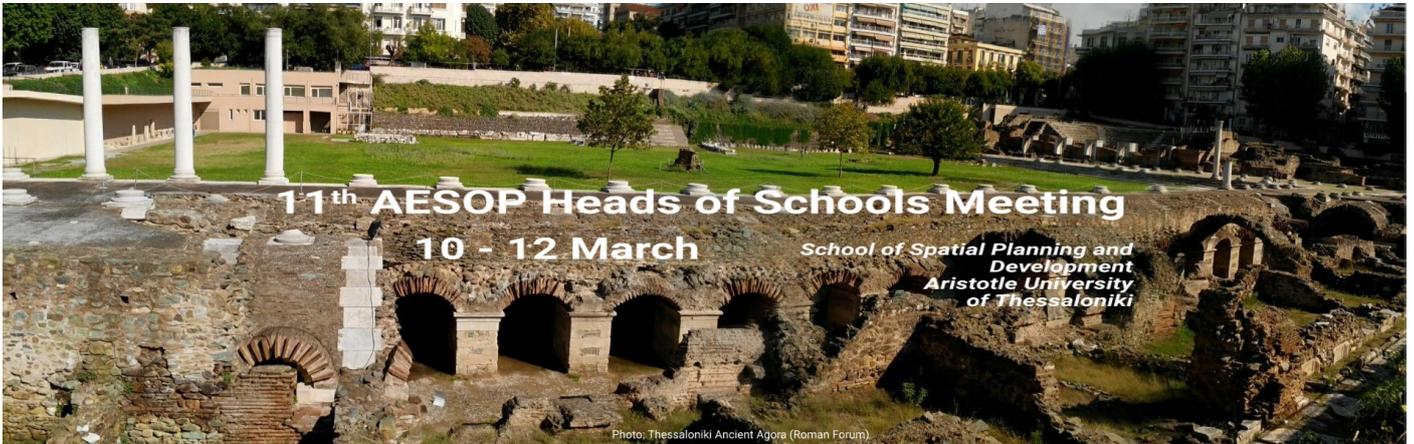




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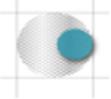


Back to agora:

European values and planning education



About the event


**SCHOOL OF
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**ARISTOTLE
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THESSALONIKI**

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SCHEDULE

Thursday 10 March 2016

AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting

(only for member of the Council of Representatives)

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Registration for CoRep Meeting** (coffee)
- 09:30 – 13:30 **AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting** (coffee break)
- 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 – 18:00 **AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting** (coffee break)
- 18:00 – 19:30 **InPlanning Meeting**
- 20:30- **11th Heads of Schools Meeting WELCOME RECEPTION in Thessaloniki Townhall**

Friday 11 March 2016

AESOP Heads of Schools Meeting

(delegates from member schools: heads of the schools / any key persons designated by the schools)

- 09:30 – 10:00 **Registration for Heads of Schools Meeting** (coffee)
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome addresses by President of AESOP, Rector of AUTH / Dean of Faculty Eng / President TMXA**
- 10:30 – 12:15 **Plenary Debate: Introductory speeches followed by discussion**
Speakers: Grigoris Kafkalas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and **Angelique Chettiparamb** (University of Reading)
- 12:15 – 12:30 **Assignment of Workshops**
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Presentation "2017 AESOP Congress in Lisbon"**
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 17:00 **Parallel Workshops**
- 17:00 – 17:45 **Plenary Debate**
- 17:45 – 18:00 **Photo Presentation "Times of crisis: How would planning respond?" by Prof. Pantelis Skayannis** (University of Thessaly)
- 21:00 **Dinner** (city centre)

Saturday 12 March 2016

Study Tour Thessaloniki port / new waterfront

(a. Thessaloniki Port – redevelopment area: introduction by Prof. Emeritus Vilma Hastaoglou,
b. Thessaloniki New Waterfront-walking along the redevelopment zone: guided tour by the architect of the awarded project P. Nikiforides and Katerina Danadiadou, Architect-Urban Planner at the Municipality of Thessaloniki)

- 10:00 – 11:15 **Meeting at Thessaloniki Port -Walk along the old waterfront**
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee-Break on the road**
- 11:45 – 13.00 **Walk along the new waterfront**



Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: **Workshop 2:** Workshop 3:

