

UNECE/EFTA Workshop on Modernising Statistical Legislation

29 – 30 May 2024

Tirana, Albania

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

28 March 2023

Date and times

The UNECE/EFTA Workshop on Modernizing Statistical Legislation, hosted by Institute of Statistics Albania, will be held from 29 to 30 May 2024, as an in-person meeting. The workshop will start around 9 a.m. local time on Wednesday, 29 May and is planned to finish around 5 p.m. on Thursday, 30 May.

Meeting venue

The meeting will take place at the [Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana](#):

Conference Room Jeronim De Rada (23rd floor)

[Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana](#)

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Coffee breaks will be offered by EFTA on both days on the same floor.

Language

The working language of the workshop will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Transportation

To get from the Tirana International Airport to the city centre you can use a taxi or a shuttle service.

Taxi. The recommended taxi is [Merr Taxi](#) and you can find it at the airport. The price from airport to hotel is 1000 lek (equivalent 10 euros) but if you get it on the spot but you may need to wait. If you book in advance, someone can wait for you with the name plate, but it costs 1500 lek (equivalent of 15 euros). The journey takes about 20 minutes.

Shuttle. The shuttle service departs every hour from airport to the city center and vice versa. The rate for a single fare is 400 lek (4 euros). The journey takes 30 minutes.

Visa requirements

Foreign citizens who have a valid permit of stay in one of the Schengen states, US or UK; a valid, multiple-entry Schengen, US or UK visa, which has been previously used in one of the Schengen states, UK or U; or who enter and stay without visa in the Schengen area, do not need for a visa to enter Albania.

In other cases, please consult the official website of the Ministry for European Affairs to verify your visa requirements: <https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/regjimi-i-vizave-per-te-huajt/>

Participants requiring a visa, should apply using this link: <https://e-visa.al/apply> for an electronic visa, C visa type (business visa) and request an invitation letter for visa purposes from INSTAT (vsimoni@instat.gov.al; vjollcasimoni@gmail.com).

Hotel accommodation

You can book your room at the Plaza Hotel, the venue of the workshop, through the following link: <https://www.plazatirana.com/rooms-suites/> or popular online booking pages. You can also contact the hotel directly at info@plazatirana.com.

Other hotels nearby Plaza hotel, which you can book online are as following:

- [The Crown Hotel Boutique and SPA](#)
- [Lot Boutique Hotel](#)
- [Sky Hotel Tirana](#)
- [Hotel Monarc](#)
- [Hotel Tirana International](#)
- [Hotel Millennium](#)
- Tirana Square Hotel
- [Rogner Hotel Tirana](#)

Social events

A social event will be organized in the evening of 29 May 2024. More details will follow in due course.

Places to visit in Tirana

Describing Tirana is no easy task, as it is a city that defies simple definitions. Terms like "vibrant" and "colourful" only scratch the surface of the rich culture, passion, and enjoyment that characterize this city.

We sincerely hope that your time in Tirana is nothing short of fantastic. Please visit this link for some suggestion <http://www.visit-tirana.com/>.

Useful information

Albania's national currency is the Albanian Lek, but you can pay in euro in most of the shops and restaurants, by card or cash.

If you want to exchange money, we recommend doing it in the city center or in the arrival area of the airport (not inside in the luggage area. The recommended exchange point is <https://iliria98.com/>, but also the other exchange points have more or less the same rate.

Weather

May is a great time to visit Albania. The weather is usually warm, with temperatures ranging around 23°C.

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