



# MIGRATION NETWORK MEETING 2024

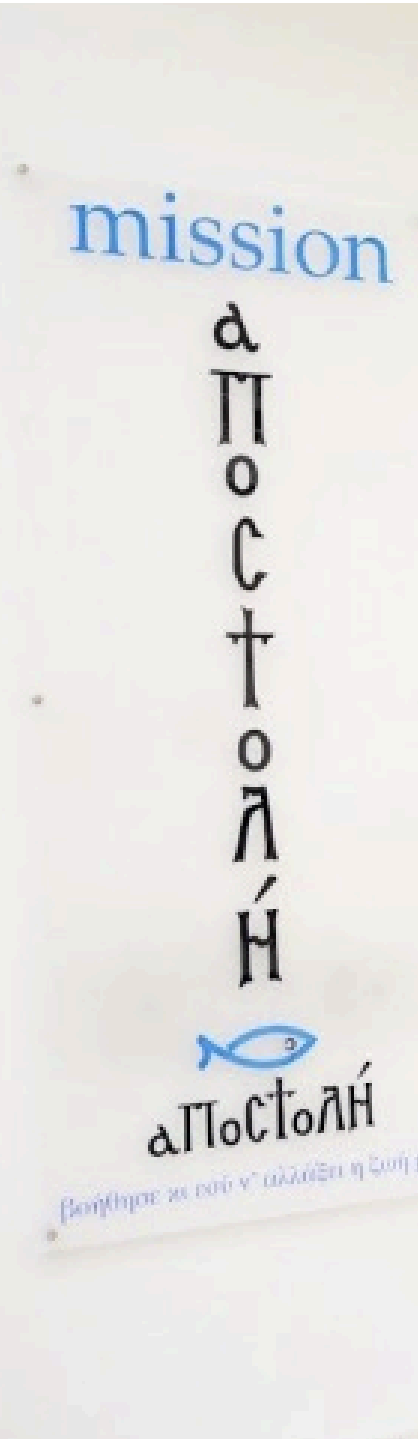
10-11 October, Athens, Greece

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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## HOST & VENUE



10-11 October 2024



Apostoli NGO

Iras 8 & Despos Sechou 37, Athens, 117 43, Greece

### Our host

Apostoli is a non-profit charity supporting refugees and migrants in Greece through accommodation, integration, and non-formal education. It runs creative activity centres and vocational training programs, and partners internationally to deliver emergency aid in the Greek islands. Driven by Christian principles, Apostoli provides comprehensive support to vulnerable groups to enhance their living conditions and integration.

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### **Neighbourhood**

The headquarters of Apostoli is located in the area of Neos Kosmos (meaning "New World" in Greek). The vibrant and culturally rich Neos Kosmos area was established and developed during the 20th century to accommodate settlers from Armenia, refugees from Asia Minor following the Greco-Turkish War, and later, a wave of internal migrants from the Greek mainland.

Today, Neos Kosmos is experiencing a renaissance, with contemporary art spaces, shops, bars, restaurants, theatres, and live music venues quietly sprouting throughout its narrow streets. Situated south of the historical center of Athens, our venue is also within a 20-minute walk of the Acropolis, the Panathenaic Stadium (the site of the first modern Olympic games), and the Zappeion Garden.

### **Closest public transport stops**

#### **>Metro**

Syngrou-Fix (Line 2): Approximately a 6-minute walk from the hotel and the venue. This line connects directly to key areas such as Syntagma Square and Omonia, as well as the Acropolis station, which is just one stop away. In addition, it is two stops away from Syntagma – Evangelismos which connects to the metro line 3 and four stops away from Omonia which connects to metro line 1.

#### **> Tram**

Leoforos Vouliagmenis (Tram T6): Located near the Syngrou-Fix Metro Station and approximately 5 minutes away from the hotel and the venue, this tram stop offers services to coastal areas such as Faliro and Voula, as well as other parts of Athens



## ACCOMMODATION

Most of the participants are accommodated at the [Acropolis Ami Hotel](#), which is conveniently located

Address:

Acropolis Ami Boutique Hotel

10 Iras street

117 43 Athens

Located in the same building block as the Headquarters of Apostoli, the Acropolis Ami Hotel is very easily accessible and virtually right next to our venue.