Revisiting European Standards for Planning Education

Revisiting European Standards for Planning Education

Chairs: Maros Finka (Slovak University of Technology) & **Daniel Galland** (Aalborg University)

AESOP had always adopted, as one of its missions, the aim to promote excellence in planning education, and carried out studies to define a set of common principles suitable for a high quality planning education all over Europe. A new initiative, which also aimed at strengthening the position of the planning discipline while protecting both the European identity and the diversity and plurality of our planning schools, was launched recently, named "AESOP Quality Recognition for the European Dimension in Planning Programmes". This workshop provides a platform for discussion about, and contribution to, the further development of this initiative, which is designed as a service to our member schools and intended as a process based on cooperation, not competition, between the schools.

Workshop 1: **Workshop 2:** Workshop 3:

The supporting role of EU for planning education

The supporting role of EU for planning education

Chairs: Anna Geppert (University Paris IV Sorbonne) & **EU Official**

The EU urban agenda announced in June 2015 clearly shows the increasing emphasis that EU is placing on the urban dimension in policy design, with a view to addressing issues of climate-resilient cities, social inclusion, low carbon cities, smart cities, etc. In addition, initiatives, such as the Urban Innovative Actions and European Partnership on Smart Cities, as well as the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy as part of the COP21 process all help to highlight the role of cities in attaining targets of global importance. This increasing emphasis on cities and the urban dimension in policymaking can also support planning education and strengthen the place of planning schools within their universities and countries. The workshop explores how planning schools and AESOP as their European association can collaborate with EU, with a view to maximise the synergies between EU initiatives and the planning education agenda.

Workshop 1: Workshop 2: **Workshop 3:**

Ethics and values in planning and education

Chairs: Pantelis Skayannis (University of Thessaly) & **Paulo Silva** (University of Aveiro)

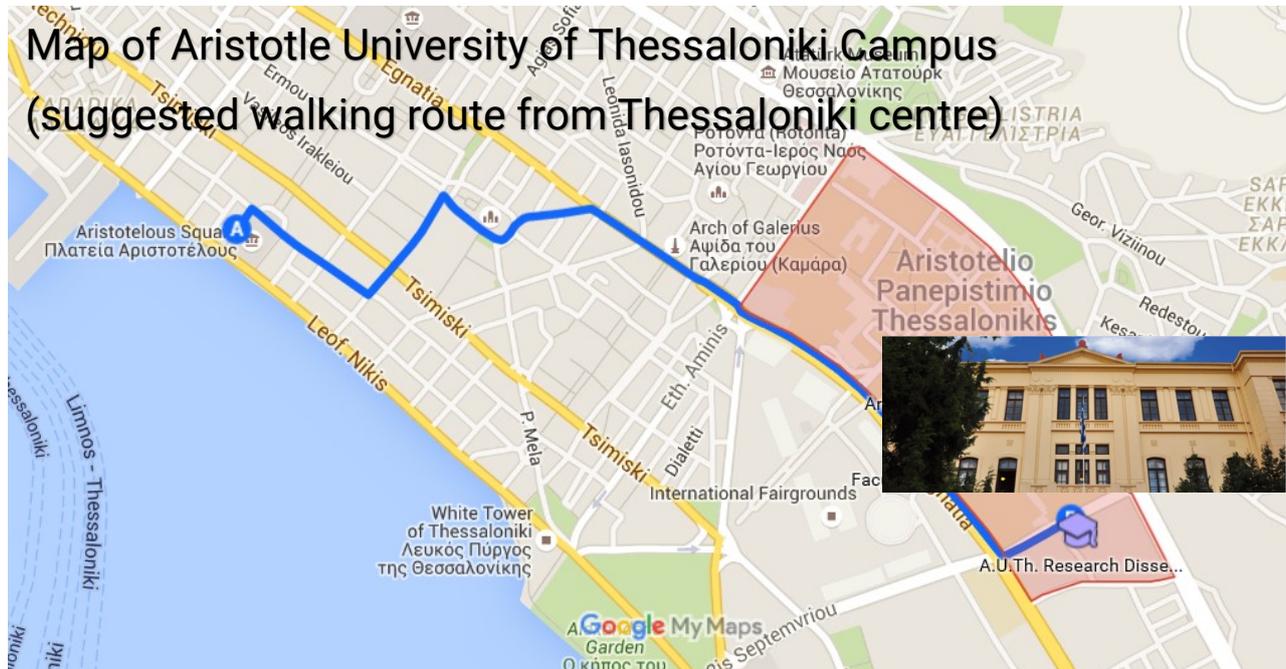
Recent developments, in terms of both the economic crisis and the security of certain regions resulting in a refugee crisis, have put immense strain on urban areas and their planners. Inevitably, these developments have highlighted issues of ethics and values in planning, with repercussions on planning education as well. This workshop discusses challenges, such as the impact of economic crisis on universities' human capital, pressures on academic staff, perceptions regarding the mission of academic staff in terms of research versus education, as well as its impact on the content of planning education. The latter is also likely to be impacted by the refugee crisis, which even further highlights the issues of ethics and values in planning and education. While cities and their planners try to address these problems, there is growing literature on the frustration of graduates and young planners as they find it increasingly difficult to implement idealistic planning approaches that they have learned in their university education. This also highlights the need to focus on how to motivate students as young planners in planning education, which needs a strong focus on ethics and values as a component of teaching.



