FORUM FOR ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN MACEDONIA

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SOME INFORMATION ABOUT KOZANI

Kozani is a city in northern Greece, capital of Kozani regional unit and of West Macedonia region. It is located in the western part of Macedonia, in the northern part of the Aliakmonas river valley. The city lies 710 m above sea level, 15 km northwest of the artificial lake Polyfytos, 120 km south-west of Thessaloniki, between the mountains Pieria, Vermio, Vourinos and Askio. The population of the Kozani municipality is over 70,000 people. The climate of the area is continental with cold and dry winters, and hot summers.

Kozani is the home of the University of Western Macedonia, with about 15,000 students from all over Greece and other places. One of the most important aspects of local folklore is Kozani's carnival at the end of the winter, which retains much of the profanity of the ancient Dionysiac cult. Kozani is renowned in Greece and abroad for the production of saffron (Krokos Kozanis), in the nearby town of Krokos.

The city now combines modern with old architecture. Some magnificent buildings are the clock tower, the town hall, the folklore museum, the "Valtadoreio" Gymnasium, the National Bank of Greece building, the "Ermioneion" Hotel and the mansions of Georgios Lassanis and Grigorios Vourkas. The Municipal Library of Kozani called "Kovendareios" is the second biggest in Greece, and it has 150,000 books, rare publications, valuable documents, and one of the rare copies of Rigas Feraios' charter. For this reason Kozani was included in the National Cultural Network of Cities with object the promotion of the Book and Reading.



The Forum will be held on November, 3, 2023, in "Koventareios" Municipal Library of Kozani.

Address: Davaki 9, 50132, Kozani





Kozani has a small airport with only limited national flights. The nearest international airport is the one in Thessaloniki.

There are 3 ways to get from Thessaloniki Airport (SKG) to Kozani: (1) by bus, (2) own or rented car, and (3) by taxi.

- **Option 1:** There is no direct connection from Thessaloniki Airport (SKG) to Kozáni. However, you can take the public bus (Line OIX) to <u>Intercity Bus Station - KTEL</u> <u>"Macedonia"</u> then take the coach to Kozani (time travel from KTEL bus station to Kozani approximately 1,5 hours). (for tickets See Here)
- <u>Option 2:</u> You can rent a car at the airport<u>(see here)</u>. Total distance from SKG airport to Kozani (140 km approximately).
- <u>Option 3: By taxi</u> The cost from the Thessaoniki airport to Kozani varies between 130-200 euros <u>(see here).</u>

HOW TO GET TO KOZANI

ACCOMMODATION IN KOZANI



Below you can find a list of suggested accommodation:

Ermionio Hotel <u>(see here</u>)

750m from venue (11 min walk)

Katerina Hotel (<u>see here</u>)

260m from venue (4 min walk)

Elena Hotel (see here)

Aliakmon Hotel (see here)

1 km from venue (14 min walk)

Anesis Hotel (<u>see here</u>)

730m from venue (10 min walk)

THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN KOZANI

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