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**Green living
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3rd Gathering of the Green Living Areas Thematic Community



22-23rd April 2026
Athens, Melina
Merkouri Cultural
Centre



Background

Since January 2024, one strategic and 24 thematic projects under the Green Living Areas (GLA) Mission of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme gathering 250+ partners, have been actively contributing to the green transition of territories across the Euro-Mediterranean region. By developing and testing innovative solutions, tools and methodologies, these projects support local and regional authorities in enhancing sustainability, climate resilience and quality of life. As the Mission evolves, the focus increasingly shifts from piloting solutions to ensuring their long-term sustainability, transferability and policy integration.

The Mission is strategically supported by two governance projects:

- **Community4Living Areas (C4LA)** strengthens collaboration among thematic projects, fosters synergies, and amplifies results to maximise territorial impact. It facilitates knowledge exchange, capitalisation activities and cross-fertilisation with other EU programmes and initiatives working towards greener and more resilient living areas.
- **Dialogue4Living Areas (D4LA)** reinforces the policy dimension of the Mission by promoting structured dialogue between projects, policymakers and public authorities, enabling effective policy transfer and long-term systemic change.

Following the Kick-off event in Torino and the 2nd Gathering in Barcelona, the Mission now enters a crucial phase focused on transferring solutions and embedding them into policy frameworks.

The 3rd Gathering of the GLA Thematic Community, taking place in Athens on 22-23 April 2026, represents a pivotal step as the Mission is entering the second half of its implementation phase.

The event will be structured over two days:

- **Day 1** will focus on the thematic projects themselves. Projects will showcase their main outputs, tested solutions and key achievements, Work in thematic working groups to identify synergies and joint transfer opportunities, Participate in targeted capacity-building sessions
- **Day 2** will focus on bridging the gap between project innovation and formal policy documents, ensuring that tested solutions become part of long-term territorial strategies.

This 3rd Gathering marks a decisive milestone for the Green Living Areas Thematic Community: moving **from collaboration and experimentation towards consolidation**, policy mainstreaming and durable impact across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

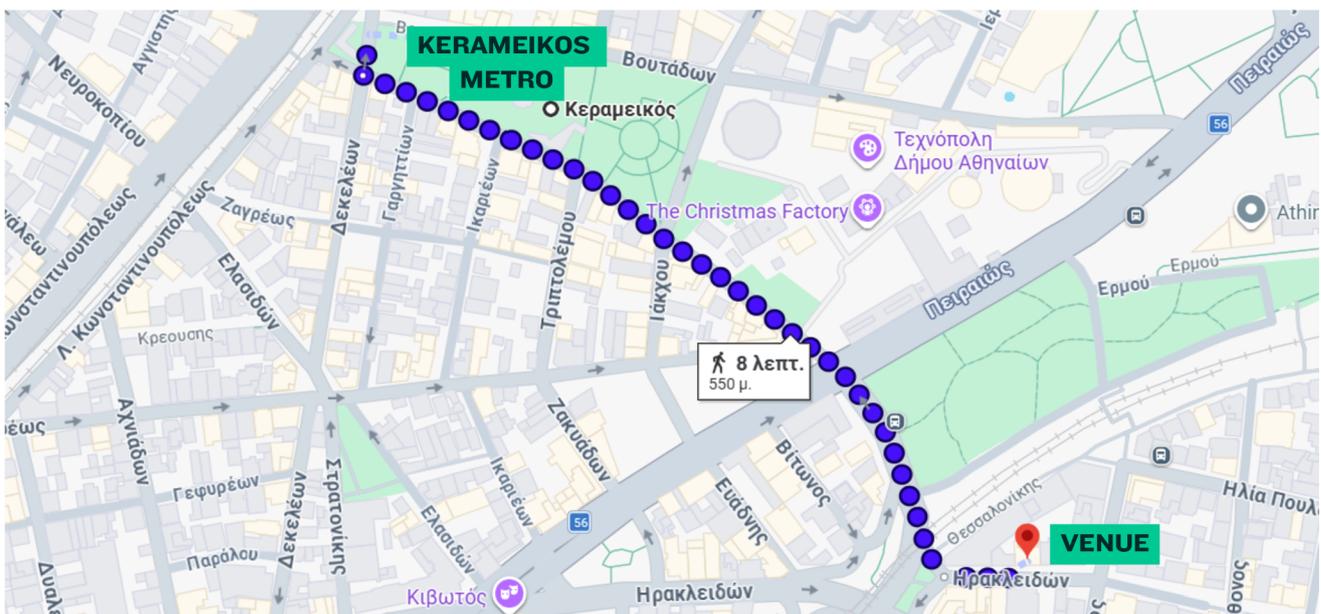


Event venue

The event will take place at **Melina Merkouri Cultural Centre.**

📍 **Address:** Irakleidon 66 & Thessalonikis, Kerameikos, Athens, Greece

🚇 **Nearest Metro Station:** **Kerameikos** (Line 3 – Blue Line)



A catering service will be provided during the two-day event, including coffee breaks and lunch. Dinner will be at your own arrangement.



Travel Information

How to reach Athens City Centre from the Airport Eleftherios Venizelos

Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) is located about 35 km from the city centre.

By Metro (Recommended)

- Line 3 (Blue Line) directly connects the airport to **Syntagma station** and **Kerameikos station** (where the Venue of the Event is located)
- Duration: ~40–45 minutes
- Frequency: every 30 minutes
- Cost: approx. €9



By Bus

- Express bus **X95** (Airport – Syntagma Square) – connection with **blue metro line 3**
- Duration: ~45 minutes
- 24/7 service

By Taxi (Advice: Always take an official **yellow** taxi from the queue)

- Duration: 30–40 minutes (depending on traffic)
- Fixed fare: approx. €40 - €45(daytime) / €55 (nighttime)



Travel Information

Accommodation suggestions

Below you can find some suggestions for hotels which are located in beautiful areas only one – or two stops from Kerameikos station (where the venue is located). However there are plenty of options on the internet. Feel free to choose the one you prefer.

Near **Acropolis Metro Station** - to reach the Venue you can use the **red metro line** for 1 stop to **Syntagma**, then **Line 3** to Kerameikos (approx. 10 minutes total)

[Herodion Hotel, Athens](#)

[Philippos Hotel Athens](#)

Near **Syntagma Metro Station** - to reach the Venue via **blue metro Line 3** (approx. 5–7 minutes)

[Amalia Athens Hotel](#) ****

[Titania Hotel](#)

[Electra Rhythm Athens](#)****

[Polis Grand Hotel](#)

[Amazon Hotel](#)***



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