THE HOST INSTITUTE

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

[Aristotle University of Thessaloniki](#) (AUTH) is one of the oldest and largest Universities in Greece and covers a wide range of humanities and applied sciences. Its 33.4 hectares campus is located in the middle of Thessaloniki's central area. AUTH consists of 10 faculties and a total of 41 schools. More than 65,000 undergraduate and 8,500 postgraduate students (3,952 at Doctoral level) are enrolled at the University, and approximately 2,300 faculty members and other teaching and research staff.



School of Spatial Planning and Development - Faculty of Engineering

The School of Spatial Planning and Development is the newest addition to the Faculty of Engineering and was established in 2004.

The School of Spatial Planning and Development is one of the two schools of Spatial Planning in Greece which provide an undergraduate degree (diploma) in planning (along with the Department of Planning and Regional Development – University of Thessaly) and has been a full member of AESOP since its establishment.

The School's mission is to provide knowledge in various fields and topics that relate to planning, development and management of cities and regions, and more specifically:

- Regional planning and regional development: national and regional spatial development plans, transport and other infrastructure plans, local development programs, evaluation of investment plans, environmental management and sustainable development.
- Urban planning and urban development: master plans, general urban plans, urban planning and urban design projects, integrated urban development and renewal plans, plans for the location of economic activities, environmental management of spatial organization.

