



Open International
Greece Thessaloniki,
May 13-16 2020

Dear FLL Partner,

Great civilizations are going to rise in Greece the year 2020!

From the Homeric Age, the period of Classical Greece, Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic period, the Roman Empire and the Byzantine era, Greek "poleis = cities" were built and civilizations have risen and fallen for 33th centuries now.

Classical Greek Culture, Science, Fine Arts and Democracy were born here and the Ancient Greek Civilization, which is considered the cradle of Western civilization, thrived.

In 2020 eduACT the FIRST LEGO League Operational Partner in Greece will host a FIRST LEGO League Open with 100 teams from all over the world, to celebrate STEM, Robotics and combine the ancient civilization with technology and innovation!

We are more than happy to invite 100 teams from over 90 different countries in Thessaloniki!!

The city of Thessaloniki is a vibrant modern metropolis. Built on the waters of the North Aegen sea, the city and its 1 million inhabitants are renowned for their hospitality and easy going lifestyle.

It takes a walk on the "paralia" -the longest urban waterfront in Europe- to relax and feel the charm of this unique Greek city.

It takes a few hours in the city center to turn a stroll into time travel: from Alexander the Great and Aristotle the philosopher, to the inventive Romans or the pious Byzantines through to the lofty Ottomans and the cosmopolitan contemporary Greeks. It takes less than a two-hour drive to the divine Mt Olympus for a climb or to the emerald waters of Halkidiki for a swim; add an hour or two to your day trip and visit Vergina, Pella and Dion to admire the grandeur of the Kingdom of the Macedons.

Thessaloniki is the second biggest city in Greece and a regional business hub and shopping Centre with an active commercial port, a significant local industrial activity, and the largest academic and research community in the country.

The city is easy to explore. You can go anywhere in about 30 minutes. The climate is no exception: typically, Mediterranean with warm-to-hot summers, mild winters and an annual average of 300 days of sunshine.

(Source: thessalonikiconventionbureau, n.d.)

INFOS, VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

Dates: May 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th 2020

Venue: TIF – HELEXPO (Pavilion 6, 12, 13) & Ioannis Vellidis C.C.

Address: 154 Egnatias Street, 546 36 THESSALONIKI

Maps / Coordinates: JXH3+5V Thessaloniki

Accommodation:

- Thessaloniki hotels. List of recommended hotels with discounts will be available to the website.
- Yet, access to a booking web platform for hotels in advantageous prices will be given with the teams' code

Transportation:

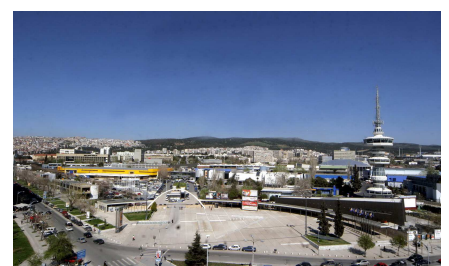
You'll have a full transport package from Airport to the official hotels and from the official hotels to the Venue during the event.

Food:

- Fee covers 1 snack and 1or 2 meals, depending on the day schedule. Lunch will be provided at noon and the second meal will be provided before/ during the Parties.
- Food for the volunteers will also be provided
- Guests have two options for tickets (including or not including the meals mentioned)
- A restaurant selling food will also be in the venue. Easy access to plenty of restaurants downtown (less than 10 minutes' walk from the venue).

PARTICIPATION FEES

- 270 euros per coach and team member
(Including: transportation from and to the venue & airport (pick up from the meeting points), admission to the venue, badge, meals and activities/ parties)
- 180 euros per person
(Including: transportation from and to the venue & airport (pick up from the meeting points), admission to the venue, badge, meals and activities/ parties)
- Free access to the venue for visitors



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Day 1

- Arrival at the Airport
- Transportation to hotels
- Check-in
- Pit set-up at venue
- Opening Ceremony at Venue

**Please note that teams arriving the day before will also have transportation from the Airport to the official hotels.*

Day 2

- Transportation to the venue
- Judging Sessions, Practice Rounds
- Science and Touring Activity
- Welcome Party
- Transportation to the hotel

