

# **YOU ARE THE ERASMUS GENERATION**


**AGM  
THESSALONIKI**



**2019**



Welcome to the  
Annual General Meeting  
Thessaloniki 2019.



**"Life is either a  
daring adventure,  
or nothing at all."**

Helen Keller

# The AGM

The Annual General Meeting is the peak event of ESN and the largest student conference on the theme of mobility. It is the moment when the entire Network comes together to discuss and strategize, but also to celebrate and bond!

You, as AGM participant, have been given the opportunity to witness the full magic of the Erasmus Student Network during AGM Thessaloniki.

**Make the most of it.**



# Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece, often referred to as co-capital. It is a vibrant student city, home to three universities. The city takes her name from the sister of Alexander the Great, king of Macedon. The legend says that when Alexander died, Thessaloniki turned into a mermaid. In her new form, she started roaming the seas asking sailors "Is King Alexander alive?"

Some highlights of the city include the beautiful seafront, Aristotelous square, the Kamara, the Upper City and the fortifications, and the energetic Tsimiski shopping street.

The symbol of the city is the White Tower, where we will take our group photo!

Motto of city, "Halara"! It means "take it easy" and is in a way the Greek Hakuna Matata!



# THE AGM PROGRAM

Thu 18

Fri 19

Sat 20

Sun 21



## Flag Parade:

A colorful walk on the beautiful city seafront!

## International Dinner:

Your chance to show off local delicacies and try food from different countries!

## Cultural Night:

Enjoy a program with different performers that we have arranged just for you!

## Infomarket:

Promote your country and university to local students!

## Gala Night:

Celebrate the closing of the AGM in style! Enjoy sustainable cocktails by Tiki Trash & take photos at the Responsible Party photobooth!



**BUS TO**



**BUS FROM**

There will also be buses TO and FROM plenaries for Capsis Hotel participants.



# Be Prepared

## Thursday

Bring your **ESNcard** for a fast check in. Make sure you have had lunch as it not provided. Bring your flags and colors for the parade. After the parade, we will go directly to the Opening Ceremony. Dinner will be provided there, and we will come back to the hotel at night.

## Friday

Bring your **International Dinner** stuff and drop it off at the collecting area in Grand Hotel Palace. **Capsis Hotel Participants, don't forget to bring the stuff in the morning, you won't be able to go back to take it.** Lunch will be in 2 rounds, based on wristband color. International Dinner responsables from each delegation will leave first for the venue and the rest will follow. Please, **be decent** during the International Dinner.

## Saturday

Bring your **Mobility Fair** stuff and drop it off at the collecting area in Grand Hotel Palace. **Capsis Hotel Participants, don't forget to bring the stuff in the morning, you won't be able to go back to take it.** Lunch will be in 2 rounds, based on wristband color. You will be notified about rooms for NPs via Telegram.

## Sunday

Use your lunchcards to get the appropriate lunchbox during the Mobility Fair. Be drop-dead-gorgeous for a fabulous Gala Night!

You are expected to **always** keep an eye on the **Telegram Channel!** All announcements and directions will be provided through there!  
**[t.me/AGMthessaloniki](https://t.me/AGMthessaloniki)**



# Packing

## YES

- ID/Passport
- ESNcard for quick and easy check in!
- Flags and face paint for the **Flag Parade!**
- Local food and drinks for the **International Dinner!**

**Alcohol limit: 1 spirit (70cl) = 2 wine (70cl) = 9 beers (33cl) per 3 people (Castaways included). You will deliver the alcohol before the dinner and all excess alcohol will be confiscated.**

- University promo material for the **Mobility Fair!**
- Fancy clothes to dress to impress at the **Gala Night!**
- **Enthusiasm** for the biggest ESN event!

## NO

- Blankets
- Towels **(except for Castaways)**
- Alcohol over the established limit.
- Food that might create a mess.
- A "Whohoo-let's-get-smashed" attitude.
- Any, any **negativity.**



# Deposit

For insurance purposes, every participant is required to give a deposit of **50€**.

