



4th AI Community Workshop & AIDA Symposium 26-27 June 2024 Thessaloniki, Greece



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Venue Information

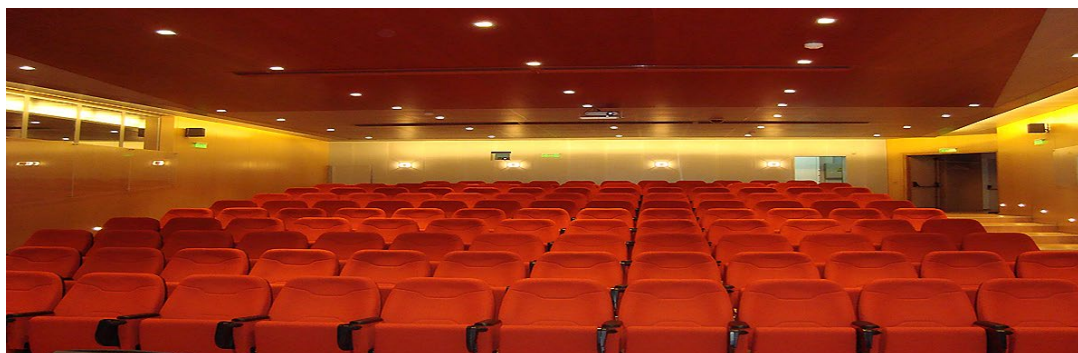


The workshop will take place at the **campus of the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH) in Thessaloniki, Greece**. CERTH is located at the 6th km of the Charilaou-Thermi Road in Thermi, Thessaloniki. It is about 10km from the centre of Thessaloniki and about 8 km from "Makedonia" International airport. You can reach CERTH by bus, car or taxi. It is recommended that you use a taxi for transportation between your hotel or airport and the meeting venue (check section "Transportation").

The venue location in Google maps can be found here: [CERTH in Google maps](#)

The venue address is:

CERTH ("EKETA" in Greek) 6th km Charilaou - Thermi Road 570 01 Thermi Thessaloniki	Εθνικό Κέντρο Έρευνας και Τεχνολογικής Ανάπτυξης (EKETA) Τεχνολογικό Πάρκο Θεσσαλονίκης 6ο χλμ οδού Χαριλάου- Θέρμης Θέρμη, Θεσσαλονίκη
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The meeting will take place at the Amphitheatre of the central administration building of CERTH. The parallel sessions will take place in the Library, Zefyros and Aiolos rooms, all located next to the Amphitheatre in the same building. As you enter the campus, the central administration building is on your right hand, at the end of the road (1 min walk from the gate). You can always ask the guard at the gate of the campus for instructions. Signs will also be put out.

[CERTH Website](#)

How to reach the venue / Transportation

You can reach CERTH by bus, car or taxi. It is recommended that you use a taxi for transportation between your hotel or airport and the meeting venue.

By taxi

- from downtown to CERTH (about 10 km)
 - Duration: approx. 15-25 mins
 - Indicative transportation cost: 15-20 €
- from Airport "MAKEDONIA" to CERTH (about 8 km)
 - Duration: approx. 10-15 mins
 - Indicative transportation cost: 15-20 €
- from the Train Station to CERTH (about 13 km)
 - Duration: approx. 15-25 mins
 - Indicative transportation cost: 15-20 €

Thessaloniki radio-taxi

For radio-taxi you can call the following phone numbers. The list is indicative. If you are in CERTH, you can ask the guard at the campus entrance to call you a taxi.

TaxiWay	+30 2310 866866
Mercedes Taxi Club	+30 2310 525777
Macedonia	+30 2310 550500

You can also use a **taxi app** like FreeNow ([Google play](#), [Apple store](#))

TAXI fares Greece (2024)

- Meter starts at € 1.80
- Rate per km when using tariff 1 € 0.90
- Rate per km when using tariff 2 € 1.25
- Night tariff (24:00 - 05:00h) € 1.25
- Minimum fare (Thessaloniki & Athens) € 4.00
- Radio taxi - simple call € 2.00
- Radio taxi - appointment up to € 5.65
- From Thessaloniki airport to city centre (and vice versa) € 25.00 (€ 35.00 at 24:00 - 05:00h)
- From ports, railway stations and bus terminals € 1.07

- Luggage - charge per item over 10 kg € 0.40
- Waiting time per hour € 15

Taxi fares explanation

In case the taxi driver did not start his meter, ask him to do so.

Tariff 1 is the “day rate” used from 5.00 AM to 12.00 midnight.