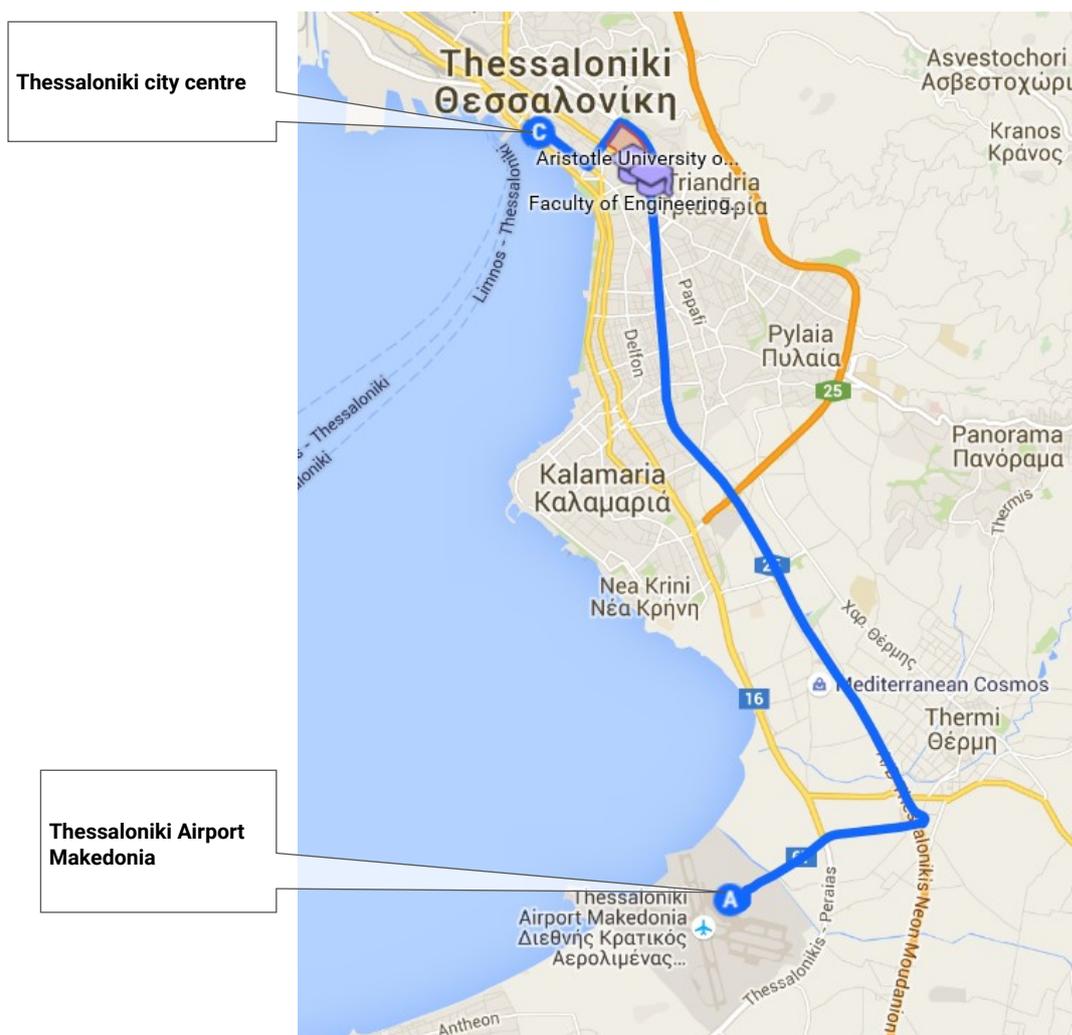
The School awards a Diploma of "Spatial Planner and Development Engineer" after the successful completion of a 5-year curriculum. The number of incoming students per year was approximately 75 in the past, with a remarkable increase to an average of 130 students per year over the last two academic years. Recently the School started a doctoral (PhD) program that counts 18 doctoral students and in the near future it plans to start its first Postgraduate Programme as well as to participate officially in one of the interdepartmental Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty of Engineering. The School's faculty members also support other undergraduate and postgraduate programmes held in the Faculty of Engineering.



HOW TO GET TO THESSALONIKI AND THE CITY CENTRE

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece and is located in the north of the country. One can travel to Thessaloniki by plane, train and car. The city is connected by many major airlines to almost all main European cities. Thessaloniki International Airport “Makedonia” is located approximately 15 km south of the city centre. There are three ways to reach the city centre from the airport:

- By BUS: The airport is served by line 78. Bus departs every 30 minutes. The bus stop is just outside the arrival terminal. Bus tickets cost 2€ and can be bought inside the bus. Trip duration to city centre (Aristotelous square): approx. 50 min. Detail schedule is available at <http://oasth.gr/#en/masterinfo/list/12/73/>.
- By TAXI: Taxi fare from airport to the city centre (Aristotelous Square) costs approximately 18-20 €, depending on traffic conditions (taxi-fare after midnight is higher). Taxis can be found just outside arrival terminal.
- By CAR: There are several car rental companies operating at the airport terminal. Information available at <http://www.thessalonikiairport.com/carhire/>.





THE VENUE OF THE EVENT

ExCo Meeting will be held at the Seminar Room of the School of Spatial Planning and Development, Main Building (2nd floor), Faculty of Engineering (University Campus).

