

CONFERENCE
ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE POLICIES FOR COASTAL
CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION

On behalf of the **Hellenic Presidency** of the **EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)** and the **Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII)**, we are honored to invite you to the “Climate resilience policies for coastal cultural heritage at the Adriatic Ionian Region” conference, taking place on May 17–18, 2025, at the Esperos Palace Luxury Hotel in Kastoria, Greece.

We are extremely pleased to provide you with this Practical Information Note (PIN) containing the logistics and technical information on the meeting.

In the event of any organizational changes, the organizational team will inform you immediately.

Friday 16 May, 2025

Arrival of participants to Kastoria

18.30 Cultural visit to the Byzantine Museum of Kastoria

20.00 Cultural tour to the traditional districts of Kastoria or lake boat tour

Introduction to the picturesque landscape of Kastoria

21.00 Welcome dinner

Saturday 17 May, 2025

Conference Venue: Esperos Palace Luxury & Spa Hotel

09.00 – 09.45 Registration

09.45 – 10.45 Welcome Greetings

10.45 – 11.45 Key note speeches

11.45–12.15 Coffee break

12.15 – 13.00 Presentations by the representatives of EUSAIR member states

13.00 – 13.30 Coffee Break

13:30 –14:00 Presentations

14.00 – 17.00 Lunch Break and Rest Time

17.00–17.45 Presentations

20.00 Dinner

Sunday 18 May, 2025

(Venue: Tsiatsiapa Mansion)

10.00–12.00 Round Table

12.00–12.30 Coffee Break

12.30– 14.00 Discussion

Return flight

BYZANTINE MUSEUM OF KASTORIA

The Byzantine Museum of Kastoria is located in Dexamenis Square. It was renovated within the framework of the NSRF 2007–2013. From 2016 onwards it hosts its new permanent exhibition. It is a unique, thematic museum and its collections include portable icons of Byzantine and post-Byzantine period and include rare iconographic themes. The exhibition presents the history of the kastorian Byzantine monuments, being the starting point for the exploration of the city, which is a true "open air museum".



Contact info: Platia Dexamenis, Kastoria 521 00, 2467 026781

Website: <https://www.bmk.gr/>

THE TRADITIONAL DISTRICTS

Located at the southern side of the peninsula, the picturesque Doltso district with its cobbled streets offers a unique opportunity to explore both the traditional mansions of the 18th and 19th century and the later neoclassical houses reminiscent of previous eras, many, restored byzantine churches, monuments of the Hellenic cultural heritage, and various museums located near the Emmanouil Brothers Square such as the Macedonian Struggle, the Folklore and the Costume Museum.



On the northern side of the peninsula lies the Apozari district, full of byzantine churches and neoclassical houses that were built from the beginning of the 20th century until 1940, which are preserved and protected by the Hellenic law. On the lakeside road we can visit the imposing Tsiatsiapa mansion, decorated with unique mural paintings

VENUE OF THE MEETING

The main works of the Conference will take place on May 17th, 2025, at the Aristotelis Conference Hall of the Esperos Palace Luxury & Spa Hotel.

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TSIATSIAPA MANSION



The final works of the conference on May 18th, including a workshop focused on the strategies for strengthening resilience of cultural heritage to the impacts of climate change, will take place in the Tsiatsiapa Mansion, that dates back to 1754. Its restoration was funded by the Operational Program Macedonia–Thrace 2007–2013 and nowadays serves as a monument by the Ephorate of Antiquities of Kastoria.

Contact Information: 114–116 Nikis Street, 2467028150, efakas@culture.gr

TRANSPORT

From Airports to Kastoria

Participants may arrive to Kastoria through the Aristotelis Airport of Kastoria located at Argos Orestikon (a nearby to Kastoria town), or through the Makedonia Airport of Thessaloniki.

Information on flights:

Aristotelis Airport:

24670 21700

<http://www.hcaa.gr/en/our-airports/kratikos-aerolimenas-kastorias-aristotelhs-akta>

Makedonia Airport:

231 098 5000

<https://www.skg-airport.gr/en>

Bus

To travel from Thessaloniki airport to the bus center use the 1X / 1N Bus Line.

To travel from Thessaloniki to Kastoria visit the website:

<https://www.ktelmacedonia.gr/en/home/list/>

ACCOMONDATION AND RESTAURANTS

Kastoria offers a variety of choices and hotels to book, which you can find in websites such as:

<https://www.booking.com/>

<https://www.tripadvisor.com.gr/>

Kastoria is also known as a gastronomic destination due to its local traditional cuisine and products. Information on restaurants you can find at the website:

<https://www.estiasikastoria.gr/>

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