



**28 Sep - 2 Oct 2022**  
Thessaloniki Concert Hall  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
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Dear participants,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee of the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual ESDAR Conference 2022**, we are pleased to hereby welcome you to Thessaloniki, Greece.

Below you can find some practical information that will facilitate your stay!

### **ABOUT THE CONGRESS VENUE**

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**Dates:** 28 Sep – 2 Oct 2022

**Venue:** Thessaloniki Concert Hall

**Address:** Martiou 25 & Paralia, 54646, Thessaloniki, Greece

**T:** +30 2310 895 800, **W:** <http://www.tch.gr/>

### **Programme at a glance**

**28 Sep 2022** ECAR Pre-conference event

**29 Sep 2022** Meeting of the ESDAR Board | Registrations | Welcome Reception

**30 Sep 2022** Opening & Congress Proceedings

**1 Oct 2022** Congress Proceedings, Awards & Closing Session

**2 Oct 2022** Optional Excursion

### **Secretariat and Information Desk during the Conference**

Thursday, 29 Sep 2022 **17:00 – 20:00** Thessaloniki Concert Hall

Friday, 30 Sep 2022 **08:00 – 17:00** Thessaloniki Concert Hall

Saturday, 01 Oct 2022 **08:00 – 18:00** Thessaloniki Concert Hall

### **CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND PRESENTATION**

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Will be sent by e-mail to all delegates and presenters right after the Conference.

### **ARRIVING AT THESSALONIKI**

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- **By plane:** Thessaloniki Airport (Thessaloniki International Airport “Makedonia” - SKG) is located 12 km from Thessaloniki Concert Hall.  
**Bus no. 1X** (or 1N if you arrive after midnight) will take you to the city centre or drop you off at the Conference venue.  
The Thessaloniki Concert Hall is at 100 meters distance from the **bus stop “25th Martiou”**.
- **Taxi** A very affordable option in Thessaloniki. The tariff from the airport to the city center ranges between 25,00 and 35,00 Euro (after midnight).  
**! Avoid queuing for a taxi and book your airport transfers in advance via your Registration Form**
- **By car:** the city’s strategic location on Egnatia Highway -connecting East to the West- neighboring four countries, makes the city easily accessible to travelers from almost every corner of the world.

### **HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE**

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**Arriving by bus:** All information on bus lines and stops available here: [http:// www.oasth.gr](http://www.oasth.gr)

The Thessaloniki Concert Hall is in 100 meters distance from the bus stop “25th Martiou” where buses nos. 1X / 3K / 5 / 6 pass and in 200 meters distance from the bus stop “25th Martiou” where bus no. 30 passes. You can pick those busses from several stops in the city centre on Mitropoleos street.

**City bus service:**

Operating Hours:

From 05:00 till 00:15 (depending on route) | 24 hours a day from and to the airport



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#### Ticket Cost:

0,80 Euro (0,45 Euro – Reduced) - Basic one-way ticket, excluding lines (50) CULTURAL LINE and KTEL - AIRPORT (01X, 01N)

1,80 Euro (0,90 – Reduced) – Cultural Line (50) and Macedonia Airport Ticket (01X,01N), are only valid for one (1) journey, which are exclusively on these lines. These tickets are sold by the ticket offices of O.A.S.TH., the attendants of the Cultural Line (50) or issued by the ticketing machines inside the buses.

**Taxi Service: Taxi service in Thessaloniki is plentiful and economic.** Taxi companies operate 24-hour call centers, ready to receive your order or make an advance booking for you. Most taxis currently use satellite navigator systems that facilitate a fast and easy transfer to any destination in the city. Luxury – VIP taxis are also available. As a rough guide a taxi within the city will cost approximately 5 Euros. A double fare is applicable between midnight and 05:00 am.

**Below you will find a map of the city where you can see the locations and routes from your hotel to the venue:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1fwb7a7R83gshua-35uXLCcq9TxWvFKI&ll=40.61880595960073%2C22.94672805000001&z=13>

#### **MOVING AROUND IN THESSALONIKI**

Thessaloniki hosts an impressive variety of museums, cultural organizations, archaeological sites and monuments. Is also, by far the liveliest city in Northern Greece. Most of the bars are situated at the old seafront (Nikis Avenue) and in the close area. Many of the taverns are either downtown or in the old city (kastra). You can also find a lot of nightclubs, bars and restaurants in Ladadika, the neighborhood with the old warehouses next to the port.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS & EXCURSIONS**

##### **Social Events**

**Welcome Reception, Thursday, 29 September 2022**

Time: 20:00-22:00

Venue: Congress venue

\* Price: Attendance is free of charge for all fully registered conference delegates, accompanying persons, exhibitors and sponsors.

Please indicate your participation during the online registration process.

