

General Information

Dates, Location & Venue

The Teachers and Trainers at the Heart of Innovation and VET Reforms Conference will take place on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 February 2009 at the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop).

123 Europe str. | GR - 57001 Pylea | Thessaloniki, Greece

Tel. (+30) 2310490111 Fax (+30) 2310490049

Postal address: PO Box 22427, Finikas, GR-55102 Thessaloniki

Find your way to Cedefop

From the airport or any part of the city or the city's suburbs, Cedefop (Europe 123, Pylea - Thessaloniki) is easy to access by taxi within maximum 30 minutes. A taxi will cost around 10 Euro, depending on the distance. Should you wish to call a radio taxi, upon arrival to Thessaloniki, please call one of the following numbers: (+30) 2310525000, 2310866866 and make your appointment. In general, taxis are easy to find, at the airport and all over the city; taxis are blue and white, and are easy to stop in the street. Please don't be surprised if other passengers are picked up along the way to your destination.

Secretariat and information desk during the conference

The Secretariat desk will be located at the conference venue, and will operate:

Monday, 23 rd February 2009	9.30 - 18.00
Tuesday, 24 th February 2009	9.00 - 18.00

Tel.: (+30) 2310 490068 | Fax: (+30) 2310 490240

Conference secretariat is provided by

ARTION Conferences & Events

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e-mail: teach_train@artion.com.gr

Interpretation

Interpretation will be provided during the conference into English, French and German from English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Internet facilities

Workstations with internet/ e-mail access will be available for participants outside the meeting venue.

WI-FI connection is also provided.

Thessaloniki

Set on the northern shores of the Thermaikos Gulf that opens into the Aegean Sea, Thessaloniki is approximately 550 kilometres north of Athens and in close proximity to Chalkidiki's beautiful beaches. It is the metropolis of Macedonia, one of Europe's oldest cities and the second largest city in Greece.

Founded in 316 BC by Cassander, King of Macedonia, the city was named after his wife, Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander the Great. It was here that Alexander the Great established the seat of his great Macedonian Empire, imparting a legacy that has left modern Thessaloniki dotted with the treasures, temples and monuments of one of history's greatest leaders.

Thessaloniki has the largest university in Greece, Aristotle University, which is one of the most established universities in the academic community in Europe.

A few of the city's many attractions include the 16th century White Tower, Thessaloniki's many churches, in particular the 4th century Rotonda dedicated to St George, containing mosaics of the period, and the 8th century Agia Sofia, which was converted into a mosque during Ottoman rule.

Registration

Registration to the conference is made by duly completing the online registration form or the word download to be sent by fax or e-mail to ARTION Conferences & Events: teach_train@artion.com.gr; +30 2310250926. A confirmation will be sent to every registered delegate.

Registered Delegates will enjoy: conference material, 4 coffee breaks, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, a city tour and transportation to and from Cedefop from all the hotels listed on the registration form, on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February 2009.

Hotel Accommodation

Electra Palace Hotel 5*

In the city centre

Single BB **145€** Double BB **160€**

Set in the central Aristotelous square, in the financial, cultural and commercial heart of Thessaloniki, Electra Palace is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 30 minutes from Macedonia Airport.

9 Aristotelous Square, GR-54624 Thessaloniki

Tel.: (+30) 2310 294 000 Fax: (+30) 2310 294 001

URL: www.electrahotels.gr

Mediterranean Palace Hotel 5*

In the city centre

Single BB **115€** Double BB **140€**

Mediterranean Palace is situated in the heart of Thessaloniki's commercial, business, as well as cultural life, close to one of the most picturesque areas of the city- the "Ladadika". The Hotel is 20 minutes from Cedefop and 15 km from Macedonia Airport.

3 Salaminos & Karatassou Streets, GR-54626 Thessaloniki

Tel: (+30)2310 552 554 Fax: (+30)2310 552 622

URL: www.mediterranean-palace.gr

Hotel A.D. Imperial Palace 4*

In the city centre

Single BB **87€** Double BB **100€**

The A.D. Imperial Palace is right in the heart of the historical and commercial Thessaloniki centre. The elegant neoclassic facade has been reconstructed to its original glory. A.D. Imperial Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 12 km from Macedonia Airport.

13 Antigonidon St., GR-54623 Thessaloniki

Tel: (+30) 2310 508 300 Fax: (+30) 2310 548 698

URL: www.ad-imperial-hotel.gr

Egnatia Hotel 3*

In the city centre

Single BB **80€** Double BB **85€**

Situated right in the middle of the cultural and commercial centre of Thessaloniki, close to Aristotelous square, Egnatia Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 20 km from Macedonia airport.

