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14 - 18 November 2022, Athens, Greece

Dear Colleagues,

HNMS is pleased to announce that the preparations for the PCW 2022 meeting scheduled on 14 November 2022 are progressing well, and we would like to provide you with some preliminary information in order for you to start preparing your attendance.

Administration General Remarks

HNMS is going to host the PCW Winter 2022 meeting from 14th to 18th November 2022, in Athens. The workshop is going to take place in two sites in Athens, giving the opportunity to participants to explore the historic center of Athens and the suburban coastal area.

On Monday 14th, November, the PCW meeting is going to take place at “Armed Forces Officers Club” in “ATHINA” conference room (center of Athens). The following days (from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th November) the PCW meeting is going to take place at HNMS site, “HNMS Conference Room” (southern suburban Athens, named Elliniko).

All participants are required to carry their passports, or IDs or other means of photographic identification at checking points of “Armed Forces Officers Club” and HNMS site.

Social Event, Lunch and Coffee Breaks

HNMS will host the Lunch-Break and the Ice-Break evening event on Monday 14th, November, at “Armed Forces Officers Club” at 1900 local time.

At “Armed Forces Officers Club” and HNMS site coffee and coffee accompaniments will be available during Coffee-Breaks.

From 15 to 18, you will have the possibility to have lunch on your own expenses at nearby restaurants. HNMS canteen serves a variety of light sandwich.

PCW Meeting Calendar-Event-Sites

The following table summarizes the PCW sites and timetable.

	Mon, 14 Nov Officer Club	Tue, 15 Nov HNMS	Wed 16, Nov HNMS	Thu, 17 Nov HNMS	Fri, 18 Nov HNMS
<i>Session A</i>	9:00 Opening	0800-1030	0800-1030	0800-1030	0800-1030
Coffee Break	1030-1100	1030-1100	1030-1100	1030-1100	1030-1100
<i>Session B</i>	1100-1300	1100-1300	1100-1300	1100-1300	1100-1300
Lunch Break	1300-1400	1300-1400	1300-1400	1300-1400	1300-1400
<i>Session C</i>	1400-1500	1400-1530	1400-1530	1400-1530	Closing
Coffee Break	1500-1530				
<i>Session D</i>	1530-1700				
Social Event Ice-Break	1900-2100				

Significant Remarks for Thursday, 17th November 2022

Demonstrations take place regularly around major squares in central Athens, in particular Syntagma Square. A demonstration is expected to take place at center city on November 17th, during late afternoon and evening hours. You should follow local media and avoid these areas during these times. The timetable of certain bus routes and metro station access will change.

AIRPORT INFO

Athens Airport is located within 33km of distance from Athens city center. The journey from the airport to downtown Athens takes approximately 35-40 minutes by car or taxi, 40 minutes by metro, and 60 minutes by bus. Athens airport taxis offer fixed prices. Therefore, the ride from Athens Airport to Athens city center costs 40€ during the day shift and 55€ during nighttime.

Athens Airport Buses.

Athens International Airport is connected to all the major hubs of Athens via numerous bus lines. To start with, 4 lines of OSY public buses conveniently transfer passengers from Athens Airport to Athens city. Explicitly:

Bus X95 (Athens Airport – Syntagma Square).

When Athens center is the final destination, bus X95 is the right route for you. Syntagma Square is the most central area of the city. Taking bus X95 will get you there in about 60 minutes.

Bus X97 (Athens Airport – Elliniko Metro Station close to HNMS): This route's final stop is the Dafni Metro Station. Buses leave the airport every 40-60 minutes while their journey lasts 45 minutes. Elliniko Metro station is the closest station to HNMS site.

Both bus routes run 24/7, so you don't have to worry about catching a bus no matter the day or time you arrive at Athens Airport.

For more info about OSY buses., you can call 11185 or visit the [official website](#).

Athens airport bus tickets can be purchased both onboard and from the ticket kiosks at the airport's Arrivals area.

Tickets for bus X95 can be purchased either by the ticket kiosks, lying between Exits 4 and 5 of the Arrivals area, or even onboard. In any case, you should always carry small bills with you to pay for your ticket.

