estimated journey time: 60 minutes)
- X96: Airport – Piraeus port (Estimated journey time: 90 minutes)
- X97: Airport – Elliniko (Estimated journey time: 45 minutes)

By Suburban Railway

The suburban railway (Proastiakos) connects Athens Airport with Larissis Station, the central Athens railway station in approx. 45 minutes. Trains depart from Athens airport every 15–25 minutes to Doukissis Plakentias station, where you can transfer to the Athens Metro network, using the same ticket.

By Taxi

Taxis are available outside Exit 3 of Arrivals Level. A taxi from the airport to the city centre costs a flat rate of €40 from 5 am to midnight, and €55 from midnight to 5 am. The rate is determined by the time of arrival at the destination and includes all applicable surcharges.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation at their own expense.

Please find below the accommodations guests have to book within Athens.

In the centre

Can be reached by foot:

Partner Hotels:

- [Amalia Hotel Athens](#)
- [Electra Palace Athens](#)
- [Electra Athens](#)
- [Athens Capital Hotel](#)
- [King George Hotel](#)
- [Elia Ermou Hotel](#)
- [InnAthens Hotel](#)
- [Hotel Grande Bretagne \(Discount code is "EWA"\)](#)
- [New Hotel\(Special Rate rate applied\)](#)

Others:

- [Fos Downtown Suites](#)
- [Metis Athens](#)
- [The Marblous Athens](#)
- [MET34 Athens](#)
- [NEW Hotel](#)
- [Xenodocheio Milos](#)
- [Lozenge Hotel](#)
- [The Social Athens Hotel](#)
- [Athens Cypria Hotel](#)

- [Ergon House](#)
- [Gatsby Hotel](#)
- [Athens Ikon Hotel](#)
- [Urban Frame Hotel](#)
- [Athens Diamond Plus](#)

Access and transport during the Summit

There will be no transportation from the venue to the suggested accommodations and vice versa for all participants as they are a walking distance from the venue. But people with special needs shall be catered for. However, there will be a shuttle session for the reception at the Presidential palace and the session at the Acropolis.

Meals

Catering will be provided during the Summit. Any dietary restrictions will be considered in our meals as per your information.

Dress code

Business attire

Insurance

Delegates are responsible for ensuring they have adequate travel insurance during their time in Athens.

General information about Greece

Greece is the southernmost of the countries of the Balkan Peninsula. It is considered the cradle of Western civilization, being the birthplace of democracy,

Western philosophy, Western literature, historiography, political science, major scientific and mathematical principles, theatre, and the Olympic Games.

Greece is a democratic and developed country with an advanced high-income economy, the second largest in the Balkans, where it is an important regional investor. A founding member of the United Nations, Greece was the tenth member to join the European Communities (precursor to the European Union).

Government

The Hellenic Republic of Greece is a sovereign and democratic state governed by the rule of law. In the Republic of Greece, the power belongs to the people.

Language

Greek

Population

10.317.147

Geographic location

Greece is located in Southeast Europe, on the southern tip of the Balkan peninsula. Greece shares land borders with Albania to the northwest, North Macedonia and Bulgaria to the north, and Turkey to the east. It has more than 2,000 islands, of which about 170 are inhabited; some of the easternmost Aegean islands lie just a few miles off the Turkish coast.

The country's capital is Athens, which expanded rapidly in the second half of the 20th century. Attikí (ancient Greek: Attica), the area around the capital, is now home to about one-third of the country's entire population.

Local time

GMT + 2 hours

International transportation:

Flights:

Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH) is located in Spata, 30 km east of Athens' city centre.

Electricity

Greece uses the type F plug type, which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Greece operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Weather

Greece has a Mediterranean climate, with mild and wet winters in the southern lowland and island regions and cold winters with strong snowfalls in the mountainous areas in the central and northern regions and hot, dry summers. During the Summit period, the weather will be warm in Athens.

Currency

Euro

Contact Details

International dialling code for Greece is +30

Emergency Numbers

Fire brigade: 199

Police: 100

Emergency: 112

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