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# Information Guide to registered participants<sup>1</sup>

## 7<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP FORUM Athens | 3 - 5 May 2023

### I. INTRODUCTION

The UNECE secretariat would like to thank you for registering to the [7<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum on 3-5 May 2023](#). This information guide was prepared for providing basic information pertaining to your trip to Athens, Greece. We are most happy to welcome you.

### II. TRANSFER FROM ATHENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Upon arrival at the [Athens International Airport](#), participants can proceed to their accommodation by public transport or by taxi. Average time by taxi to the city centre is 40-50 minutes. Public transport in Athens is very efficient, with several regular public transport services connecting central Athens to the airport. There is a direct train and bus service from the airport terminals to the city centre (see [Public Transportation](#)). The best way to go to the city centre is by [Metro](#). The Blue Line (Metro Line 3) connects Athens International Airport to Syntagma Square, the major hub of the city, in just 40 minutes

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<sup>1</sup> If you have not yet registered, you are kindly requested to go to online registration system by clicking [here](#).

### III. VENUE

The Forum's plenary sessions<sup>2</sup> from Wednesday, 3 to Friday 5 of May will take place in the Auditorium located at [Serafio complex of the Municipality of Athens](#), at 19 Echelides & 144 Piraeus, 11854, Athens, (37.97665, 23.70675), Tel. +30 210 342 6842, [info@serafio.gr](mailto:info@serafio.gr).

The best way to get to **Serafio complex** is by taxi, metro, or bus. You may use metro line 3 (stop Keramikos), and buses 049, 815, and 914, also metro line 1 stops Petralona, but you should consider that walking distance from nearest metro stop is about 15 minutes.

**SERAFIO**, Entrance to the building

Address: 19 Echelides & 144 Piraeus, 11854, Athens (37.97665, 23.70675)



### IV. REGISTRATION

Registration should be done in advance of the meeting. Please visit the registration website [here](#). Distribution of badges starts at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 May 2023, and will take place outside of the Auditorium, where participants will be issued with a lapel badge for the duration of the Forum. Delegates are requested to bring a valid ID with photo (e.g., passport or driver's license). **It is advisable that you arrive at SERAFIO by 8 a.m. on 3 May so that you avoid long queues.** Once in possession of the lapel badge, delegates can proceed to the Auditorium. Members of the UNECE Secretariat, SERAFIO, and Athens City Council will welcome delegates. Signs are posted in prominent spots to guide delegates to reach the plenary room. Once in possession of the lapel badges, delegates can access *SERAFIO Centre* from any of the entry points. Please always carry a photo ID with you.

### V. ORGANIZATION

The Forum will start on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 in the Auditorium located in SERAFIO at 9.30 a.m. sharp. A map of the [location](#) is reproduced hereunder.

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<sup>2</sup> For information on conference room number for the break-out sessions, please consult the [provisional programme](#).

## **VI. CONFERENCE FEE AND OTHER EXPENSES**

No conference fee is charged for the participation in the Forum. Travel, subsistence, and accommodation expenses are borne by the participants unless special prior individual arrangements have been made directly with UNECE and other donors.

## **VII. PROGRAMME AND DOCUMENTATION**

The final version of the Forum programme will be available to participants on the [website](#). The provisional programme, the case study material, and other documents pertaining to the Forum are available [here](#) and they are uploaded on this webpage as soon as they become available.

You will be provided with a summarized version of the programme at the same time that you will be provided with your lapel badge. The summarized version of the programme will only state the schedule, the title of the sessions and the room where each session will take place. Please note that the full-length programme will not be provided, so we ask you to please check this webpage regularly and make sure that you bring with you all documents required for the meeting.

## **VIII. INTERPRETATION**

Sessions will be conducted in English only.

## **IX. TRAVEL AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Participants are requested to make their own hotel/accommodation and travel arrangements to and from Athens. Please plan to arrive in Athens by Tuesday, 2 May, and depart either on Friday, 5 May (after 7 p.m.) or on Saturday, 6 May.

## **X. INTERNET ACCESS**

Wi-Fi: Access is free of charge and the password will be provided at the registration.

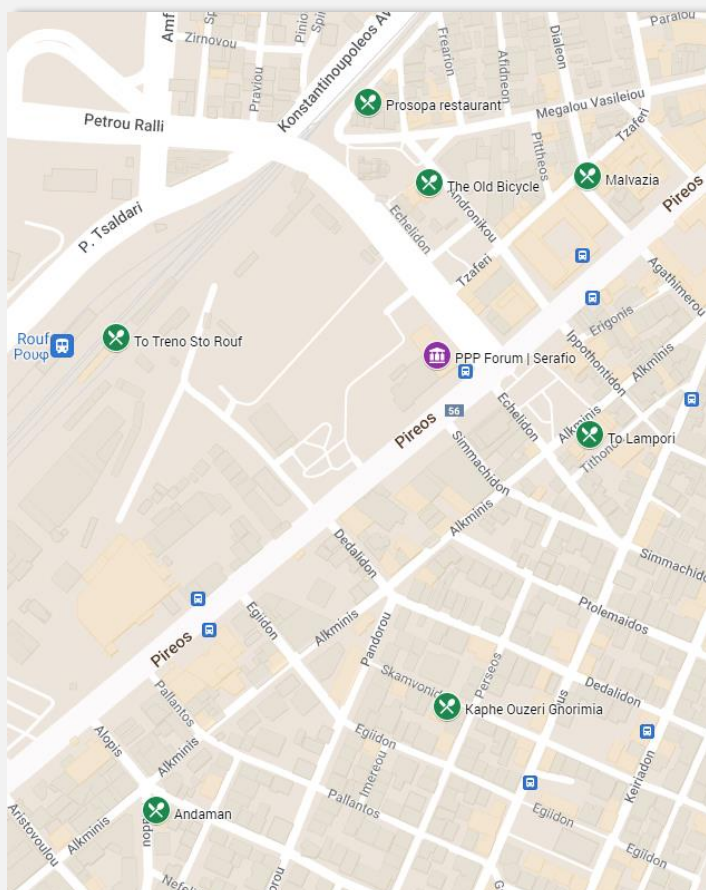
## **XI. PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

