

International Conference on Inclusive Education and Children's Rights 11-12 April 2024 Athens, Greece

Dates

The International Conference on Inclusive Education and Children's Rights will take place on **Thursday, 11 April to Friday 12 April 2024** between 09:00 - 17:30 each day.

Scope

UNICEF Greece, in collaboration with **Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports** and the **Institute for Educational Policy**, is co-organizing an International Conference on Inclusive Education and Children's Rights in Athens, Greece, on April 11th and 12th. The conference aims to foster dynamic dialogues on challenges in inclusive education policies and programmes, bringing together policymakers, education experts, practitioners, and representatives from the academic community. The goal is to facilitate the sharing of experiences, best practices, and examples of effective inclusive education policies, programmes, practices, and research, with a focus on diverse international perspectives.

The conference will feature plenary sessions, roundtable discussions and working groups covering diverse topics such as current policies and reforms, formal and non-formal quality education for all, and inclusive curriculum. The key objectives include:

- Taking stock of the accumulated international and Greek experience to develop and implement inclusive-oriented educational reforms and programmes;
- Identifying existing barriers and best practices to strengthen a genuine inclusive education ecosystem, ensuring quality education for every child in schools and nonformal education centers;
- Presenting international experiences related to quality, inclusive education to facilitate cross-country learning and inform policymaking;
- Proposing evidence-based short-, medium- and long-term changes to contribute to the development of a roadmap for an equitable and inclusive system.

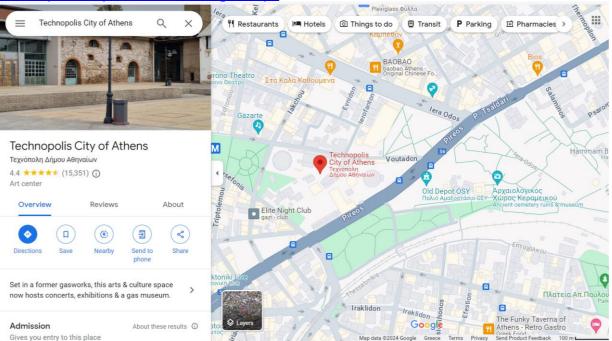
Venue



The conference will take place in Athens at Gasholder 1 – Auditorium "Miltiadis Evert" (athenstechnopolis.gr)

Address: Technopolis City of Athens 100, Pireos Ave., GR 118 54 Athens, Greece ΤΕΧΝΟΠΟΛΗ ΔΗΜΟΥ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΩΝ | ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ | ΜΟΥΣΙΚΗ ΑΘΗΝΑ | http://athens-technopolis.gr/

<u>Technopolis City of Athens - Google Maps</u>



Accommodation

Proposed hotels in the centre of Athens in proximity to the Athens Metro Stations Acropolis – Koukaki Area – "Acropolis" Metro Station

- Athens Gate Hotel Athens Gate Hotel | 4 Star Hotel in the centre of Athens, GR
- Parthenon Hotel Parthenon Hotel in Athens | Airotel Hotel Group Greece
- Herodion Hotel 4* Luxury Athens city hotel | Herodion Hotel

Syntagma Square (Syntagma Metro Station or Acropolis Metro Station)

- New Hotel NEW Hotel 5 Star Hotel in the heart of Athens | YES! Hotels (yeshotels.gr)
- Amalia Hotel Amalia Hotel Athens (amaliahotels.com)

In case you would like to book an Airbnb apartment, you should use the following link with the addresses of the above hotels.

We can suggest staying close to Acropolis area (Koukaki), Gazi Area (Kerameikos) Here you will find the <u>Airbnb | Athens - Vacation Rentals & Places to Stay</u>

Reaching the Centre of Athens

The distance between the Athens International Airport and the Centre of Athens (Syntagma Square) is about 33 km and takes around 40 – 50 minutes by car.

Transport To/From AIRPORT

(Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos") https://www.aia.gr/traveler



Metro

<u>Metro</u> is the easiest way to reach the Centre of Athens from El. Venizelos Athens International Airport. You will take the **Metro Line 3 (Blue Line).** You will have to walk 16 min from Arrivals to the Metro Station (€ 10.00 ticket) per person.



Express Bus X95

Bus X95 to Syntagma (Athens City Center) departs from Athens Airport every 15-20 minutes. The travel duration is approximately 45 minutes, depending on the traffic. Tickets are available from the bus drivers, from the ticket kiosk at the bus departure area and from all the metro stations around Athens.

Taxi

The yellow taxis are available at the exit of the airport arrival terminal on your left.

From Athens El. Venizelos Athens International Airport to the Centre of Athens takes 45 minutes. The cost would be approximately $40 \in -50 \in$.

The on-demand mobility service **Free now & Uber** is commonly used in Athens and is accessible by downloading the application on your mobile phones.

Visas Issues

The visa policy of the Schengen Area applies to Greece. Please refer to the <u>website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece</u> for more details about the visa procedure for different passport holders. Please note that both regular passport or UNLP needs to be valid for at least 6 months upon departure from Greece.

Security in Athens

The security level in Athens is at level 2 (Low). Travelers should be aware of petty crime, which may include pick pocketing and street scams, and exercise caution while using public transport, as well as when using ATM machines or money exchange tellers.

Spare credit cards, travel documents and valuable items should be kept in a protected place. Handbags should not be placed over backs of chairs or under tables at restaurants and one should always be vigilant when moving about the streets at night.



Greece has not been an operational area for international extremism while relevant HG authorities have been successfully trying to mitigate domestic terrorism. There are no direct threats to the UN in Greece. Demonstrations are generally peaceful, but there have been incidents of random violence.

As per the Safety and Security Department, travelers are instructed to avoid crowd gatherings and areas where demonstrations are held. Participants are requested to obtain security clearance prior to commencing the trip.

Weather

The average temperature in April can range from a low of 15°C to high 26°C. Please check weather services as the time of the event approaches.

10-Day Weather Forecast for Athens, Attica, Greece - The Weather Channel | weather.com

Currency and Exchange rate

The official currency in Athens is Euro. Accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express.

Materials and Equipment

In support of the "Greening" initiative photocopying arrangements will be limited.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops. The electricity supply in Greece is 230 volts. Electrical appliances must have European plugs.

Emergency Numbers

Any Emergency:	112
Police	100
Fire Service	199
Ambulance Service	166
SOS Doctors	1016

Other Information for Athens

Link for Acropolis: Acropolis Tickets 2022 – Fast Track Entry & Guided Tours (acropolistickets.com)

Link for Acropolis Museum: Home | Acropolis Museum | Official website (theacropolismuseum.gr)

Link for Visit Greece