# Info guide for your trip to Thessaloniki

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### Welcome note

### Dear Women Stem Up partners,

This guide serves as a useful info package that will facilitate you during your short-term residence in Thessaloniki during our upcoming Women tem Up for Good Hackathon that will take place from Wednesday **September 3rd to Friday September 5th 2025**. It has been prepared with pleasure, positivity and love with the aim to make your stay and visit in our beautiful city a safe and enjoyable experience!

Welcome to Thessaloniki and don't hesitate to consult this info guide in any moment you need further guidance!





Few words about
Thessaloniki and its
history

### "A city of food, history, coffee and love"

Thessaloniki (Θεσσαλονίκη in Greek), is the second largest city in Greece, with population over 1M in its metropolitan area. It is also known among Greeks, as the "co-capital", a reference to its historical status as the "co-reigning" city of the Byzantine empire. It is estimated that it was founded by Cassander in 315 BC.

Fun fact: Thessaloniki took its name from the half-sister of Alexander the Great, whose name means "Thessalian victory", from "Thessalos" (the region), and "niki", which means victory in Greek. According to mythology Thessaloniki was a mermaid who still resides in the gulf surrounding the city.

In English, the city can be called with many names such as Thessaloniki, Salonika, Thessalonica, Salonica, Thessalonika, Saloniki, Thessalonike, or Thessalonice. In printed texts, the most common name and spelling until the early 20th century was Thessalonica. By about 1985, the most common single name became Thessaloniki.



**Population**: 1,006,112 (metro), 802,572 (urban)



**Time Zone:** UTC +3 (EEST - Eastern European Summer time)



**Country Code: +30** 

### Basic information about the meeting



Venue: Ok Thess



Address: Komotinis 2, 54655



Location in google maps



Floor: 1st Floor



Transportation: The venue is accessible from the city center by the

following Bus Lines: 3K, 5, 05A and 6

Bus stop: Baphopouleio

Alternative: Please take the metro (direction Nea Elvetia), get off at

Voulgari stop and walk.

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### Accommodation



### Hotels

1. <u>Hotel ABC</u> is literally in the heart of the city center, next to Kamara, and it takes between 11' and 13' to reach our office on foot.



Google maps site <u>here</u>

2. 'Egnatia Palace' is very close to our offices. It is about 6 minutes from the hotel to our office.



Google maps site **here** 

3. '<u>City hotel</u>' is near to Aristotelous square around 6-7 minutes from Stimmuli's office.



Google maps site **here** 

4. 1. Other options:

<u>Colors Urban Hotel</u>, <u>The Caravan</u>, <u>Blue Bottle Hotel</u>, <u>The Bristol hotel</u>, <u>Mediterranean Palace</u>, <u>Astoria Hotel</u>



### **Airbnbs**

You can explore <u>here</u> flats or apartments in Thessaloniki through the official site of airbnb platform.

### Cuisine-Restaurants- Cafés

### For breakfast

**Donkey Garden**: 3 Scra

Str.

Spoon: 38 Pavlou Mela

str.

### For brunch

**Ergon Agora**: 42 Pavlou

Mela Str.

**Estrella World Street food: 48** 

Pavlou Mela Str.

**Canteen**: 7 Dimitriou Gounari

Str.

### For lunch

**Vegan option** 

Roots Vegan & Vegetarian Place: 4-6 Balanou

### **Meat options**

<u>Mamalouka</u>: Ionos Dragoumi 3

Cin Cin: Iktinou 22

**Brothers in Law:** Pavlou Mela 30

### **Fish options**

Mourga: Athanasiou

Xristopoulou 12

**Σουρτουκω**: Lykourgou 3

Loupino restaurant: Katouni 4

### Cuisine-Restaurants- Cafés

### Coffee- take away & stay in:

Valenio: Iktinou 6, 546 22, Thessaloniki

Kanel: Geor. Stavrou 9, 546 23, Thessaloniki

Join the juice: Palaion Patron Germanou 10, 546 22, Thessaloniki

Le jardin: Palaion Patron Germanou 8, 54622, Thessaloniki

Pantheon: Proksenou Koromilia 8, 546 23, Thessaloniki



### Ladadika neighborhood

Ladadika is the name of a historic district and a landmark area of the city of Thessaloniki with a plethora of restaurants. Click here to search for recommended restarurants!

### Cuisine-Restaurants- Cafés

### For a dinner or wine/ beer

**Kichen Bar:** to enjoy your food with a unique tasteful and sea view in town! You will find it in Warehouse B of the port of Thessaloniki, about 300 meters after the Museum of Photography which is housed in Warehouse A.

Chilai Wine Restaurant Bar: address: Ag. Mina 4, Thessaloniki

Wine bar: Cin Cin, address: Iktinou 22, Thessaloniki



Best restraurants in Old
Town 'Ano Poli' (or
Upper Town) in Kastra
area:
click here to have a look
on traditional places for
food!