Tariff 2 is the “night rate” valid from 12.00 midnight to 5.00 AM.

Tariff 1 is also used within the limits of the town or city where the taxi is registered and tariff 2 is used outside that zone. The tariff No 1 or 2 should be clearly visible on the meter.

By bus

- **From downtown**
 - Take **bus No.10 Charilaou**, to Nea Elvetia (last stop) and, then, transfer to **bus No.66 Charilaou-Thermi**. Get off at the CERTH bus stop called **Zoni Kenotomias** right in front of the campus. Total time: 40-50 mins depending on your location.
- **From Airport “Makedonia”**
 - Take **bus No.79B or 79 or 79A IKEA-Airport** from the airport and get off at the the **Anatolikos Stathmos IKEA** bus stop in front of the IKEA superstore. From there, take **bus No.36 or 36B or 36Z Voulgari- Zoni Kenotomias** and get off at **Egnatia Odos** bus station. From there walk to the bus station called **Zoni Kenotomias** right in front of CERTH's main entrance (1 minute walk). Total time: 40-50 mins.
- **From the train station (downtown)**
 - Take **bus No.10 Charilaou**, to Nea Elvetia (last stop) and, then, transfer to **bus No.66 Charilaou-Thermi**. Get off at the CERTH bus stop called **Zoni Kenotomias** right in front of the campus. Total time: 40-50 mins.

You can also use the **Optimal Route application** to find your way around the city using a bus: [OASTH best route](#).

Tickets can be acquired from in-bus ticket machines. Prepaid tickets are also available in OASTH stores as well as in 1,000 accredited stores throughout the city (e.g. kiosks selling newspapers, convenience stores, etc.). If you buy a prepaid ticket, you have to **validate it at the validation machines onboard** buses, immediately upon boarding. Also, be aware that the ticket vending machines do not give change. Always try to insert the exact amount of coins corresponding to the fare price.

Bus ticket costs (https://www.oasth.gr/en/tickets/fares/)		
Category	Regular	Discounted (young citizens up to 18 years old & senior citizens over 65 years old)
Standard ticket (1 transfer)	0.90 €	0.45 €
70 minutes ticket (2 transfers)	1.10 €	0.55 €
90 minutes ticket (3 transfers)	1.30 €	0.70 €
120 minutes ticket (4 transfers)	1.80 €	0.90 €
AIRPORT - INTERCITY BUS TERMINAL routes No 01X and 01N (1 transfer)	1.80 €	0.90 €
Cultural Route No 50 (1 transfer)	1.80 €	0.90 €

- Standard tickets can be used **only for one transfer**.
- 70 minute tickets expire **70 minutes** after being issued by in-bus ticket machines or in the case of prepaid tickets after first use. This ticket permits **up to two transfers** between any bus lines, as long as it is checked into the bus's ticket machine within 70 minutes of its issue/first use.
- 90 minute tickets expire **90 minutes** after being issued by in-bus ticket machines or in the case of prepaid tickets after first use. This ticket permits **up to three transfers** between any bus lines, as long as it is checked into the bus's ticket machine within 90 minutes of its issue/first use.
- 120 minute tickets expire **120 minutes** after being issued by in-bus ticket machines or in the case of prepaid tickets after first use. This ticket permits **up to four transfers** between any bus lines, as long as it is checked into the bus's ticket machine within 120 minutes of its issue/first use.

Useful links for buses

[OASTH - Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki](#)

[OASTH - Best route application](#)

Hotels

Thessaloniki offers a wide variety of hotels. It is recommended that you book a hotel in the city centre so that you can enjoy the city, seafront, museums, monuments and local shops.

Below you can find an indicative list of hotels. Prices are indicative per night for single room. For more information, you can check <https://www.booking.com/city/gr/thessaloniki.en-gb.html>.