Day 3

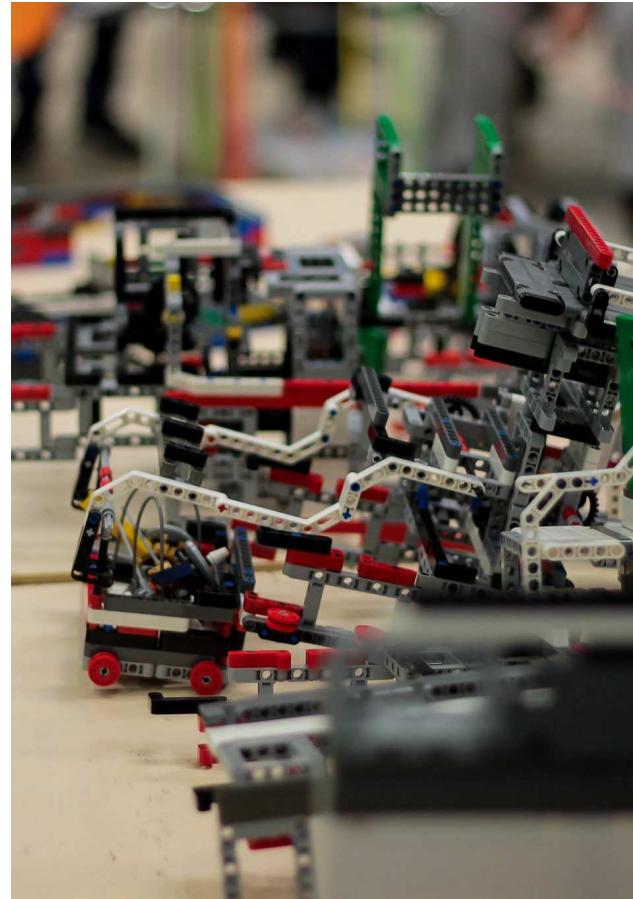
- Transportation to the venue
- Judging Sessions
- Robot Game Rounds
- Friendship night
- Transportation to the hotel

Day 4

- Transportation to the venue
- Robot Game Knock Out Cup & Call backs
- Parade & Medals
- Awards
- Closing Ceremony - Party
- Transportation to the hotel

Day 5

- Optional sightseeing



INVITATION PROCESS

1. Selected Partners are being given limited number of invites, which will be then allocated by each Partner in their country or region on late August 2019
2. Partners are kindly requested to confirm/ deny or ask for extra slots until 13/10/ 2019.
3. The Organizer will continue contacting partners to follow up on accepted and declined invites in order to relocate invites to fill the quota of the event hopefully by December 2019. Further information for each team's registration will require Partners to forward the details of each team's coach/es.
4. The Organizer will share registration details with the coaches. One team consists of 2-10 students and 1-2 coaches. Deadline to register is the 31st of March 2020.
5. Guests can register through website

Registration for volunteers:

Through website. Available on October 2019

Arrival:

Arrival Points: Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia, Train Station, Bus Station

Transport:

You'll have a full transport package from Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia to the official hotels and from the official hotels to the Venue during the event. Buses from/ to the Airport & from/ to the venue picking up teamers, coaches and guests

Other Options:

- Airport: Less than 16 kilometers (transportation options from and to the airport: taxi, local buses, Avance - car rental company which is sponsoring FIRST LEGO League)
- Train Station: Less than 4 kilometers (transportation options from and to the airport: taxi, local buses, Avance - car rental company which is sponsoring FIRST LEGO League)
- Bus station: 5 kilometers (transportation options from and to the airport: taxi, local buses, Avance - car rental company which is sponsoring FIRST LEGO League)

Visa: Teams needing a visa can ask for a Letter of invitation to apply. A list of the countries needing a VISA will be available to our website from September 2019.

