



## Info Guide



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## **About RESTART Project**

Reinventing European Solidarity and Raising Tolerance - RESTART is a Programme funded by the European Commission, in the framework of Europe for Citizens Programme, concerning the migration issue and the refugee crisis.

The refugee crisis EU has been facing is one of the most challenging it has faced in its existence. Only in 2015 1.294.000 people have applied for an asylum in the EU countries. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimates that more than 1,011,700 migrants arrived by sea in 2015, and almost 34,900 by land. This compares with 280,000 arrivals by land and sea for the whole of 2014. The figures do not include those who got in undetected.

In this situation, this project seeks to raise the awareness to the EU program and partner countries regarding the refugee crisis and the migration issue. In the last of RESTART, the Pilot Activity and the Simulation Game, participants from Greece, Cyprus, Belgium and Albania, will travel to Athens in order to interact and train refugees on their rights and obligations in the EU, in order to educate the society on human rights and asylum seekers rights. The participants will be informed and inform in their turn the refugees about their rights and obligations as asylum seekers in the EU and promote voluntarism in order to reinforce European and active citizenship. These goals will be achieved through workshops, Trainings, Study Visits and the Simulation Game, in order to promote youth engagement in the policy making on the subject, to bring policy makers and the public closer and promote social understanding on a European level.

The final objective of the Programme is to form, through the project activities, a Policy Paper regarding the migration issue and the refugee crisis, which will be presented at the European Parliament with the advisory status that the Coordinator of the Programme, the Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs- I.R.T.E.A., holds.

For more information about the Programme, please visit the website:

<http://www.europe-restart.eu/>

or the Official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RESTARTeu-198850560545212/>

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## **A few words about Athens**

Athens is the historical capital of Greece, with a long history, dating from the first settlement in the Neolithic age. In the 5th Century BC (the “Golden Age of Pericles”)



– the culmination of Athens’ long, fascinating history – the city’s values and civilization acquired a universal significance. Over the years, a multitude of conquerors occupied Athens, and erected unique, splendid monuments - a rare historical palimpsest. In 1834, it became the

capital of the Modern Greek state and in two centuries since it has become an attractive modern metropolis with unrivalled charm.

Athens is recognized as a global city because of its location and its importance in shipping, finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, culture, education and tourism. It is one of the biggest economic centers in southeastern Europe, with a large financial sector, and its port Piraeus is both the largest passenger port in Europe and the second largest in the world.

The heritage of the classical era is still evident in the city, represented by ancient monuments and works of art, the most famous of all being the Parthenon, considered a key landmark of early Western civilization. The city also retains Roman and Byzantine monuments, as well as a smaller number of Ottoman monuments.

For more information about Athens, please visit the website:

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/>

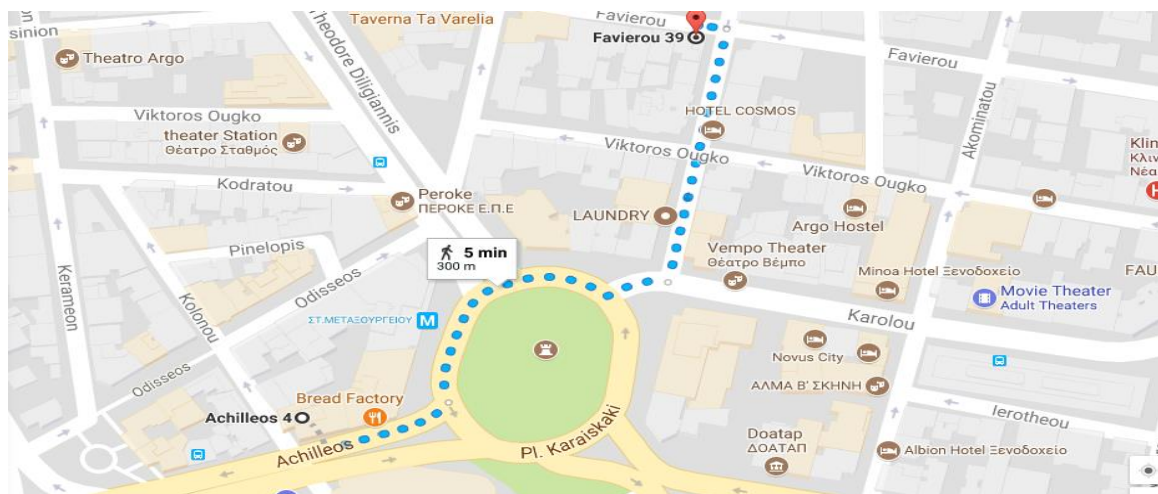
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## **Your accommodation**

You will be staying at **Crystal City Hotel** at 4 Ahilleos Str., Metaxourgio, in Athens. The hotel is really close to IRTEA's Office premises, where most activities will be held and where we will all gather in the morning in order to take the bus and move to other places for the Programme Activities. The hotel is at the city center of Athens, right outside the subway station, so you could easily move around on your free time.

For more information Crystal City Hotel, please visit its website: <http://crystal-city.hotelsathens.org/en/>



## **Nutrition**

As far as your nutrition is concerned, breakfast, lunch and dinner are covered by the Programme. Breakfast will be served every morning at your Hotel, and lunch and dinner will be served either at the premises of the hosting organization (I.R.T.E.A.), or at a restaurant.

## **Insurance cover**

During your participation at the Project, you will be fully covered by the Insurance Company “European Faith”, in case of an accident or a severe disease.

The participants that obtain the European Health Card are kindly requested to bring it with them.

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## Your way from the Airport to the Hotel

Your transportation from the airport to the hotel will be made by a **Mini Bus**. A member of our team will meet you at the arrivals section at the airport, holding a paper that says “RESTART.eu”, in order for you to notice them more easily.

However, in case of an emergency, these are the most convenient ways for you to go from the airport to your hotel.

- **TAXI**

Airport – Athens (35 €)

- **Subway**

You can take the subway’s **Blue Line No3 “Airport – Agia Marina”** and you will get off at **Syntagma** station. From **Syntagma** station, you will take the **Red Line No2 “Elliniko – Anthoupoli”** and you will get off at **Metaxourgio** station. Your hotel is right outside the station.

**The Ticket Price from and to the Airport is 10€ (Normal Price), 5€ (Student’s Price).**

## Venue of the event



The mobility will, mostly, take place at the office premises of the Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs- I.R.T.E.A., the coordinator of the Programme, located at the city center of Athens, at the area of Metaxourgio.

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The participants will also visit the Municipality of Livadia, which is a city located 130 kilometres northern of Athens, as well as refugee camps located in the city of Athens. The transportation of the participants from one place to another will be made by bus, so as to avoid any inconvenience.

**Useful contact information**

- ✓ National Emergency Number: 100
- ✓ National Hospital number: 166
- ✓ European Emergency Number: 112
- ✓ IRTEA's Office: 0030 213 0250217
- ✓ Antonakakis George: 0030 6973594182
- ✓ Mari Christina: 0030 6986425554

**CAUTION**

**It is very important that you should keep the original boarding passes and bus tickets (in case you travel by bus) and bring them to us as soon as you arrive at Athens.**

**Please make sure that you do not lose them or throw them away.**

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