All participants should be in possession of a valid ID card or passport, with an entry visa (if required), which can be obtained from the diplomatic representation of Greece in their country of residence. It is advisable to make such visa applications well in advance of the date required. Kindly note that the Consulates of Greece may not be able to issue visas on time in case of late applications so please check with the local Greek Consulate for more information on issuance of Schengen visas. The secretariat will provide participants with letters of invitations that could be used as a supporting document to the visa application form. Please inform the secretariat by email ([ppp@un.org](mailto:ppp@un.org)) well in advance in case you need a visa invitation letter.

## XII. RESTAURANTS NEAR SERAFIO

You will be attending the Forum sessions at SERAFIO. We would like to inform you that Coffee breaks service will be provided at the premises.

For lunch, the Municipality of Athens suggests the following restaurants nearby Serafio:



### [To Lampori \(Το Λαμπόρι\)](#)

(2 min. walk)

📍 *Alkminis 23*

### [Malvazia](#)

(3 min. walk)

📍 *Agathimerou 1*

### [The Old Bicycle \(Το παλιο ποδήλατο\)](#)

(3 min. walk)

📍 *Andronikou 11*

### [Prosopa restaurant](#)

(4 min. walk)

📍 *Megalou Vasileiou 52*

### [To Treno Sto Rouf \(Βαγόني στο Ρουφ\)](#)

(5 min. walk)

📍 *Rouf Railway & Suburban Station, Konstantinoupoleos Ave.*

### [Kaphe Ouzeri Gnorimia \(Καφε ουζερί ΓΝΩΡΙΜΙΑ\)](#)

(6 min. walk)

📍 *Skamvonidon 41*

### [Andaman \(ταιλανδέζικο\)](#)

(7 min. walk)

📍 *Alopis 65*

## XIII. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES/FACILITIES AT SERAFIO

Below is a list of miscellaneous services and facilities available to participants at SERAFIO. These services are provided during normal office hours:

- Coffee & vending machines: accept only credit card payment.

## XIV. INSURANCE

Delegates are advised to take a travel and medical insurance before their departure that covers the duration of their stay in Athens.

## XV. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the session can be obtained from the [UNECE PPP website](#). For general enquiries, including issues related to travel and visas, please contact the secretariat by email at [PPP@un.org](mailto:PPP@un.org).

## XVI. EVENING RECEPTION

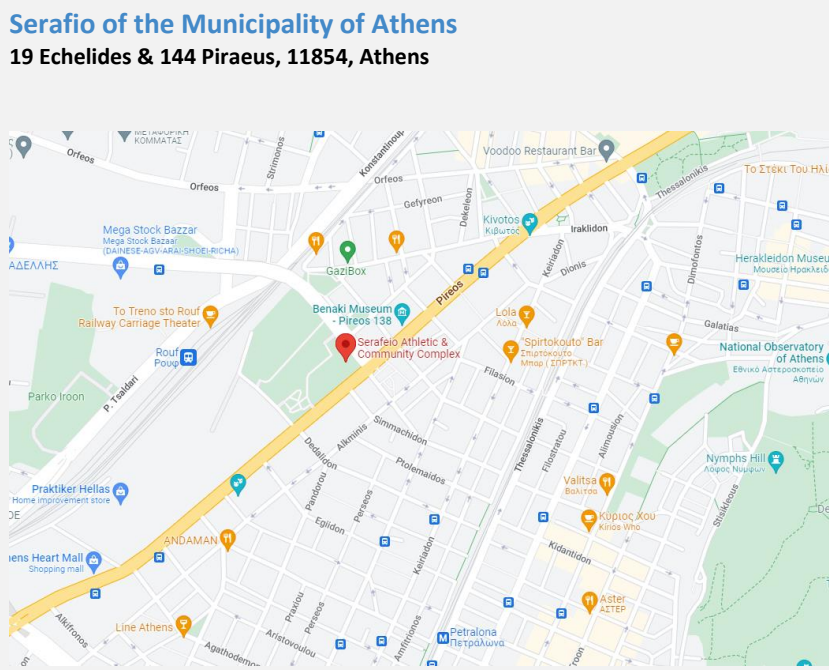
A Cocktail Reception hosted by the Municipality of Athens will be held on Wednesday, 3 May at 19:00 in central Athens, to which all delegates attending the International PPP Forum in person are invited.

## XVII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

More information is available online on the [Official Athens Visitor Guide](#)

## XVIII. USEFUL INFORMATION

### Maps



### Public transport

#### Metro

Metro, line 3: Kerameikos stop (800 meters)  
Metro, line 1: Petralona stop (ISAP) (800 meters)

#### Bus

Buses: [049](#), [815](#), [914](#)  
Kolymbithrio stop (800 meters)

#### Car

100 parking places available in the premises

### Contacts

#### UNECE

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