

Practical information

Journalist Thematic Network Meeting

European Commission – Representation in Greece

2 Vas. Sofias Avenue, Athens

Greece

Dates

Wednesday, 18 June 2014, 13:45-18:00

Thursday, 19 June 2014, 09:30-15:30

Meeting Venue

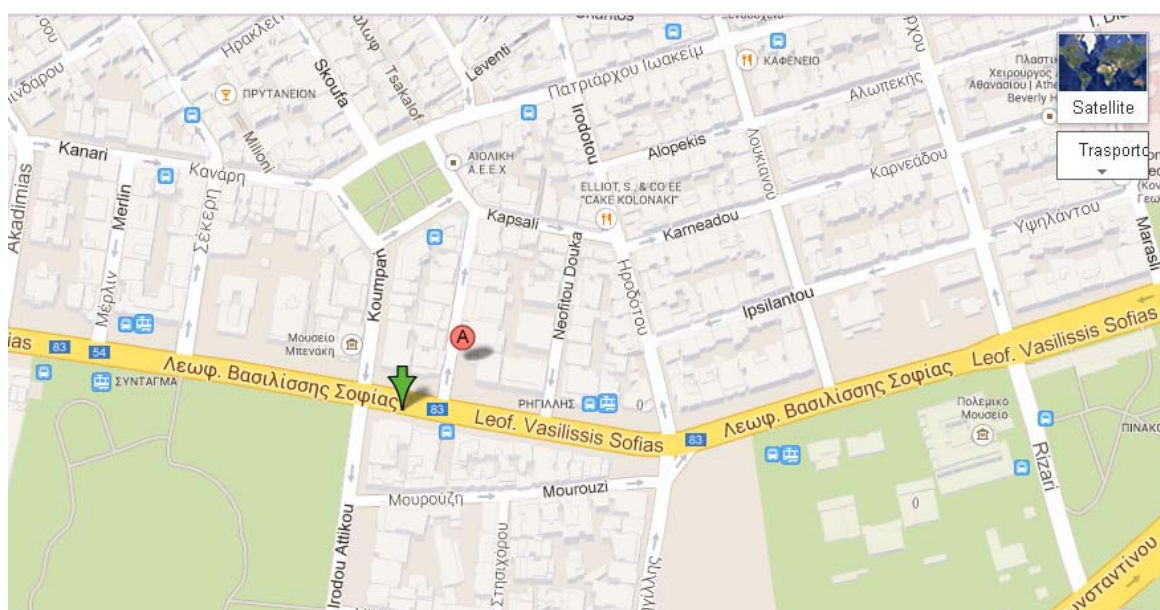
European Commission

Representation in Greece

2 Vas. Sofias Avenue

10674 Athens - Greece

For easy reference please check Meeting Venue's location as point **A** on the map



Accommodation



Radisson Blu Park Hotel

10, Alexandras Avenue - Athens, Greece
Ph. Tel: +30 210 8894 500 - Fax: +30 210 8238 420
Email: info.athens@radissonblu.com
<http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-athens>

Your accommodation is booked at Radisson Blu Park Hotel Athens.

Costs will be covered for a maximum of 2 nights considering the EIGE rules for travel accommodation. Hotel bookings for extra night(s) will be guaranteed and booked only in cases where no other appropriate travel arrangement can be made.

Please note that accommodation and breakfast will be paid for by the EIGE. Charges for mini bar or room services will not be reimbursed.

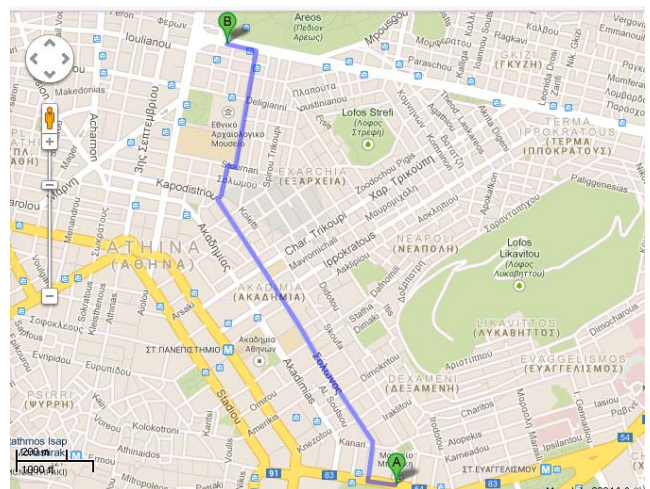
Please also note that **the hotel may require your credit card number when you check-in** as a guarantee that the costs of all extra services (not covered by EIGE) will be paid. It will not be charged unless you order any extra services, which you don't pay in cash, upon your departure.