Athens Airport Metro Line 3

Athens airport subway offers reliable and fast transportation services from and to Athens Airport. The Blue Line (Metro Line 3) connects Athens International Airport to Syntagma Square, the major hub of the city, in just 40 minutes. Athens airport subway trains run day after day, from 06:30 am to 11:30 pm, with available routes every 30 minutes. Therefore, the Blue Metro Line 3 is ideal for passengers who opt for a transportation mode combining speed, efficiency, and low cost. An one-way subway ticket from El. Venizelos to the city center costs 9€ for adults while a return ticket has 16€. The following table summarizes the prices and travel duration:

Options	Daytime Price	Night Time Price	Duration
Taxi	40€	55€	40 Min
Metro/Train	9€	9€	40 Min
Bus	5.5€	5.5€	60 Min

More information about the OASA ticket and options are available on the site <https://www.oasa.gr/en/tickets/prices-of-products/>

More information about Athens International Airport are available on the site <https://athens-international-airport.com>

LOCATIONS INFO

“Armed Forces Officers Club”



The “Armed Forces Officers Club” (LAED in Greek) is located at Rigillis St. 1. It is near the Athens city center, close to Syntagma Sqr. Closest Metro stations are Evangelismos Metro Station 500m (Fig. 1) and Syntagma Metro Station 800m (Fig.2).

More information about the “Armed Forces Officers Club” you may find on the following website <https://laed.business.site>

More information about the location of “Armed Forces Officers Club” you may find on the following [link](#)

