



## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

### **UNICEF Greece Country Office**

### **International Conference The Role of Academia in Promoting Child Rights**

**04-06 June 2026**

**Thessaloniki, Greece**

#### **Dates**

The International Conference on The Role of Academia in Promoting Child Rights will be held from **Thursday, June 04 to Saturday, June 06 2026**, between 10:00 to 20:00 on the first two days and 10:00 to 18:00 on the third day.

#### **Scope**

UNICEF Greece, in collaboration with the International Hellenic University, is co-organizing an International Conference on the Role of Academia in Promoting Child Rights in Thessaloniki, Greece, on June 04 to June 06, 2026.

The Conference will provide a unique platform for dialogue, cross-country learning, and collaboration to empower universities in their efforts to mainstream child rights across disciplines. This Conference will bring together academics, child rights experts, policymakers, practitioners, representatives from civil society, and young people to explore how higher education can contribute to promoting and protecting child rights.

## Venue



The meeting will take place in Thessaloniki, at the International Hellenic University Thermi Campus, **Building B (Left)**. More specifically, the keynote speeches and conference presentations will be offered at the **Central Auditorium «Kostas Grammenos»**



while **Rooms B and C** will be used for the parallel sessions.

## Accommodation

Proposed hotels close to the **city center** of Thessaloniki:

- [Mondeus Inn Luxury Suites](#) Δ1 & Δ2
- [ABC Hotel](#) \*\*\*
- [Mandrino Hotel](#) \*\*
- [Loena Luxury Suites](#) \*\*

Proposed hotels in the area of **Thermi** and close to the International Hellenic University campus:

- [Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki](#) \*\*\*
- [September Hotel Thessaloniki](#) \*\*\*
- [Avalon Airport Hotel Thessaloniki](#) \*\*\*
- [City Gate Hotel Airport Thessaloniki](#) \*

## Transport To/From AIRPORT [Thessaloniki Macedonia Airport \(SKG\)](#)

### Reaching Thessaloniki

Reaching Thessaloniki city center (13 km away) from [Thessaloniki Macedonia Airport \(SKG\)](#) is best done via 24/7 public buses (Lines 01X/01N) for €2 (40-50 min) or by taxi for approx. €25-35. Buses depart outside Arrivals (Exit 4), with tickets available from machines onboard or at a booth.

### Public Bus Service

- **Bus 01X (Day) / 01N (Night):** These run frequently (every 30 mins) connecting the airport directly to the city center and the main KTEL bus station.
- **Cost:** Single fare is €2 (€1 for students/seniors).
- **Payment:** Tickets can be purchased at the airport booth or from automated machines onboard (exact change usually required, or use contactless payment options).
- **Duration:** Approximately 40-50 minutes.

### Taxi and Private Transport

- **Taxi:** A taxi to the city center or port costs roughly €25-€30 during the day and closer to €35-€42 at night. The queue is directly outside the arrivals hall.
- **Ride-sharing:** Services such as Uber and FreeNow are available

### Visas Issues

The visa policy of the Schengen Area applies to Greece. Some participants will require a visa to enter the country, **if not holding a valid UNLP.**

Please refer to the [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece](#) for more details about the visa procedure for different passport holders. Please note that both regular passport or UNLP needs to be valid for at least 6 months upon departure from Greece. For any clarification, or in case an invitation letter is required, please contact Ms. Kleopatra Laina (email: [klaina@unicef.org](mailto:klaina@unicef.org)).

### Weather

The average temperature in June can range from a low of 20°C to high 33°C. Please check weather services as the time of the event approaches.

[Thessaloniki, Greece](#)

### Security in Thessaloniki



The security level in Thessaloniki is at level 2 (Low). Travelers should be aware of petty crime, which may include pick pocketing and street scams, and exercise caution while using public transport, as well as when using ATM machines or money exchange tellers.

Spare credit cards, travel documents and valuable items should be kept in a protected place. Handbags should not be placed over backs of chairs or under tables at restaurants

and one should always be vigilant when moving about the streets at night.

Greece has not been an operational area for international extremism while relevant HG authorities have been successfully trying to mitigate domestic terrorism. There are no direct threats to the UN in Greece. Demonstrations are generally peaceful, but there have been incidents of random violence.

As per the Safety and Security Department, travelers are instructed to avoid crowd gatherings and areas where demonstrations are held. Participants are requested to obtain security clearance prior to commencing the trip.

### Currency and Exchange rate

The official currency in Greece is Euro. Accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express.

### Materials and Equipment

In support of the "Greening UNICEF" initiative photocopying arrangements will be limited.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops. The electricity supply in Greece is 230 volts. Electrical appliances must have European plugs.

**Emergency Numbers**

Any Emergency:	<b>112</b>
Police	100
Fire Service	199
Ambulance Service	166
SOS Doctors	1016

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**Other Information for Greece**

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