

EARLICOST & EARLINET Meeting 2026

National Observatory of Athens, Penteli

8 – 11 September 2026

Transportation to and from the Venue

The meeting will be held at the National Observatory of Athens (NOA/IAASARS) in Penteli, located on Lofos Koufos hill in Penteli. Below you will find all available transport options from Chalandri to the venue and return.

Option 1 — Chartered Shuttle Bus (Recommended)

A shuttle bus will operate daily on all meeting days (8–11 September), departing from Chalandri with a fixed timetable.

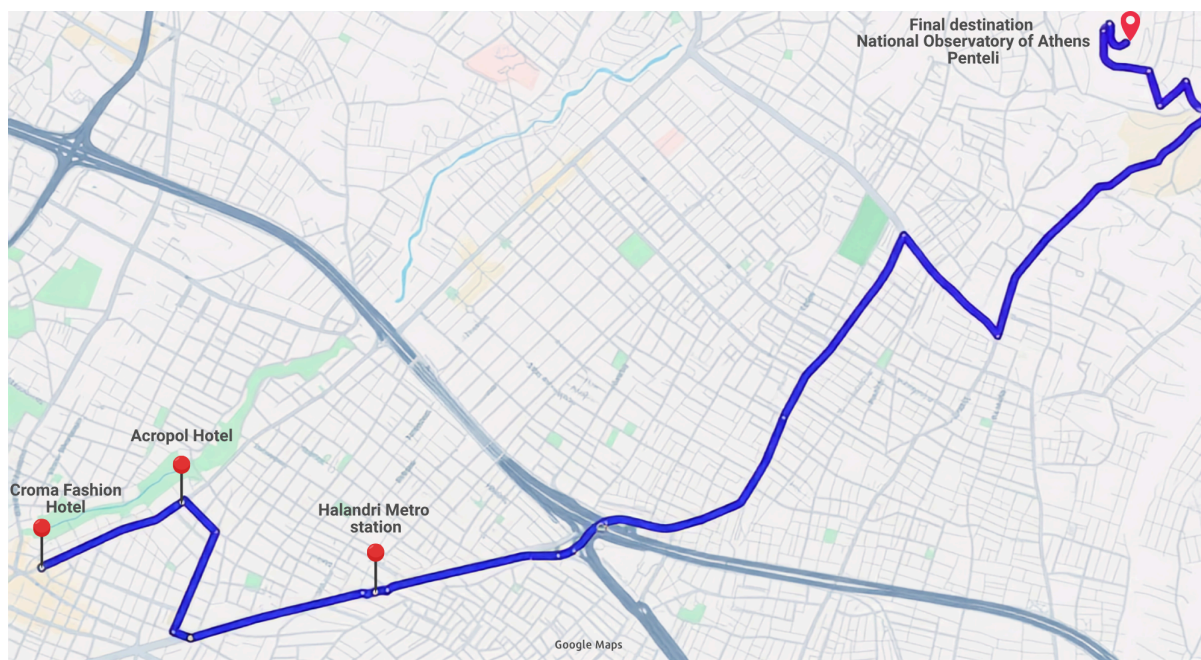
	From Chalandri to Venue								From Venue to Chalandri	
	Departure: Chroma Fashion Hotel		1st stop: Acropol Hotel		2nd stop: Chalandri Metro Station (Brief stop: 5 min)		Arrival: National Observatory of Athens, Penteli		Departure: National Observatory of Athens, Penteli	
	1st Transfer	2nd Transfer	1st Transfer	2nd Transfer	1st Transfer	2nd Transfer	1st Transfer	2nd Transfer	1st Transfer	2nd Transfer
Day 1: 8/9	8:00	12:30	8:02	12:32	8:07	12:37	8:40	13:10	19:00 - 19:15	-
Day 2: 9/9	8:00	-	8:02	-	8:07	-	8:40	-	17:30 - 17:45	-
Day 3: 10/9	8:30	-	8:32	-	8:37	-	9:10	-	17:30 - 17:45	-
Day 4: 11/9	8:00	-	8:02	-	8:07	-	8:40	-	12:30 - 12:45	15:00 - 15:15

Important: The bus cannot wait at any stop. Passengers must already be at the designated pick-up point before the bus arrives. Please arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes early.

Daily schedule / stops information

- Departure from [Chroma Fashion Hotel](#), Chalandri
The bus stops on Leoforos Pentelis, opposite the hotel. Stop duration: 1–2 min max.
- 1st Stop at [Acropol Hotel](#), Chalandri
The bus stops opposite the hotel. Stop duration: 1–2 min max.
- 2nd Stop at [Chalandri Metro Station](#) (Line 3)
Brief stop (~5 min). The bus departs promptly - do not be late.
- Arrival at [National Observatory of Athens, Penteli](#)
Final destination — arrival at the venue.