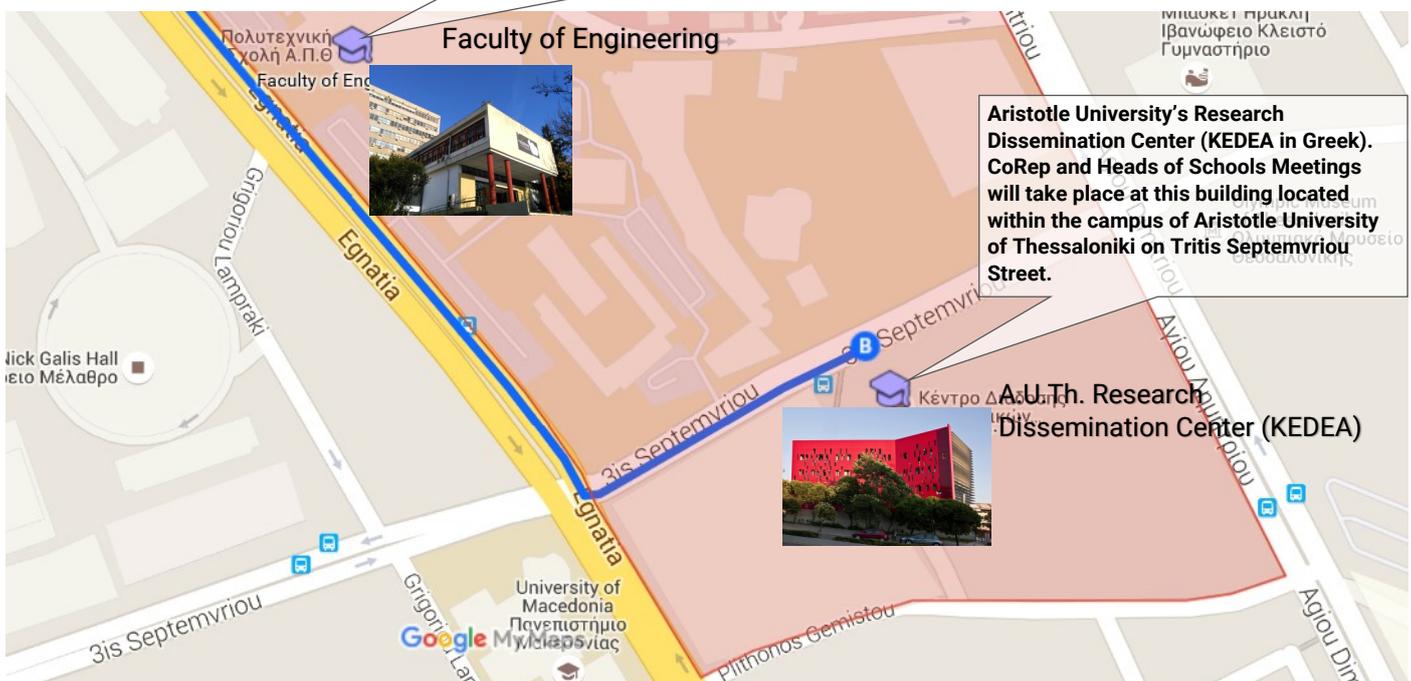
CoRep and Heads of Schools Meeting will take place at the Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA in Greek). KEDEA is located within the campus of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, on Tritis Septemvriou Street, between the Student Club and the University Gymnasium and is easily recognized by its red colour. Plenaries will be held at Conference Hall I, whereas the three workshops will be held in Conference Hall I, Conference Hall II and the Foyer.

KEDEA building can be easily reached from the city centre:

By BUS: Most buses from Egnatia Street towards eastern side of the city pass through the University campus. Nearest stops a) "University of Macedonia/Panepistimio Makedonias", Bus lines: 2, 14 and 58, b) "Agia Fotini", Bus lines: 10, 31, 27, c) "Fititiki Leschi", Bus lines: 17, 24 and 37 More information available at: <http://oasth.gr/>

Walking: Thessaloniki is a very compact city and a lot of fun to walk, especially if the weather is suitable. The distance from city centre (Aristotelous Square) to Tritis Septemvriou Street is approximately 2 km (or 25' of walking).

Location (Main Building) of the Faculty of Engineering A.U.Th. / School of Spatial Planning and Development.
ExCo Meeting will be held at this Main Building (2nd floor, Seminar Room of the School of Spatial Planning and Development).





RECEPTION AND DINNER

Reception

The reception will be held on Thursday 10/3, 8.30 p.m., at Thessaloniki City Hall (“Manolis Anagnostakis” Room, V. Georgiou A’ Av. 1).

