

Joint EARLINET General Assembly & EARLICOST WG & MC Meeting

Athens, Greece

8–11 September 2026



Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome you to the **Joint EARLINET General Assembly & EARLICOST WG & MC Meeting**, which will take place in **Athens, Greece**, from **8 to 11 September 2026**.

The meeting will bring together the EARLINET community and the EARLICOST Working Groups for scientific discussions, coordination activities, networking opportunities and collaborative sessions.

On-site participation - Meeting Venue



The meeting will take place at the **National Observatory of Athens [Penteli premises - Geodynamic Institute – Address: [Kronou 7B, Penteli, Athens, Greece](#)]**.

Meeting dates: 8–11 September 2026

Meeting hours:

- **Tuesday, 8 September:** 09:00–19:00
- **Wednesday, 9 September:** 09:00–17:30
- **Thursday, 10 September:** 09:30–17:30
- **Friday, 11 September:** 09:00–15:00

Registration on the first day will open at 09:00.

Participants attending on-site are kindly asked to arrive approximately **15 minutes before the start of the programme**, particularly on the first day.

A registration desk will be available outside the main conference room to support participants with any practical arrangements or procedures as needed.

The meeting will be held **in hybrid format** at the National Observatory of Athens.

Online participation

Participants joining the meeting remotely can follow the relevant sessions online using the meeting link.

Plenary sessions: Please use the online meeting link:

<https://noa-react.my.webex.com/meet/elmarinou>

*join a few minutes before the scheduled starting time to allow for any technical issues.

Working Group splinter sessions: Separate online meeting links will be used for each Working Group

- WG1:
- WG2: <https://eu02web.zoom-x.de/j/61745246224?pwd=5mvLaecL35a4FTZhQpEklG3kjhxcMZ.1&from=addon>
- WG3: <https://noa-react.my.webex.com/meet/elmarinou>
- WG4:
 - Tuesday:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/322638440994735?p=2xxH0rJEHaWpBco6dk>
 - Thursday:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/350758103013589?p=CFNDXLEJNrMCWxWduP>

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

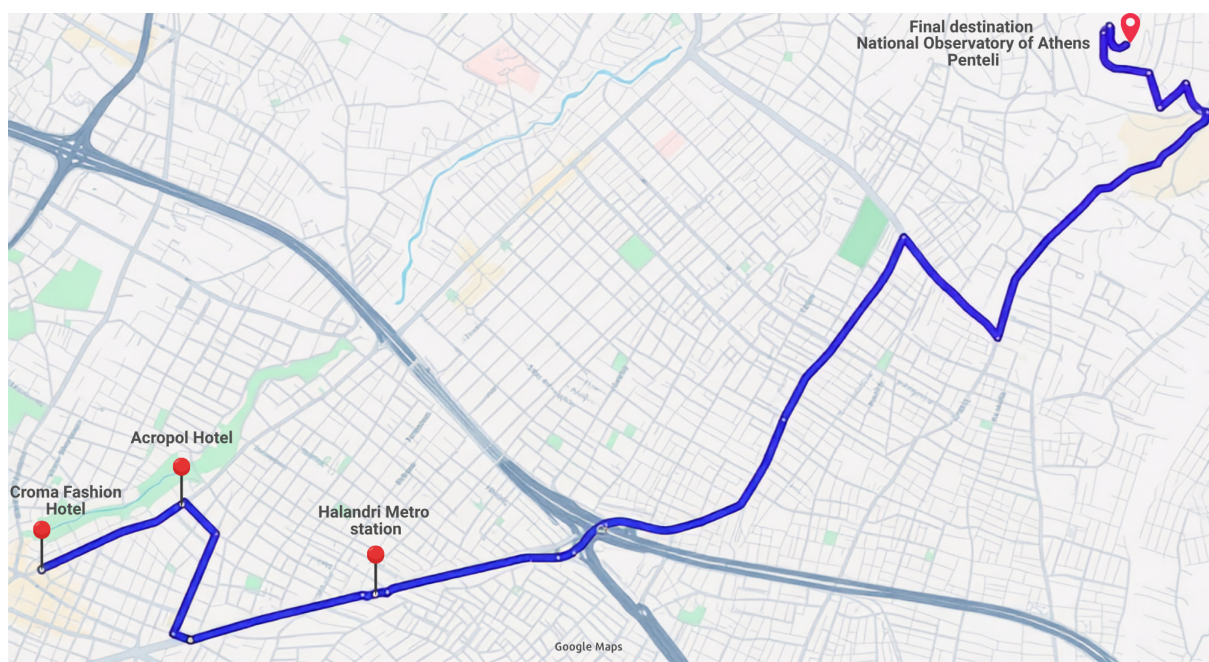
Important: The bus cannot wait at any stop. Passengers must already be at the designated pick-up point before the bus arrives. Please arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes early.

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.

Final Agenda

The final agenda, including the detailed schedule of sessions, presentations, and activities, can be found at the following [link](#).

Accommodation

Participants are recommended to stay in the **Chalandri** area, which offers:

- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Bars
- Easy access to the meeting venue through the organised shuttle service

Available hotels in the area:

- [Olympic Fashion Hotel](#)
 - [Chroma Fashion Hotel](#)
 - [Urban Suites Athens – Chalandri](#)
 - [Acropol Hotel](#)
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Further information will be communicated in due course.

We look forward to welcoming you in Athens!

EARLICOST Social platforms:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/earlicost>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/earlicost>