**Gala Dinner, Friday 30 September 2022**

Time: 19:00-22:00

Venue: The Museum of Byzantine Culture

\*Price: Invitations for the Gala Dinner are available for delegates at 70€ p.p. and are included in Accompanying Persons' registration fee.

Please indicate your participation during the online registration process.

##### **Excursions**

**Thursday 29/09, Thessaloniki city tour | Duration: 10:00 – 14:00**

Departure at 10:00 from the **White Tower**

**Check the departure location on the map:**

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Rate: 35,00€ p.p. includes museum entrances



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**Friday 30/09 Domaine Gerovassileiou** | Duration: 10:00 – 16:00  
Rate: 45,00€ p.p. includes wine tasting and lunch

**Saturday 01/10 Vergina Museum – Veria** | Duration: 10:00 – 16:00  
Rate: 65,00€ p.p. includes museum entrances and lunch

**Sunday 02/10 Mount Olympus – Archaeological site of Dion** | Duration: 09:00 – 17:00  
Departure at 09:00 from the **Aristotelous Square**

**Check the departure location on the map:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1fwb7a7R83gshua-35uXLCcq9TxWvFKI&ll=40.61880595960073%2C22.94672805000001&z=13>

Rate: 75,00€ p.p. includes lunch

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Language:** Greek is the official language, but English is widely spoken as well as German and French. The official language of the Conference is English.

**Internet Facilities:** WI-FI connection is provided at the Meeting premises.

**Banks** are open Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 14:00. All banks are closed on weekends and on public holidays. There are banks, ATMs and exchange offices throughout the city.

**Weather in September & Clothing Recommendations:** The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Thessaloniki in September is 15°C (59°F). It rains on average a total of 3 days. You can expect very pleasant temperatures during the day. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 27°C (80.06°F). So, what to wear in September? Visitors traveling to Thessaloniki should plan on bringing light clothes, short sleeves and a jacket. Plan on layering your clothes. Some days or part of the day it will be nice and warm and some moments it can be a bit chilly.

**Day duration:** In September the sun rises at 07:23 and sets at 19:12.

**Shopping:** The city centre is one of the most popular shopping areas in Thessaloniki. Shopping malls and department stores are available both in the city centre as well as in other city districts. Some of the best-known shopping malls can be found in Thessaloniki Airport Area and are easily accessible by ring road (public transportation and taxis).

The commercial market of Thessaloniki (shops, boutiques, etc) operates as follows:

Monday / Wednesday / Saturday: 09:00 - 15:00

Tuesday / Thursday / Friday: 09:00 - 14:30 and 17:30 - 21:00

Shopping Malls and big department stores operate as follows:

Monday - Friday: 09:00 - 21:00

Saturday: 09:00 - 18:00 or 20:00

**People and life:** Thessaloniki is a popular destination. You will certainly enjoy a pleasant and interesting stay in the city. People are friendly and happy to help with any question. The atmosphere is unique during the day in the commercial and shopping centre, but especially during the evening, in the wide variety of bars, restaurants and theatres for entertainment. Thessaloniki is renowned for its unique location, along the Thermaikos Gulf, its sunsets, its long history, its monuments, and museums as well as its distinguished cuisine.

**Other useful links:**

<https://thessaloniki.travel/>



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<https://www.visitgreece.gr/mainland/macedonia/thessaloniki/>  
[www.meteo.gr](http://www.meteo.gr)

**Service charge and gratuities:** It's extremely rare to have a service charge added but do check before paying regardless. Sometimes restaurants in Greece will include a service fee (about 16%). A small tip is 50 cents to a euro. A better, more substantial tip is a 2-euro coin. Anything above that is considered a big tip.

**Power supply:** In Greece the power plugs and sockets are of type C which also works with plug E and plug F and F which also works with plug C and plug E. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

## USEFUL INTERNET SITES

ESDAR Conference Website <https://esdar2022.org/>  
Professional Congress Organizer <http://www.artion.com.gr>

## EMERGENCY PHONES

**112:** Emergency phone  
**199:** Fire service  
**166:** Ambulance  
**100:** Police

## COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION

From 15 March 2022 onwards, travelers visiting Greece are no longer required to fill out the Passenger Locator Form (PLF). Additionally, as of Sunday 01.05.2022 and for as long as the epidemiological data allow so, all travelers arriving in Greece, regardless of their country of origin, are no longer required to display a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or evidence of a negative test result from SARS-CoV-2 infection (PCR or Rapid Antigen test).

## INFORMATION – CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

For any further information please contact:

**2022 ESDAR Conference Secretariat**

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We hope that you will have a pleasant stay in Thessaloniki and an interesting and fruitful Congress.

We remain at your disposal,

The **ARTION** team

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