



EPR Youth Working Group Study Visit

Theotokos Foundation

22 – 23 May 2024

Athens, Greece

Objectives of the meeting

The aim of this study visit is to discover Theotokos Foundation services together with allowing the participants to exchange about their organizations, services and activities.

Theotokos Foundation

Theotokos Foundation is a non-profit organization that has been operating since 1963. Its facilities are located in the municipality of Ilion and occupy an area of 51 acres. It offers prevention, holistic intervention and rehabilitation services to people with Intellectual Developmental Disorders & Autistic Spectrum Disorders, from early childhood to young adulthood. The Foundation has adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD), which aims to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities and to promote respect for their inherent dignity. Theotokos aims to evolve into an exemplary assessment, education and rehabilitation organisation in Greece and Europe, and have a central and essential role in the creation of a world where persons with intellectual developmental disorders and autism spectrum disorders will have equal rights in life and work.

Draft Programme

Tuesday 21 May

Arrivals to Athens

Dinner at 20:00 - [Restaurant MOMIX](#) (Voutadon 36, Gkazi, 11854 Athens, [Google Maps](#))
Joint dinner for anyone interested and available on the evening before the study visit



Wednesday 22 May

Session 1 / 08:30-13:00

08:30	Taxi transfer from hotel to Theotokos
09:00	Welcome coffee
09:15	Introduction to the study visit, EPR
9:45	Presentations Theotokos and the organisations participating in the study visit
10:30	Activities at the healing garden
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Activities at the silk printing workshop
13:00	Lunch

Session 2 / 14:00-17:00

14:00	Sherborne session
14:45	Working Group session
17:00	Transfer to hotel, End of Day 1

Joint Dinner at 20:00 (Restaurant and location to be confirmed)
Invitation by EPR

Thursday 23 May

Session 3 / 08:30-12:00

08:30	Taxi transfer from hotel to Theotokos
09:00	Welcome coffee
09:30	Theotokos tour
11:00	Coffee break
11:15	Lunch preparation - activity at the catering department
12:00	End of the study visit

Transfer to airport (for those leaving in the afternoon)



Practicalities

Participation

This study visit is part of the EPR work programme and arranged specifically for the Youth Working Group. A dedicated budget is used to cover expenses for local transport and meals, and accommodation for one person per organisation for two nights. This budget is limited and used for registered participants on a first come first serve basis.

Working Group session

Please note there will be a “regular” working group session on 22 May in the afternoon (location tbc), similar to the format of the online meetings.

Travel planning

We recommend booking flights to Athens to arrive on Tuesday 21 May. There will be a joint dinner at 20h00 for everyone interested and available. The programme will start on Wednesday 22 May early morning and finish on Thursday 23 May noon. Hint: Beware the Greek time zone and doublecheck the arrival and departure times for your flights are in local time.

Local transport

Athens has a well established public transport network, in particular the metro is fabulous. Just beware pickpockets like in every big city. Travel distances can be long. Going from the airport to the hotel by metro takes approx. 90min.

For 22 May and 23 May mornings there will be taxi transfers organised for 8:30 from the hotel to Theotokos. For 22 May at the end of the programme there will be taxi transfers going back to the hotel. For 23 May, there will be transport from Theotokos directly to the airport (shorter distance than from the city). If your flight departs later or another day, please let us know (to order a taxi from Theotokos to city).

Hotel booking

Theotokos and EPR has arranged for a group booking at AREOS Hotel (<https://athensareoshotel.gr/>). EPR can offer to cover the accommodation costs of one person per member organisation for two nights. We happily accommodate a second participant in the study visit, however, EPR cannot offer funding for more than one hotel room per member organisation. Please note breakfast is not included/available at the hotel.

Registration

This study visit is organised for EPR member organisations listed with the Working Group Youth. Feel free to register yourself and/or a colleague from your organisation. Please [register for the study visit](#) including details of your travel plans as soon as possible. Theotokos and EPR require this data to secure your hotel reservation, your meals and your well-being. Either way, we shall verify your travel information individually with each of you in the run-up to the study visit. Do keep us posted about changes in your planning.

Contacts

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