



Visitor Info Kit

29–30 July 2025 | Central Library, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to the Aviation Twin Transition Cluster (ATT) event in Athens. This guide contains useful information to help you plan your trip and enjoy your stay in the Greek capital.

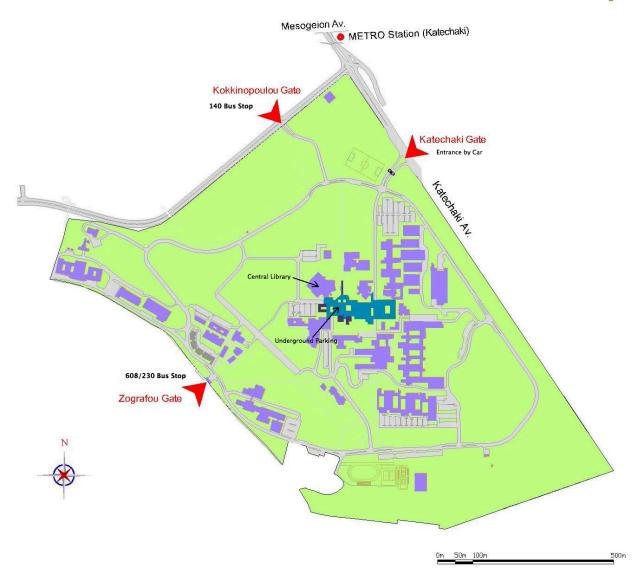
1. Event Overview

Dates: 29–30 July 2025

Venue: Central Library, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) **Address**: Zografou Campus, 9 Iroon Polytechneiou, Athens 157 80, Greece

Website: refmap.eu/clustering-event-in-athens





2. How to Reach the Venue

From Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) by Taxi:

~35–45 minutes (~€40 during the day)

Popular Taxi apps:

- FREENOW
- TAXIPLON
- <u>18300</u> (radio taxi service)
- <u>UBER</u> (less popular)



From Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) by Metro:

Take the Blue Line (M3) to *Syntagma*, then transfer to the Red Line (M2) towards *Anthoupoli* and get off at *Ambelokipi* (recommended) or *Panepistimio*.

From Metro Stations to NTUA Zografou Campus:

- From Ambelokipi Station (recommended):
 - 1. Walk to the nearby bus stop on Alexandras Avenue.
 - 2. Take **Bus 250** (directly enters the university campus), or Buses **140**, **220**, or **221** (stop near campus).
 - 3. Get off at **NTUA Central Library**, **8η Zografou**, or within campus depending on the line. Travel time: ~15–20 minutes from Ambelokipi.

From Panepistimio Station: Less direct, requires longer walk or transfer. Not recommended for first-time visitors.

- Taxi from Ambelokipi or Panepistimio:
 - 1. Taxis are easily available outside both stations.
 - 2. Ride to NTUA Zografou Campus takes **10–15 minutes**, depending on traffic. Estimated fare: **€6–€9**.

Local Transport Tips:

- Use the <u>Google Maps app</u> for suggested routes and ways of transport, and <u>OASA Telematics app</u> for real-time public transport updates.
- Taxis are the most efficient way to move around in Athens if a convenient Metro Station is not available for your destination, and will not cost about €10 for a 15' ride
- Purchase an <u>Ath.ena Card</u> for metro/bus access (available at stations).
- Athens Metro Map

3. Accommodation

Athens offers a range of accommodation. We recommend staying in:

- **Zografou, Ilisia** (close to NTUA)
- Kolonaki (central and elegant)
- Syntagma / Plaka (historic city centre)



Recommended hotels:

• Crowne Plaza Hotel Athens

Website: www.cpathens.com

Ideal for business travellers, centrally located with excellent amenities and services.

Electra Hotel Athens (Syntagma Square)

Website: www.electrahotels.gr

Perfect central location on Ermou Street, right on Syntagma Metro Station (Line 3).

Divani Caravel Hotel

Website: www.divanis.com

5-star hotel with modern facilities, near Evaggelismos Metro Station.

President Hotel

Website: www.president.gr

Affordable business-style hotel in Ambelokipi; note: no free internet.

Athinais Hotel

Website: www.athinaishotel.gr

Centrally located and budget-friendly with free Wi-Fi throughout the property.

Ilisia Hotel

Website: www.ilisiahotel.gr

Quiet area, walking distance to metro, free internet in all rooms and public areas.

Golden Age Hotel

Website: www.goldenage.gr

Known for great service and close to metro; free internet in public spaces.

Airhotel Stratos Vassilikos

Website: www.airotel.gr

Comfortable and stylish with free Wi-Fi throughout, good metro access.

• Electra Palace Hotel (Plaka Area)

Website: www.electrahotels.gr

Luxury option in the heart of Athens' old town (Plaka), walking distance to major sites.

Additional Tourist info

http://www.cityofathens.gr



4. Meals and Dining

- Light lunch and coffee will be provided during the event.
- Dinner and networking opportunities will be organised (details to be shared on-site).
- Athens is full of excellent restaurants. Try local favourites: souvlaki, moussaka, Greek traditional pies (pites), and fresh seafood. For dessert, don't miss baklava or loukoumades (Greek honey doughnuts).

5. Event Language

All sessions will be conducted in English.

6. Weather in July

Expect **hot and sunny** weather. Daily highs: 32–36°C. Bring light clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, and stay hydrated.

7. Currency & Electrical Info

- **Currency**: Euro (€). Most shops and restaurants accept cards and contactless payments.
- **Electricity**: Standard voltage is 230V. Socket type is European (two round pins).

8. Time Zone

Athens follows Eastern European Summer Time (EEST), which is GMT+3 in July.

9. Emergency Contacts

• General Emergency Number (EU-wide): 112

• On-Site Contact: Pavlos Zafeiropoulos

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10. Getting Around Athens

- Metro: Fast and convenient. Red (M2) and Blue (M3) lines are most useful.
- Bus & Tram: Useful for areas not served by metro.
- Taxi: Apps like <u>FREENOW</u> and <u>TAXIPLON</u>
- Bike rental: Limited options in Athens; not the most bike-friendly city.

11. Optional Activities

A guided **Acropolis tour** will be organised. Sign-up form will be shared by email.

While you're in Athens, consider exploring:

- Acropolis of Athens iconic ancient citadel with spectacular views
- Acropolis Museum world-class modern museum at the base of the Acropolis
- Plaka charming historic district with shops and cafés
- Monastiraki known for its flea market, street food, and vibrant squares
- National Garden peaceful park near Syntagma Square
- Lycabettus Hill take a funicular or hike for panoramic city views
- Benaki Museum showcasing Greek history and art across centuries



For those staying longer, consider exploring:

- National Archaeological Museum
- Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre
- Athens Riviera (coastal walk, cafes)



12. Additional Cultural Tips

- Greeks are very hospitable. English is widely spoken.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Tipping is not obligatory but appreciated (5–10%).

We look forward to seeing you in Athens!

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