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SEATS ALLOCATION

Partner	Country	Places for Open
ATLAB Trading, LLC	Oman	1
ATLAB Trading, LLC	Saudi Arabia	1
ATLAB Trading, LLC	UAE	1
Bilim Kahramanlari Dernegi	Azerbaijan	1
Bilim Kahramanlari Dernegi	Turkey	2
CODERINA	Ghana	1
CODERINA	Nigeria	1
CRESTEM (Association for creative STEM education)	Romania	1
Duck Learning	India West	1
Duck Learning	Singapore	1
EduACT	Bulgaria	1
EduACT	Cyprus	1
EduAct	North Macedonia	1
EduACT	Greece	3
EduAct	Albania	1
Education and Technolgy Center-Cedars Cultural School	Lebanon	2
EduTECH	India South	1
ESUN Robot Association	Chinese Taipei	1
Evoluir21	Portugal	1
FELTA Multi-Media Inc	Philippines	1
FEST	Republic of Korea	1
FIRST Israel	Israel	1
FIRST Japan	Japan	1
FIRST Scandinavia	Denmark	1
FIRST Scandinavia	Faroe Islands	1
FIRST Scandinavia	Norway	1
FIRST Scandinavia	Sweden	1
FIRST®	New York-Potsdam	1
FIRST®	California-Northernona	1
FIRST®	Arizona	1
FIRST®	South Dakota	1
FIRST®	Iowa	1
FIRST®	Ontario	1
FLL á Íslandi	Iceland	1
Fondazione Museo Civico di Rovereto	Italy	1
Fundación para el Desarrollo de las Ciencias y Tecnología	Dominican Republic	1
Fundación Scientia	Spain	3
Fundacion Steam	Costa Rica	1
Future Engineers	Russia	1
Fundación SparkTalents	Chile	1
Gammaco (Thailand) Co. Ltd.	Thailand	1
HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V.	Austria	1
HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V.	Czech Rep	1
HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V.	Germany	1

IES	Ukraine	1
India STEM Foundation	India North	1
Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education/King Hussein Foundation	Jordan	1
Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education/King Hussein Foundation	Palestine	1
Jubilee Center for Excellence in Education/King Hussein Foundation	Qatar	1
Kiwi FIRST	New Zealand	1
Macquarie University	Australia	2
MTÜ Robotika	Estonia	1
MTÜ Robotika	Latvia	1
MTÜ Robotika	Moldova	1
NIHERST	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Plan Ceibal	Argentina	1
Plan Ceibal	Guatemala	1
Plan Ceibal	Uruguay	1
Plan Ceibal	Honduras	1
Play Academy	Morocco	1
Promoculture	Tunisia	1
Robotiikka- Ja Tiedekasvatus Ry	Finland	1
Robotikos Akademija	Lithuania	1
RobotiX	Mexico	1
Sasbadi Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	1
SESI- Brazilian Social Services of Industry-National Department	Brazil	2
STARfALL Foundation (Science and Technology Awareness and Recognition for All)	Pakistan	1
Stichting Techniekpromotie	Belgium	1
Stichting Techniekpromotie	Luxembourg	1
Stichting Techniekpromotie	Netherlands	1
TBD	China	3
Techno Future Egypt	Egypt	2
The Hong Kong Youth Federation/Semia Limited	Hong Kong, China	1
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)	England (UK)	1
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)	Ireland	1
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)	Northern Ireland (U.K.)	1
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)	Scotland (U.K.)	1
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)	Wales (U.K.)	1
Tshwane University of Technology	South Africa	1
Tshwane University of Technology	Swaziland	1
UNIMINUTO	Colombia	1
Viet Tinh Anh JSC	Vietnam	1
West Side Robot lab	France	1
Zavod Super Glavce	Croatia	1
Zavod Super Glavce	Slovenia	1
TOTAL	85	100

Please let us know if you're interested before September 30, 2019 for us to reserve the seats for your region accordingly. To confirm the number of seats, please reach out by email on antonia.psallida@eduact.org

Once your tournament is over and you've decided on which teams to qualify, please fill the team's information form that we will receive from us and send it back. We will forward an official invitation letter to the teams and will take on the responsibility to make sure your teams are welcome and they have everything set for the tournament