



## 49<sup>TH</sup> GM - Preveza, Greece

### Newsletter 4 - September 2025

Welcome to the fourth and final newsletter in advance of the 49<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (GM) in Preveza, Greece, from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### Information sent to delegation's leaders

In the next days we will be sending to delegation's group leaders a spreadsheet with information. Please contact your members. The spreadsheet will contain 3 tabs.

- In tab "**Info**" there will be your information we have collected by combining online registration, manual registration and personal correspondence with some attendees. We found a number of faults and inaccuracies. You **must confirm** the accuracy of the info and contact us if there are changes. Specifically:
  - If there is any attendee who needs transportation to/from **Igoumenitsa airport** because after personal correspondence we have found none.
  - If there is any attendee who departs for **Athens airport (ATH)** on 19/10/2025 before 13:35 because that's the first departure flight registered. It affects buses departure time from hotel.
  - If there is any attendee who departs for **Preveza airport (PVK)** on 19/10/2025 before 10:25 because that's the first departure flight registered. It also affects buses departure time from hotel.
- In tab "**Costs**" there will be your cost charged.
  - Accommodation cost (cost-room type-days): This is useful for attendees who are **non-delegate** or **stays extra nights** or both.
  - Cost of services for nD (220€ - Accommodation cost): This amount comes from the difference between accommodation and 220€ standard amount non-delegate charged. It covers transportation, excursions and dinners (restaurant on 17/10/2025 - Gala on 18/10/2025). The 220€ tariff is for the days 16/17/18 of October. It is the same for all, even if an attendee stays 2 days.
  - TAKK (10€ per room per day): This is a state fee and it is 10€ per room every day.

We really sorry but we **don't** cover this expense. They informed us 2 weeks ago. We discussed it with Mr. Shane Smyth (Douzelage president) and Ninos resort management but we couldn't absorb it as host town. Management told us that this fee is compulsory and that's why they didn't include it in they pricelist they gave us and released it.

- In tab "**Buses**" there will be transportations relative info.
  - Bus group (only from ATH): In which group attendees belongs to for transportation from Athens.
  - Your Excursion: In which excursion attendees belongs to. Kep in mind that we have 96 persons who chose "Boat Trip in Amvrakikos Gulf ". These 3 boats have the capacity of 80 persons. So in order to choose we follow the "first come first served" method. Depending on your registration we chose the earliest by day. Attendess who registerd after 20/08/2025 where moved to "Trip to Nicopolis" excursion.

## Transportation to Preveza

Details of transportation from Athens, PVK and Igoumenitsa.

- From **Igoumenitsa port** there are no attendees for transportation. *(Please check your delegation's file - will be sent in next days with details).*
- From **Preveza airport (PVK)**.  
On 15/10/2025 first flight arrives at 14:30 and last 18:35.  
On 16/10/2025 first flight arrives at 09:40 and last 11:55. Bus departures at 12:40.
- From **Athens airport (ATH)**, transportation will be split in two groups. We have to split transportation at 13:10, because flight coming from France at 14:00 delivers 7 persons and the total persons in Group A becomes 55. Each bus has 54 seats.  
Group A: Bus will collect all attendees with flights that arrive before 13:10 & attendees who will have already arrived in Athens from previous days  
Departure time from ATH 13:40 - Arrival time to hotel at 19:00 (48 persons).  
Group B: Bus will collect all attendees with flights that arrive before 17:10.  
Departure time from ATH 17:40 - Arrival time to hotel at 23:40 (36 persons) .  
Bus will make a stop for 1 hour so that attendees can eat (own expenditures).

## Registration on site

All delegates will register their attendance at the special registration desk in the lobby of the hotel ([Nino's Grand Beach Resort](#)) upon arrival. Attendees of group B from Athens, who arrives on Thursday night, will have the option to register on Friday morning.

## Payments

All delegates must pay on their arrival at Ninos Grand Resort. The amount of each one will be in the spreadsheet sent to delegation leaders. That will be TAKK fee and extra nights. It will be the "Total" amount mention in tab "Costs" in your spreadsheet.

The "Cost of services for nD" (non-delegate) amount will be collected and paid by each group leader to the person in charge of the transportation buses. This payment must be made in cash.

## Agenda Items for the General Meeting

As usual there will be an agenda item in the General Meeting to deal with Past Projects, Current Projects and Future Projects. For those wishing to include information, photos, stats, graphs etc from a past, current or future project, please use the slide template [HERE](#). Presentations should be brief and in any case no longer than 5 minutes.

Each presentation should be accompanied by a short paragraph detailing the project – this is to aid the minute takers and will also be used on the website.

For proposed agenda items **other than** Past, Current or Future projects, please fully complete the form [HERE](#).

All submissions for agenda items, including presentations, should be submitted by email by **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Workshops

There will now be TWO workshops taking place during the General Meeting.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

1. **Sustainability and Douzelage** – As a pan-European network, Douzelage has a responsibility to lead on environmental sustainability. This workshop invites all participants to share practical ideas on how we can reduce our impact — from how we travel to how we run events. Together, we'll explore simple, effective ways to make our network and gatherings greener.

**Important – We ask that each delegation leader fills out the quick questionnaire linked [HERE](#) – This will help guide us in our workshop.**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

2. **The Future of Douzelage** – This workshop will explore where Douzelage is heading in the next ten years. You are asked to consider the following questions ahead of the workshop and come with your thoughts:
  1. Where are we now - where do we need to go for the future?
  2. Succession planning - how do we engage young people and the local population.
  3. What do we need to do, to ensure future success and development?

**You are invited to come with your ideas to all workshops.**

## Douzelage programme

Douzelage programme and programmes for both the youth and education meetings are still in progress. We will release them as soon as possible.

Also keep in mind that meals covered in hotel are:

- Wednesday (15/10/2025) dinner.
- Thursday (16/10/2025) dinner.
- Friday (17/10/2025) lunch ("Vento Gelateria Pasticceria" for EM&YM).
- Saturday (18/10/2025) lunch and dinner (Gala).

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## Weather/Clothing - advices.

Please get informed [via internet](#) about expected weather conditions for that week. Keep in mind that Preveza usually has high humidity level. That affects you if you are in open space at nights. Also it will probably affects attendees who participates in "Boat Trip in Amvrakikos Gulf " excursion. As for this if you want to be covered consult the "feel like" temperature. Especially when there is no sun (night, early morning) "feel like" temperature may be 4 degrees lower.