	Hotel		Location	Indicative rate per night
1	Electra Palace	5*	Located in the centre of Thessaloniki in Aristotelous square	€ 250
2	Makedonia Palace	5*	1km from Thessaloniki city centre, in the seafront	€ 250
3	ON Residence	5*	City centre, at the seafront, 200m from Aristotelous square	€ 250
4	The Excelsior Hotel	5*	City centre, 150 m from Aristotelous square, 120 m from the sea front	€ 220
5	Daioi Luxury Living	5*	City centre, in the seafront near the White Tower	€ 200
6	S Hotel Boutique	5*	City centre, 200 m from Aristotelous square	€ 200
7	Porto Palace Hotel	5*	Located at the New Port, 3 Km from Aristotelous square	€ 180
8	The Met Hotel	5*	Located at the New Port, 2.5 Km from Aristotelous square	€ 180
9	Holiday Inn Thessaloniki	5*	City centre, 1km from Aristotelous square	€ 150
10	Vanoro Hotel	5*	City centre, 1 km from Aristotelous square	€ 150
11	Antigon Urban Chic Hotel	5*	City centre, 800 m from Aristotelous square	€ 150
12	Caspis Bristol Boutique Hotel	5*	City centre, 200 m from Aristotelous square	€ 120
13	No 15 Ermou Hotel	5*	City centre, 500m from Aristotelous square	€ 120
14	Superior One Boutique Hotel	4*	City centre, 600 m from Aristotelous square	€ 170
15	Egnatia Palace	4*	City centre, 500 m from Aristotelous square	€ 140
16	City Hotel	4*	City centre, very close to Aristotelous square	€ 140
17	Imperial Plus Urban Smart Hotel	4*	City centre, 900 m from Aristotelous square	€ 130-150
18	Elisabeth Boutique Hotel	4*	City centre, 700 m from Aristotelous square	€ 130
19	Noa Hotel	4*	City centre, 600 m from Aristotelous square	€ 130
20	Colors Urban Hotel	4*	City centre, 300 m from Aristotelous square	€ 110
21	Modern Revival Luxury Hotel	4*	City centre, 700m from Aristotelous square	€ 100
22	Minerva Premier Hotel	4*	City centre, 700 m from Aristotelous square	€ 70
23	Astoria	3*	City centre, 600 m from Aristotelous square	€ 110
24	Hotel El Greco	3*	City centre, 800 m from Aristotelous square	€ 100
25	Park Hotel	3*	City centre, 900 m from Aristotelous square	€ 100
26	Plaza Hotel	3*	City centre, 500 m from Aristotelous square, 200 m from the seafront	€ 100
27	Le Palace Hotel	3*	City centre, 300 m from Aristotelous square, 100 m from the seafront	€ 90
28	Mandrino Hotel	3*	City centre, 800 m from Aristotelous square	€ 90
29	Luxemburg	3*	City centre, 200 m from Aristotelous square, 100 m from the seafront	€ 70
30	Grand Port Suites	3*	City centre, 1.4 km from Aristotelous square	€ 70
31	Augustos Hotel	3*	City centre, 900 m from Aristotelous square	€ 60
32	City Plaza Apartments & Rooms	3*	City centre, 1km from Aristotelous square, 100 m from the seafront	€ 60

City guide



[Text below is info from Wikipedia]

Thessaloniki is the most important administrative, cultural, and business center of northern Greece and the second largest city in the country. It is situated on the Gulf of Thermaikos and has a population of more than 1.1 million in the metropolitan area. It is an hour's drive from Mount Olympus and beautiful beaches in Chalkidiki or Pieria and a short flight from the capitals of several Balkan and Mediterranean countries.

The city of Thessaloniki was founded in 315 BC by Cassander of Macedon. The city was named after Cassander's wife Thessalonike, a half-sister of Alexander the Great. An important metropolis during the Roman period, Thessaloniki was the second largest and wealthiest city of the Byzantine Empire. It was conquered by the Ottomans in 1430 and was liberated in 1912 to become an integral part of Greece.

Thessaloniki is home to numerous notable Byzantine monuments, including the Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as several Roman, Ottoman and Sephardic Jewish structures. Fifteen monuments of the Early Christian-Byzantine period were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988. The city's main university, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, is the largest in Greece and the Balkans.

Below you can find some useful links about the city of Thessaloniki, its museums, monuments, shopping districts, local cuisine, etc.

[City of Thessaloniki](#)

[InThessaloniki.com guide](#)

[Visit Greece - Thessaloniki guide \(pdf\)](#)

[Thessaloniki.travel](#)

[Thessaloniki's unique culinary repertoire \(Guardian article\)](#)

For a quick glimpse into the city's history, a special "[Cultural Route](#)" ([Bus No 50](#)) has been launched to make the rich historical and cultural heritage of Thessaloniki more accessible to its citizens and visitors. The bus departs from the **White Tower** for a 50-minute tour around the city's main historical and cultural monuments. The tour is supported by a telematics based audio-visual material (in Greek and English) as well as by printed leaflets.

The specially equipped bus, as it can be seen on the photo above, is appropriately decorated on the outside to be easily recognised; route attendants distribute informational leaflets and offer additional information to provide passengers with the best services possible.

The ticket costs 1.80 € (regular) or 0.90 € (discounted). More information about this route can be found in the following links:

<https://www.oasth.gr/en/tourism/cultural-route/>

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