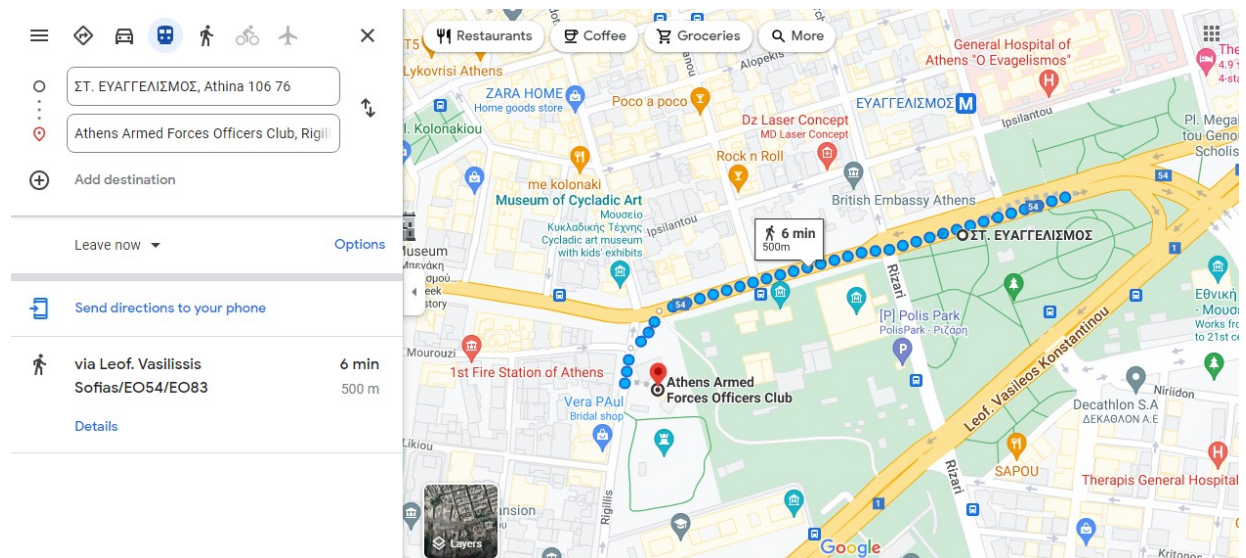


Fig.1: Access to Armed Forces Officers Club from Evangelismos Metro Station

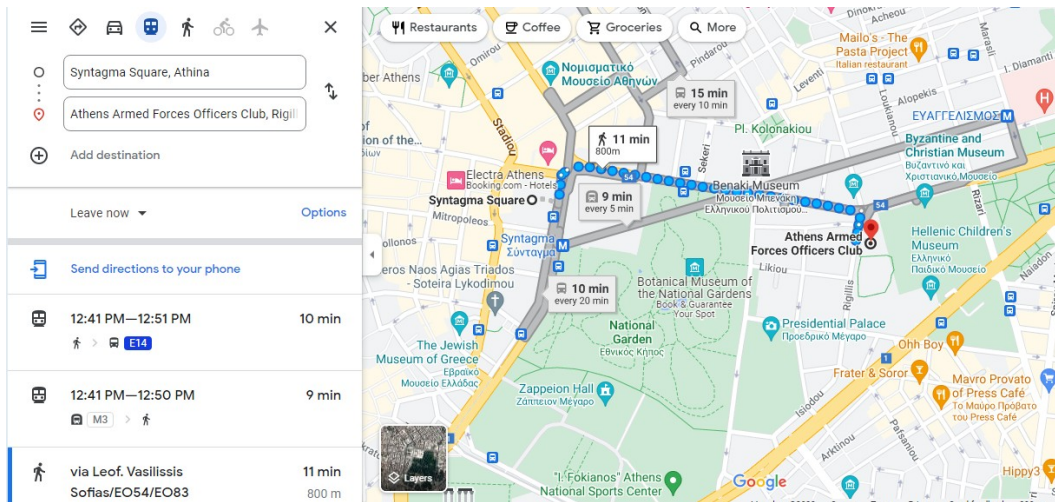


Fig.2: Access to Armed Forces Officers Club from Syntagma Metro Station

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HNMS is located at Eletheriou Venizelou 14. It is close to Elliniko Metro station 700m (Fig.3).

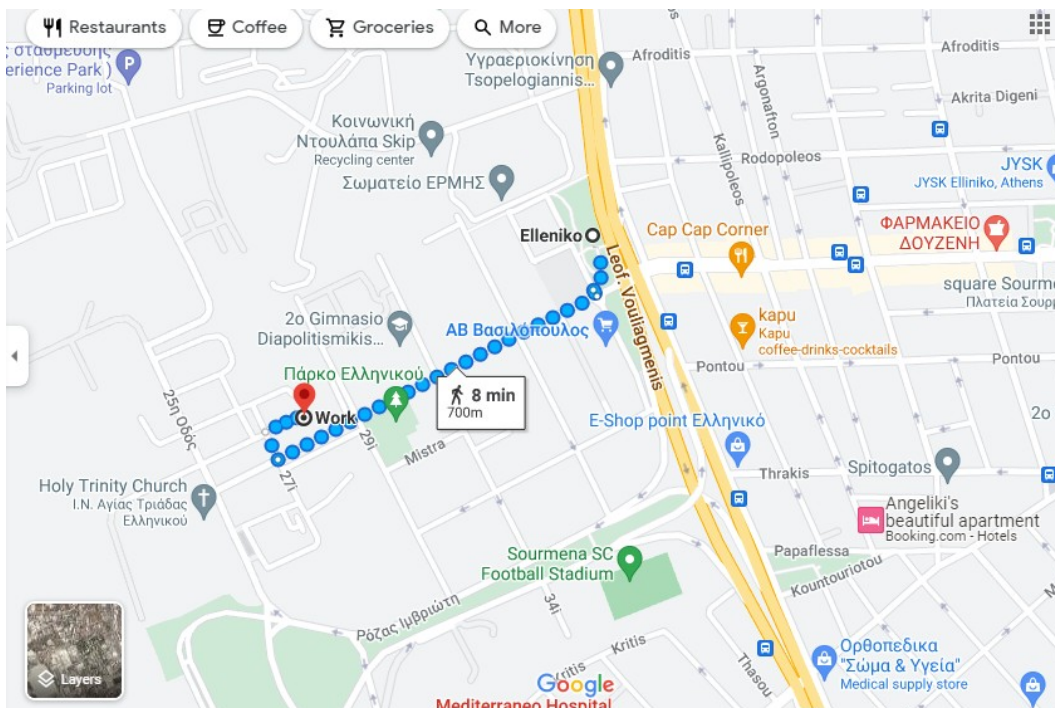


Fig.3: Access to HNMS site from Elliniko Metro Station

You may access HNMS from city center with the Metro (Subway) Blue Line.

You may access HNMS from the coastal area via buses

Electric current

The standard in Greece is 220-240V AC (50Hz). All appliances from North America require a transformer and all appliances from Britain require an adaptor. The adaptor style is Euro 2 pin (side by side) with or without earthing points.

Time zone while travelling in Greece

Greece is 7 hours ahead of the Eastern Standard Time of U.S.A. and Canada. Greek time is UTC +2 hours.

Metro (Subway) Connections and Athens Airport Buses

Fig. 4 depicts the Metro (Subway) connection lines (Red-Green-Blue lines) and Express Airport Buses. HNMS is located at Elliniko Station (connection Red Metro line and X97 Express Bus-yellow line).



Fig.4: Metro map