16 Antigonidon St., GR-54631 Thessaloniki

Tel.: (+30) 2310 530 675 Fax: (+30) 2310 531 761

URL: www.egnatia-hotel.gr

**All hotel rates are in EURO, per person, per night and include taxes and buffet breakfast.
Bus transfer to and from the above four hotels, Cedefop, as well as the social events will be provided on 23rd & 24th February according to the conference programme.**

How to secure your booking

Reservations and full payment should be made **no later than 10 February 2009**

Payment details

Full payment of the hotel accommodation and accompanying persons' fee is requested in EURO and should reach the conference secretariat **no later than 10 February 2009** by one of the following methods:

I. By bank transfer to ARTION Conferences & Events

Beneficiary: ARTION
Account no: 5212-038-347-344
Swift number: PIRB GRAA
IBAN No: GR 24 0172 2120 0052 1203 8347 344
Bank: PIRAEUS BANK, ETHNIKIS ANTISTASEOS BRANCH (2212), THESSALONIKI

II. By credit card

Visa, Mastercard or American Express

Cancellation Policy

Hotels

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 10 February: | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 10 February: | One night hotel cancellation fee applies |

Accompanying persons

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 10 February: | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 10 February: | No refund |

All refunds will be processed after 25 February 2009

Useful information just before you arrive

Transfers

From all the hotels listed on the registration form, bus transfer from and to CEDEFOP will be provided on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 February 2009, according to the conference programme and to all social events. If you are late you can always take a taxi, as there is no public transport to CEDEFOP.

Time

Greece is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2) throughout the year.

Language

Greek is the official language but English is widely spoken as well as German and French.

Currency

The Greek currency is EURO. Credit cards are widely used in most establishments. Most currencies and traveller's cheques can easily be changed either at banks, hotels or money-changers with some handling charges.

Weather in February

The climate in Thessaloniki is Mediterranean with a definite seasonal variation. Winters are mild and rainy, with temperatures sometimes dropping to freezing point. In February the weather is usually cold, with temperatures ranging between 4°C and 13°C. Winter clothes are recommended.

Power supply

The standard current in Greece is 220 volts. Plugs are European standard with two round pins.

People & Life

Thessaloniki is a popular destination. You will certainly enjoy a pleasant and interesting stay in the city. People are friendly and happy to help with any questions. The atmosphere is unique during the day in the commercial and shopping centre, but especially during the evening, in the wide variety of bars, restaurants and theatres for entertainment. Thessaloniki is renowned for its unique location, along the Thermaikos Gulf, its sunsets, its long history, its monuments and museums as well as its distinguished cuisine.

Liability

ARTION Conferences & Events act as agents of the event only in securing hotels, transport and travel services and in no event shall be liable for acts or defaults in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through contractors or the employees of such contractors in carrying out services. Hotel and transportation services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public in general. The Host Committee reserves the right to make changes where deemed necessary, without prior notice to parties concerned. All disputes are subject to the Greek Law.

“MACEDONIA” Airport (www.hcaa.gr)

The Airport is located 13 Km east from the city of Thessaloniki in the region "Micra" and in the Thermi Municipality.

Companies with direct flights at Thessaloniki's airport:

Aegean Airlines, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, Cyprus Airways, Malev, Olympic Airlines, Swiss Airlines

Useful Websites

Conference information

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/>

Professional Conference Organiser

<http://www.artion.com.gr>

Thessaloniki

<http://www.saloniki.org>

<http://www.thessalonikicity.gr/>

<http://www.tcvb.gr>

Museums

http://www.macedonianmuseums.gr/Archaeological_and_Byzantine/Arx_Thessaloniknhs.html

<http://www.mbp.gr/html/gr/index.htm>

<http://www.greekstatemuseum.com/>

<http://www.thmphoto.gr/>

<http://www.cinemuseum.gr/>

<http://www.techpath.gr/en/>

Weather in Thessaloniki

http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/GRXX0019_c.html

Information on Greece as a travel destination

<http://www.gnto.gr/?langID=2>

Useful Phones

Police	100
Tourist Police Station	2310554870, 2310554871
Ambulance	166
Emergency Phone*	112
Phone book information	11888

**After a recorded message in English and Greek, an operator receives the call in English, French or Greek, puts the caller through to the necessary service, and assists with interpretation, if necessary.*

Information

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the

The Teachers and Trainers at the Heart of Innovation and VET Reforms Conference 2009 Secretariat

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We look forward to meeting you soon