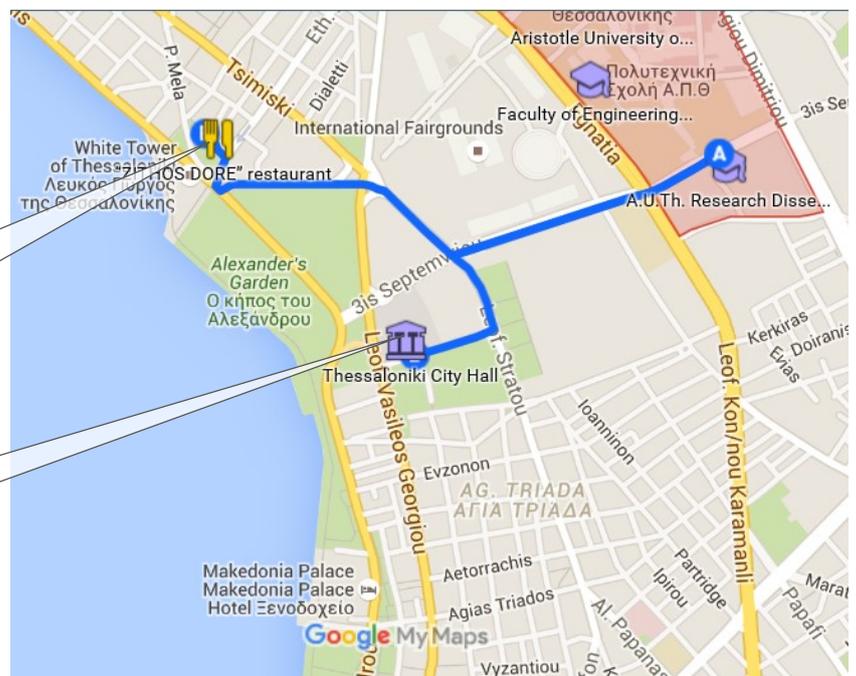


Dinner

The dinner will be held on Friday 11/3, 9.00 p.m., at “ZITHOS DORE” restaurant (Tsirogianni str. 7, White Tower, tel. +302310279010).

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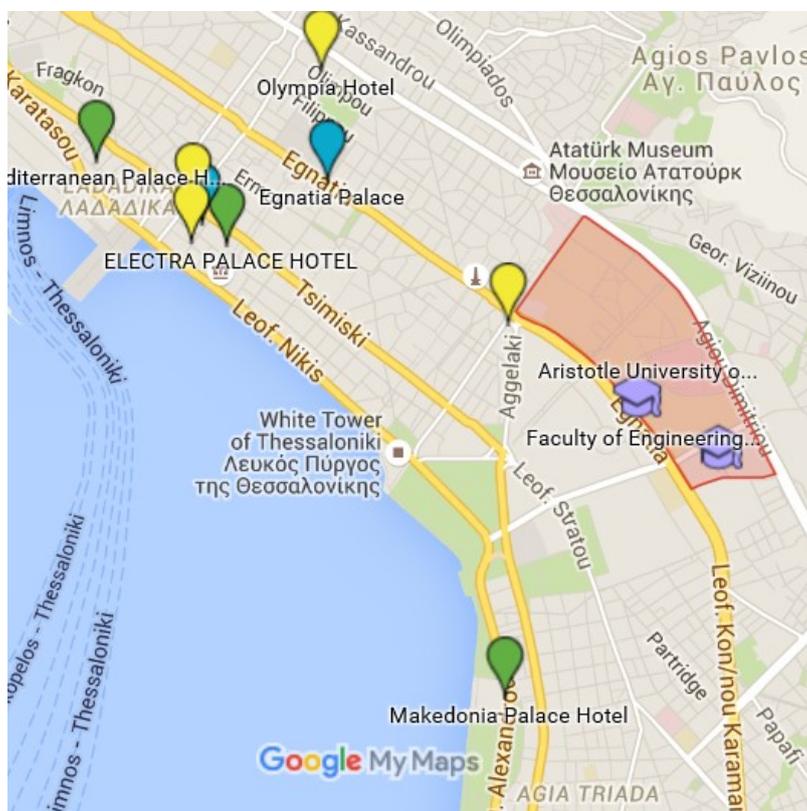




WHERE TO STAY – HOTEL INFORMATION

Thessaloniki offers a wide range of hotels at all standards most of which are located in the city centre. The hotels of the following list offer discount rates for the participants of the AESOP HoS Meeting. You are advised to book as soon as possible.