### Transport from and to the airport

### **Bus transportation**



**Bus line:** 1X (for the day): It connects the airport with the centre of Thessaloniki, the new railway station and the Macedonia bus station

**1N (for the night):** It connects the airport with the centre of Thessaloniki, the new railway station and the Macedonia bus station

2X: Connects the airport to the Metro transfer station in Nea Elvetia



Frequency of routes: 1 bus/30 minutes

Route lasts: 30 minutes for town centre depend the traffic

### **Public transport tickets**



#### Where to get them:

Airport's ticket outlet (from 06:10 a.m. to 21:00 p.m)
Outlet of Aristotelous square (from 6:45 a.m. to 20:00 p.m.)
Outlet of Mitropoli – Corner of Mitropoleos Str. & Ag. Sofias Str. (from 6:35 to 20:25)

#### Cost:

- From and to Airport: 2 euros
- One-transport ticket (valid for 70'): 0,60 euros
- 10+1 ticket transport ticket: 5,80 euros
- Daily ticket (24 hours from its first validation): 2,50 euros

Bus stop for the venue from Airport:
Agia Sofia

Bus application:

Moovit or

OASTH

### Transport from and to the airport

### **Taxi transportation**



You can also take a taxi from Thessaloniki Airport to the city center. It is advised to only use official taxis (Blue ones)



Where to find them: you will easily find taxis outside the airport. To reach the Airport by taxi from the city center, you can either ask the hotel to order you a taxi (this has a small additional cost, depending on the taxi company), or find yourself easily a taxi in the following spots in the city center: Aristotle Square, White Tower, and Kamara.



Route lasts: 15-25 minutes depend the traffic



Cost: 18-20 euros (price increases to 25 euros from 00:00 to 05:00)

### **Taxi company**

Taxi way

MacedoniaTaxi (+30 2310 55 0500)

FREENOW app (Its like UBER)

### Metro station near Stimmuli's office

### **Metro station**



To reach Stimmuli's offices, you can use the new metro line. The offices are located 350 meters from the **Agias Sofias metro station**.





#### **Cost:**

- Basic ticket (valid for 70'): 0,60 euros
- 10+1 ticket transport ticket: 5,80 euros
- Daily ticket (24 hours from its first validation): 2,50 euros

#### Where to get them:

Ticket offices and automated ticket vending machines are available at all Metro stations. Initially, tickets can only be purchased and reloaded via the automated machines to ensure faster and more efficient service.

Metro information

**Thessmetro** 

<sup>\*</sup>the tickets are re-chargeable.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The vending machines only accept cash (up to 10 euros) and do not accept cards.



### Top attractions in Thessaloniki

#### Visit the area

- 1. "Ta Kastra" in Ano Poli (Upper city) to enjoy the amazing view.
- 2. Aristotelous Square (very close to our office- 5 minutes!)
- 3. <u>Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki</u>: It is one of the largest museums in Greece and the central museum of northern Greece. It is located near to White Tower.
- 4. Wonder around the city and observe the interesting ruins (The White Tower, Byzantine churches, The Rotonda, The Roman Forum, Bay Hamam).
- 5. Another way to explore the city is to take the "Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour" through which you are having a mini-bus trip covering the entire city center, with stunning views of the city's monuments along the way.
- 6. Usually, the hours that you can take this touristic bus is from 10:00 a.m. to 14:00 p.m. The price begins from 13 euro per person. If you think that you can take it the 2nd day after the closing of the meeting (in case we finish earlier), you can take a look <a href="here">here</a> for more info.



In case you have some extra days don't miss out visiting Halkidiki.

### List of useful telephone - emergency numbers

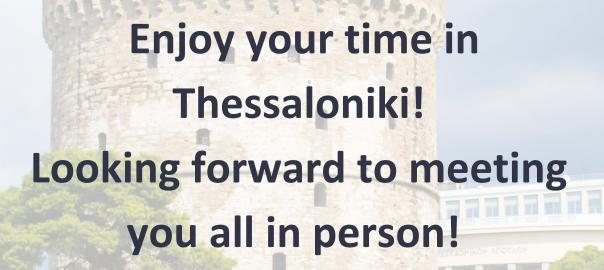
EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER		FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Telephone: _	112	Telephone:	199
THESSALONIK	MACEDONIA AIRPORT	POLICE DEPA	ARTMENT
Telephone:	(+30) 2310985000	Telephone:	100
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY		TOURIST POLICE:	
Telephone:	166	Telephone:	+30 2310554874
•		THESSALONIKI AREA CODE	
Telephone:	18300, 18180, 18288	Telephone:	+30 2310
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### Currency Exchange

**Euro** is the currency used in Greece. You can easily exchange your foreign currency in the airport, but it is advisable, as the exchange rate is not the best, to exchange money in the city center of Thessaloniki.

Here are some currency exchange stations (close to Stimmuli's offices):

- MONEY STATION EXCHANGE, address: Tsimiski Ioanni Street & 1 Iktinou Street, 54622 Thessaloniki
- <u>Ixchange</u>, address: 115 Egnatia str & Iasonidou, Kamara, 54635 Thessaloniki
- ONEXCHANGE S.A., address: Platia Aristotelous 9, 54624, Thessaloniki



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