The deposit will be paid **online by card upon announcement**. In this way we can avoid waiting times at check in and check out, you don't have to worry about converting your money and you have to carry less money with you.

The money paid by card will be automatically refunded after the event.

Note: If you absolutely cannot pay by card, you will have the option to pay in cash during check in. However, we strongly advise you to not do so.

**Pay by card. Make everyone's life easier.**



# Accommodation

## Grand Hotel Palace (Plenaries)

Monastiriou 305  
+30 231 054 9000

## Capsis Hotel

Monastiriou 16  
+30 231 059 6800

## Stay Hostel (Castaways)

Ionos Dragoumi 61  
+30 231 124 4600

# Transportation

## From the Airport

**Grand Hotel Palace:** Bus 01X, stop "Omospondia".

Taxi: ~35€.

**Capsis Hotel:** Bus 01X, stop "Zografou". Taxi: ~30€.

**Stay Hostel:** Bus 01X, stop "Aristotelous". Taxi: ~25€.

## From the Train Station

**Grand Hotel Palace:** 19, 51, 52, 54, 2K,  
stop "Omospondia". Taxi: ~7€.

**Capsis Hotel:** 6' walk.

**Stay Hostel:** Buses 10, 11, 14, 17, stop "Antigonidon".  
Taxi: ~7€.

## From Capsis Hotel to Grand Hotel Palace

Bus 2K from stop "Zografou" to stop "Omospondia".

## From Stay Hostel to Grand Hotel Palace

Bus 2K from stop "Antigonidon" to stop "Omospondia".

**City center is  
Aristotelous  
Square!**

Download **Moovit** app  
for public transit info!  
(Not on Google maps)  
[moovitapp.com](https://moovitapp.com)



# Map

**Click here  
for interactive  
map of locations.**



Internet connection required.

# Sustainability

The environment needs us more than ever. We, as the new generation, are the ones bearing the responsibility to bring forth the change. Our goal was to organize an AGM that is as sustainable as possible, and minimize its environmental impact. We know that 1000 people can generate a lot of waste, so we tried to limit the use of superfluous materials. Moreover, we have made great effort to use eco-friendly materials when feasible: all your tableware is made out of biodegradable material, the printing is done on recycled paper, plastic material is made out of recyclable PET. We have placed bins for waste separation in all venues and we will compost all organic waste. Let's all respect the effort for a better, greener future.

Let's separate the waste right:

## ORGANIC



Biodegradable  
tableware, food

## RECYCLING



Plastic (clean), paper  
(clean, no oil),  
aluminum, glass

## WASTE



Dirty plastic,  
dirty paper



# Contacts

## EMERGENCIES

# 112

Standard emergency telephone number, valid in most countries free of charge for ambulance, fire, police.

## EVENT RELATED

1. To minimize distractions to the OC, if possible **contact your NR first** as they might have the necessary information to help you.
2. Speak **in person** to a member of the OC.
3. In case you need to call, use the following numbers (**responsibly**):
  - + 30 6984249322 - Maria
  - + 30 6986255377 - Theo (Castaways)

# Please remember...

AGM Thessaloniki is organized exclusively by volunteers. **We are ESNers just like you** and we are doing our best to make sure you have a truly memorable experience.

## **Please be respectful.**

We apologize in advance if something does not go as planned, and we assure you we will do everything to help you out.

Don't act against common sense (or the law), respect our city, the venues, the OC, your fellow ESNers.

Should you fail to do so, your participation to the event can, **and will**, be terminated.

But we are confident you will show us your best, most enthusiastic and respectful self! ;-)



# Ready?

You are  
about to embark  
on one of the  
most memorable  
experiences of  
your ESN life.

We are **honored** to  
have you on board.

Love,  
your OC.

#AGMthessaloniki