HOTEL	STAR RATING	ADDRESS	PRICE SINGLE / DOUBLE
Electra Palace Visit	☆☆☆☆☆	Aristotelous square 9	107 / 123 euro
Macedonia Palace Visit	☆☆☆☆☆	Meg. Alexandrou avenue 2	95 / 105 euro
Mediterranean Palace Visit	☆☆☆☆☆	Salaminos & Karatasou	95 / 105 euro
City Hotel Visit	☆☆☆☆	Komnion 11	75 / 85 euro
Egnatia Palace Visit	☆☆☆☆	Egnatia 61	65 / 75 euro
Hotel ABC Visit	☆☆☆	Aggelaki 41	49 / 60 euro
Le Palace Visit	☆☆☆	Tsimiski 12	58 / 65 euro
Luxemburg Visit	☆☆☆	Komnion 6	55 / 68 euro
Olympia Hotel Visit	☆☆☆	Olympou 65	54 / 67 euro





THE CITY

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece with more than 1 million people, representing nearly 1/10 of the country's population. The city's historical center is full of archaeological sites, Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches and monuments as well as other important monuments and listed buildings from modern periods. Thessaloniki is also surrounded by significant landscapes such as Mt. Olympus, Mt. Athos, the archaeological sites of Vergina, Pella and Dion, and the Halkidiki peninsula.

Information on city's history and monuments, as well as other useful information may be found in following sites:

<http://www.thessaloniki.gr/portal/page/portal/EnglishPage/Traveling-to-Thessaloniki>

http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/thessaloniki

In addition to the archeological sites and monuments very close to the venue you can find two of the most exquisite museums of Thessaloniki: The Archeological Museum of Thessaloniki (<http://www.amth.gr/en>, 2, Leoforos Stratou street) and the Museum of Byzantine Civilization (<http://www.mbp.gr/en>, 6 Manoli Andronikoy street), that is certainly worth a visit.



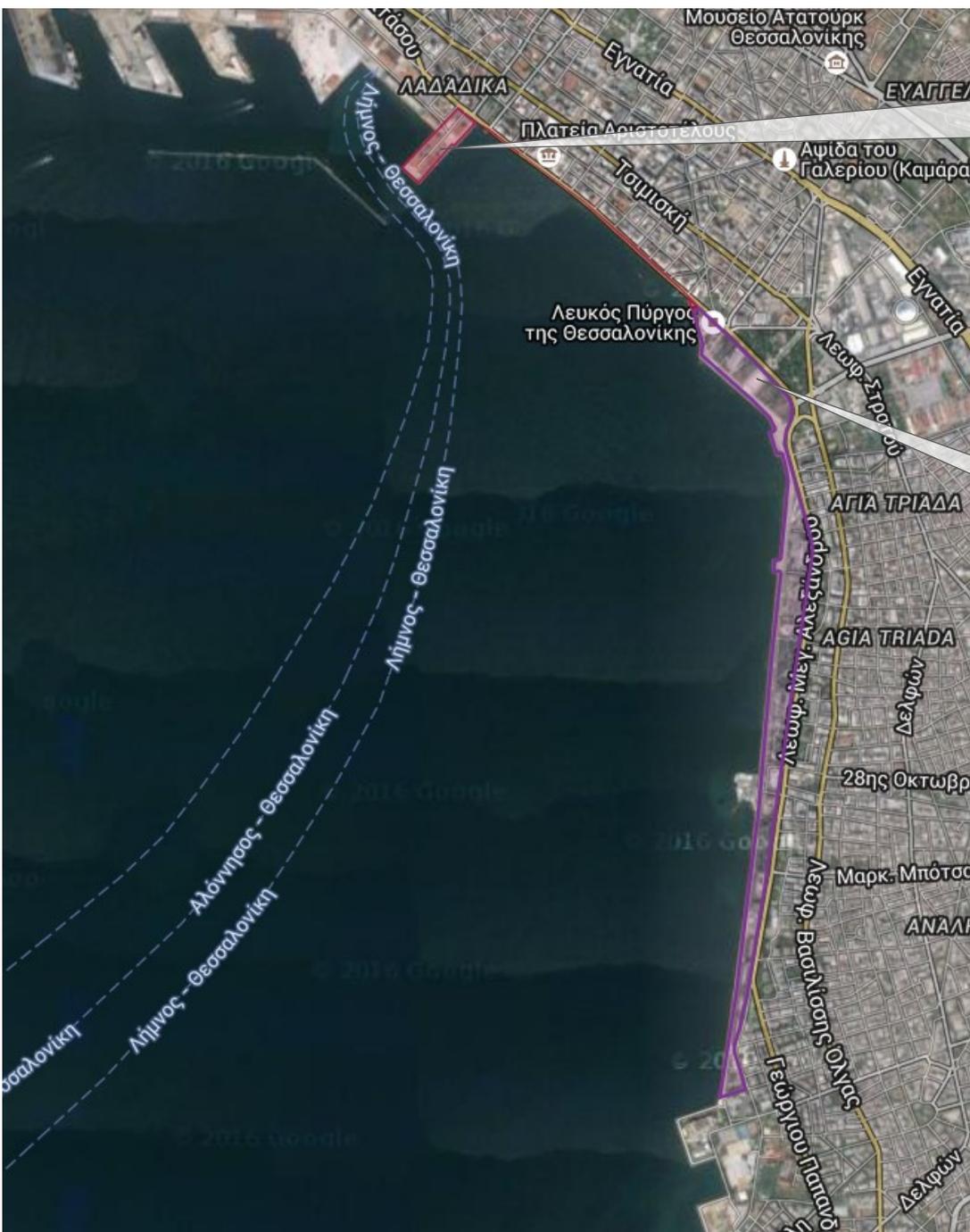
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STUDY TOUR