Note: The Acropol Hotel stop is approximately 2 minutes after departure from Chroma Fashion Hotel, as both hotels are on the same road. The Chalandri Metro Station stop follows approximately 5 minutes later. **Times may vary depending on traffic.**



Return Shuttle Bus - Venue to Chalandri: A return shuttle bus will operate each day from the National Observatory of Athens, Penteli back to Chalandri, following the same route in reverse. The bus will stop at Chalandri Metro Station, Acropol Hotel, and Chroma Fashion Hotel.

Option 2 — Public Transport (Metro + Bus)

You can reach the venue using Athens public transport by taking Metro Line 3 to Chalandri Station and then boarding a local bus towards Palia Penteli.

Step-by-step directions

- **Step 1:** Take Metro Line 3 (Blue Line) to [Chalandri Station](#).
 - From central Athens (e.g. Syntagma): approximately 15–20 minutes.
 - From Athens International Airport: approximately 21 minutes (direct, no transfer).
- **Step 2:** At Chalandri Station, board bus line **460** or **461** towards Palia Penteli.
 - Both lines depart from the Chalandri Metro Station bus stop.
 - Journey time from Chalandri Metro to the Charavgi stop: approximately 15–20 minutes.
- **Step 3:** Alight at the ["Charavgi" \(ΧΑΡΑΥΓΗ\) bus stop](#) in Penteli. **This is the closest public transport stop to the observatory.**
- **Step 4:** Walk from the Charavgi bus stop to the venue entrance (approx. 20 minutes on foot, ~1200 m).



Ticket information: A standard OASA single ticket (€1.20) is valid for 90 minutes and covers both the metro and the bus on a single journey. Contactless bank card payment is accepted at metro gates.

Note: Participants who prefer to return independently may also use public transport. From the Charavgi (ΧΑΡΑΥΓΗ) bus stop (approx. 15-minute walk from the venue entrance), bus lines 460 or 461 serve the route back to Chalandri Metro Station, from where Metro Line 3 (Blue Line) connects to central Athens and the airport.

Option 3 — Metro to Doukissis Plakentias + Taxi

The closest metro station to the Penteli Astronomical Station is Doukissis Plakentias (Line 3). However, there is no direct bus connection from this station to the observatory.

- Take Metro Line 3 to [Doukissis Plakentias Station](#).
- From the station, take a taxi to the Penteli Astronomical Station (approx. 10–15 min drive).

Please note: Taxi fares from Doukissis Plakentias to the observatory usually are not covered and are considered a personal expense.

Arriving in Athens — Airport to Chalandri Hotels

If you are arriving at Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos", the following options are available to reach your hotel in Chalandri.

Option A — Metro Line 3 (Direct, Recommended)

Metro Line 3 (Blue Line) connects the airport directly to Chalandri Station without any transfers. This is the fastest and most economical public transport option.

- Depart from: [Athens International Airport Metro Station](#)
- Arrive at: [Chalandri Station \(Line 3\)](#)
- **Journey time:** approximately 21 minutes
- **Frequency:** Every ~30 minutes (06:10 – 23:34)
- **Fare:** €9.00 one-way | €16.00 return ticket (valid 30 days)
- Contactless bank card / phone payment accepted directly at metro gates.

Tip: A 3-day tourist ticket (€20) covers a return airport trip plus unlimited travel on all Athens public transport for 72 hours — good value if you plan to use public transport during your stay.

Option B — Express Bus X95

An express bus connects the airport to central Athens, from where you can board Metro Line 3 to Chalandri. The bus option operates 24 hours a day and is useful for very early or late arrivals.

- Take bus X95 from the airport to [Syntagma Square](#).
- At Syntagma, for reaching the Observatory in Penteli, you can take Metro Line 3 (Blue) and alight at [Chalandri Station](#).
- **Total journey time:** approximately 60–75 minutes depending on traffic.
- **Bus X95 fare:** €5.50 | Operates 24/7.

Option C — Pre-Booked Private Transfer

For a comfortable door-to-door service, a private transfer can be pre-booked through our partner travel agency. Special rates are available exclusively to meeting participants using the dedicated booking code.

Booking platform: wetransit.gr

To access participant rates, please quote the code **EARLICOST** when booking.

Participant transfer rates (code: EARLICOST)

- Athens Airport → Hotel (Chalandri / Athens area): €65 for 1–2 passengers | €75 for 3–6 passengers

- Hotel → Piraeus Port: €45 for 1–2 passengers | €55 for 3–6 passengers
- Tours within Attica: €50/hour (minimum 3 hours)

For this pre-booked private transfer from the airport hotels in the following areas are served: Athens, Chalandri, Marousi, Kifisia, Penteli and nearby areas.

Please note: Prices are not listed on the wetransit.gr website. The rates above are valid exclusively for participants using the code **EARLICOST** when making a reservation.

For any questions regarding transportation, please contact the local organising committee.

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