HOTEL LOCATION

This hotel's setting in Athens near the city centre allows for easy access to attractions like the Acropolis, the National Archaeological Museum and the ancient agora ruins. The adjacent park is one of Greece's largest and welcomes joggers and walkers to traverse its many trails and paths. The Victoria metro station is just 300 metres from the hotel and can connect you to the entire city.

The meeting venue (European Commission Representation in Greece) is about 2 Km far from the hotel but it is easily accessible by public transport.

Transfer service from the Radisson Blu Park Hotel to the Meeting Venue in the morning and back at the end of the meeting will be organised. You will receive more information at a later stage.





HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT

By private transfer

The fastest way is to book a private transfer in advance through our Event Organiser ACX. This service must be booked in advance.

By taxi:

When exiting Athens Airport you will find taxis waiting between Exit 2 and Exit 3 at the arrival level. You should get in the queue and when your turn comes, the policeman in charge for the queue will signal you to get into the next available taxi.

The fare from Athens airport to Athens centre is fixed:

- Day time (05:00-24:00) € 35,00
- Night time (24:00-05:00) € 50,00

Please ask prices in advance. Always ask for a receipt at the end of the trip.

By train

Take **Line 3** Airport-Douk (Plakentias-Monastiraki) to Monastiraki station and then change to **Line 1**-ISAP (Piraeus-Kifissia) toward Kifissia.

Stop at Victoria station, which is only 300 metres from the hotel.

CATERING

LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

Will be served at the meeting Premises.

DINNER

On Wednesday 18 June 2014 evening at 19:00 p.m., participants are invited to a Dinner hosted by EIGE

You will receive more information about dinner location at a later stage.

Any special dietary requirements (Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten-free options) will be taken into account.



Social Programme on Thursday, 19 June 2014

15:30 – 17:30 Guided tour of Athens (on foot)

On Thursday afternoon at 15:30 p.m., participants are invited to walking Athens city tour. Guides will wait you in front of the European Commission's offices at 15:15 p.m.. Please choose comfortable foot wear.

Athens is the historical capital of Europe, with a long history, dating from the first settlement in the Neolithic age. Over the years, a multitude of conquerors occupied Athens, and erected unique, splendid monuments- a rare historical palimpsest. In 1834, it became the capital of the modern Greek state and in two centuries since it has become an attractive modern metropolis with unrivalled charm.

A large part of the town's historic centre has been converted into a 3-kilometre pedestrian zone (the largest in Europe), leading to the major archaeological sites ("archaeological park"), reconstructing – to a large degree – the ancient landscape.

Wireless connection in the hotel and venue

Participants will have free access to wireless internet at the hotel. Wireless internet will also be available at the venue free of charge.

Working Language

The working language for the meeting is English. No interpretation will be provided in any other language.

Contact Details

For any information on the logistical aspects of the meeting please contact the Event Secretariat via:

e-mail: info.eige@acx-euprojects.net

Lidia Niccolai, Ph.: +(39)06.99804307

Veronica Ambrosini, Ph.: +(39)0541 305836 and

Mobile telephone for on-site assistance: +(39)335.7188545



Useful Information

Emergency number: 100, 112

Dial this number from any phone anywhere in Greece. Calls to this number are free of charge at any time of the day, from any service provider, via a mobile or a fixed line. Dial this number to reach emergency services or to report health hazards, life-threatening conditions, criminal offences, and safety or environmental hazards.

Local Time

Athens time is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, and one hour ahead of Central European Time.

For example, when it is 12:00 noon in Athens it is 10:00 a.m. in London and 11:00 a.m. in Brussels.

Currency

The national currency of Greece since January 1, 2001, is the euro

Weather

Athens has a mild climate, with sunshine more than 260 days a year.

The average monthly temperature in June is 25.2 °C

For more information on Athens:

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/>

<http://www.thisisathens.org/>

AREA MAP WITH THE RELEVANT LOCATIONS

1. Radisson Blu Park Hotel - 10, Alexandras Avenue - Athens, Greece
2. Alexandra Restaurant - 8a Argentinis Dimokratias & 21 Zonara Str. (corner) – Neapolis, Panathinea Park - Alexandras Avenue
3. European Commission Representation in Greece - 2 Vas. Sofias Avenue