Throughout its entire history, Thessaloniki was a populous and multicultural port city of the Mediterranean, which has undergone major transformations in various historic periods. The city is characterized by a rich variety of historical heritage from all the different periods (Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and contemporary), the most notable of which is the city's historic centre. This historic centre is also characterized by its compactness and mixed residential and commercial character. During the last twenty years it has undergone various changes as a result of periodical declines and recoveries as well as of specific urban interventions and projects. Whatever the form these changes took, the historic centre remained the most vital area of the city and the most attractive one, not only for its visitors but also for the city's residents of all ages and groups.



Thessaloniki Old Harbor –
Renovated Area of Dock A' -
Old Waterfront

Thessaloniki New Waterfront



Thessaloniki Old Harbor – Renovated Area of Dock A'

Presentation by Prof. Emeritus Vilma Hastaoglou-Martinides

The integration of the old harbor (Dock A of the Port of Thessaloniki) into the city and city's life as a major cultural pole was one of the main objectives of the 1985 Master Plan of Thessaloniki. In the 1990s and on the occasion of the Thessaloniki 1997 Cultural Capital of Europe, a number of interventions were implemented regarding the renovation of the old and listed warehouses as well as their surrounding area which were prepared to host cultural events. Today, the regenerated part of the old harbor is perhaps the most popular culture and entertainment destination in the city. It hosts major events like the International Film Festival, exhibitions, conferences and many other events. Yet of particular importance remains the status of this area whose regeneration was publicly funded, since the whole port area including the regenerated Dock A is managed under the exclusive jurisdiction of Thessaloniki Port Authority.





Thessaloniki New Waterfront

Presentation by Prodromos Nikiforides, Architect of the awarded Redevelopment Project and Katerina Danadiadou, Architect-Urban Planner at the Municipality of Thessaloniki

In the beginning of the 2000s, the Municipality of Thessaloniki launched an International Architectural Competition for the renewal of the New Waterfront. The New Waterfront, with a total length of 3km, is a major important public place in the inner and dense zone of the city of Thessaloniki, which grows linearly with relatively limited depth and big length. The first prize was awarded to a team headed by the architects Nikiforidis P. and Cuomo B.. The construction of the renewal project started under the responsibility of the Municipality of Thessaloniki in 2006 and was completed in two parts, in 2008 and 2013 respectively. This renewal project is the biggest one held in Thessaloniki in the 2000s and has transformed not only the image of the waterfront but more importantly the relationships of the inhabitants with this part of the city, as it became one of the most favorite leisure areas of the city's residents. The sea background of the gulf of Thessaloniki, constitutes an amazing scenery whereas one of the main design ideas are the "green room-gardens". In contrast to the linear path, the inner side is formed by a succession of fifteen parks called "green room-gardens" that remind of the domestic gardens which existed in the area in the past (late 19th century) and used to reach the natural seashore, before the landfill of the coast.



Garden of Water