Check-in is from 15:00 and check-out is until 11:00. Breakfast starts at 7:00.

### **How to reach the hotel from the airport?**

#### **> By Metro / Underground**

Take Metro Line 3 (Piraeus – Douk. Plakentias – Airport), which connects the Athens airport with the city centre. Trains run every 30 minutes, 7 days a week from 5:30 a.m. to 00:00 p.m. You will take the Metro from the Airport's Station and get off at Syntagma Station. At Syntagma Station you will switch lines and you will take the red line with direction to Agios Dimitrios and get off at Syggrou/Fix Station. The duration of the trip is about 45'. From Syggrou/Fix Station our hotel is 3' away, walking along Kallirois Avenue. When you pass the church, turn right and walk through the small park and straight ahead is Iras Street. On number 10 you will find Acropolis Ami Boutique Hotel!

#### **> By Express Bus (X95 Airport-Syntagma)**

The bus stop is right outside the arrivals' terminal. The duration of the trip is about 70' due to traffic conditions. When you reach Syntagma, you enter the Metro and you continue as mentioned above.

#### **> By Taxi**

Taking a taxi is much faster (35') but it's much more expensive than the other two options.

Receipt: According to the Greek Legislation, taxi drivers should provide, upon request, a receipt for the amount paid for transportation services. The receipt should also indicate the taxi's registration number and the driver's full name.



## MOVING AROUND THE CITY

### Public transport

The Athens public transport system is affordable, reliable and covers most of the city and suburbs. Public transport in Athens consists of a network of metro (there are 3 metro lines: **Line 1 - green**, **Line 2 - red**, and **Line 3 - blue**), suburban railroad, trams, buses and trolley buses.

### Tickets

You can use all means of public transport using the same ticket. A single ticket costs €1.20 and is valid for 90 minutes. You can change trains as often as you like, even between the different means of transport, or interrupt the journey.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines (The ticket machines are also labelled in English), located in all metro and streetcar stations. In some cases, there are ticket offices at the stops that also sell tickets. Furthermore, tickets can be purchased at the kiosks located near the stops. Find more information about tickets and public transport in Athens [here](#).

### Taxis

Eurodiaconia highly recommends the use of public transportation. However, if you really need to take one, you can get around by Uber (download the app for Android / iOS) or Free Now (download the app for Android / iOS). There are also taxis on the streets of the city. No matter the brand or type of car, all taxis are painted bright yellow, so they are very easy to spot as they speed down the road.

To avoid getting overcharged, keep in mind these are the rates around Athens:

- Minimum fare: € 1.29
- Rate per kilometre in central Athens: € 0.74
- Rate per kilometre in the surroundings: € 1.29
- Booking a taxi in advance: between € 3.39 and € 5.65
- One hour waiting time: € 11.81

### Official taxi rates to and from the airport

Since February 2011, the journey between Athens International Airport and the city center has a fixed rate of €38. If you catch a cab from or to the airport between midnight and 5am, the established price is €54.

**Be careful:** To avoid getting swindled, make sure the taxi you take is correctly identified. All taxis in Athens are yellow and they need to have a taxi roof sign, as well as a taximeter visible at the front of the car. If you believe you have been overcharged, ask the driver for a receipt that includes the taxi operator's information and the taxi number, then head to the tourist police in Athens and they will help you.



## WHERE TO EAT & STUDY VISIT

### **Meals**

Apostoli will provide a light lunch at the venue on both Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday evening we will meet at Old Psarras Tavern (12 Erechtheos st & Erotokritou st. Plaka, Athens ) some traditional dinner offered by Eurodiaconia.

### **Study Visit**

The visit will take place at the “Lela Karayianni “Educational and Children’s Community Centre”. The centre is located at the area of Kypseli neighbourhood in Athens downtown where 90% of school-age children are refugees and migrants. The centre focusses on children’s wellbeing, serving as a safe place that offers workshops such as theatre, dance and music, arts and crafts, puppet making, history and science, sports activities, and emotional therapy.

Additionally, it functions as a community centre for adults, children’s parents and individuals by offering language training, career education, and social and life skills’ seminars and guidance in subjects related to migrants’ integration.

Transportation will be organized by Apostoli with a private bus, with estimated departure at 15:30 from Apostoli’s premises and scheduled return approximately at 17:30.

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