

## **WORKSHOP VENUE**

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The workshop will take place at Cedefop premises in Thessaloniki

Workshop Dates

- **Tuesday, 3 June 2014, 09:00-17:30**
- **Wednesday, 4 June 2014, 09:00-13:00**

**Please note:** Identity card is required for your entrance to Cedefop premises

**Find your way to Cedefop:**

*Address:* Europe 123, 570 01 Thessaloniki (Pylea), Greece - *Telephone:* (+30 2310) 490 111, *Web:* <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/contact-us.aspx>

**To access Cedefop by taxi:**

Cedefop is easy to access by taxi within maximum 30 minutes from any part of the city, the city's suburbs and about 10 minutes from the airport. In general, taxis are easy to find, at the airport and all over the city; taxis are blue-white and easy to stop in the street.

## **HOW TO GET TO YOUR HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT**

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**Thessaloniki airport** | <http://www.thessalonikiairport.gr>

Thessaloniki's International Airport "MAKEDONIA" is located only 15km from the city centre.

**Taxi Service in Thessaloniki**

- Taxi service in Thessaloniki is plentiful and economic.
- A double fare is applicable between midnight and 05:00 am

A public bus is available 24 hours a day from the airport to the city centre, bus number 78 or 78N. These bus services operate from the airport approximately every 30 minutes. Tickets cost € 0,80 one way or € 0,90 when issued by ticket machines on the buses.

## **HOTELS IN THESSALONIKI**

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Please find the link below to the Cedefop Hotel list for reference in booking your hotel stay.

[List of hotels in Thessaloniki](#)

## THESSALONIKI

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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 and has been a crossroad of cultures and civilizations for over 2300 years. Few other places have such a density of outstanding historic monuments as Thessaloniki. The atmosphere is a fusion of Greek, Balkan and South-eastern European influences that co-exist harmoniously, creating a multicultural and cosmopolitan environment, where visitors from all over the world feel welcome.

Thessaloniki has the largest university in Greece, Aristotle University, which is one of the most established universities in the academic community in Europe. The city possesses the second largest and most important port in Greece, the International Fair which attracts commercial interest from all over the world, offers cultural events, theatres, Modern Art galleries, libraries, an immense variety of high standard recreational facilities and examples of modern architecture, art nouveau and eclecticism.

A few of the city's many attractions include the White Tower (15<sup>th</sup> century), the Arch of Galerius (4<sup>th</sup> century BC) with its magnificent frescoes, Thessaloniki's many churches, in particular the Rotonda (4<sup>th</sup> century) dedicated to St George, containing mosaics of the period, and the Agia Sofia (8<sup>th</sup> century), which was converted into a mosque during Ottoman rule. **In 1988, 15 monuments of Thessaloniki were listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.**

### **THESSALONIKI – EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2014**

<http://www.thessaloniki2014.eu/en/>

### **MUNICIPALITY OF THESSALONIKI**

<http://www.thessaloniki.gr/portal/page/portal/EnglishPage>



## GENERAL INFO

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### 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 June

Thessaloniki lies in the transitional climatic zone, so its climate has displayed characteristics of continental as well as Mediterranean climate. The summer is upon us and average temperatures in June range from 17C° to 29 C°. Even in cloudy days (there aren't many in June) the lowest temperatures rarely drop below 18 degrees and the daily average floats around a comfy 23 degrees.

### Power supply

The standard current in Greece is 220 volts. Plugs are European standard with two round pins. 18 degrees and the daily average floats around a comfy 23 degrees.

### 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.

### Shopping in Thessaloniki

The city centre is one of the most popular shopping areas in Thessaloniki. Shopping malls and department stores are available both in the city centre as well as in other city districts. Some of the best – known shopping malls can be found in eastern Thessaloniki (Thessaloniki Airport Area) and are easily accessible by ring road (public transportation and taxis).

### The commercial market of Thessaloniki (shops, boutiques, etc) operates as follows:

Monday / Wednesday / Saturday: 09:00 – 15:00

Tuesday / Thursday / Friday: 09:00 – 14:30 and 17:30 – 21:00



### **Shopping Malls and big department stores operate as follows:**

Monday-Friday: 09:00 – 21:00

Saturday: 09:00 – 18:00 or 20:00

### **USEFUL PHONES**

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Police	100
Tourist Police Station	+30 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*