



Balkan Cities Network

**ATHENS SUMMIT**

22-24 January 2023

22 January 2023

- 19.30 - 20.00 *Private tour at the Museum of Acropolis*
- 20.00 - 22.00 *Inaugural Dinner*
- 22.00 - 22.30 *Transfer to Hotel*

23 January 2023

- 08.30 - 09.30 *Coffee Station (all day open)*  
*Venue: Technopolis (100 Piraeus Av.), "Purifier Building"*
- 09.30 - 09.35 *Opening Ceremony - Video Presentation (launch clip)*  
*Venue: Technopolis, "Machine-Works Building"*
- 09.35 - 10.00 *Welcome Speech: **Mayor of Athens Kostas Bakoyannis***
- 10.00 - 10.25 *Term Presidency Speech - B40 Network the Annual Report and Working Groups Outcomes & B40 Network Urban Diplomacy Strategy Document and Strategic Plan:*  
***Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem Imamoglu***
- 10.25 - 10.35 *Term Presidency transfer ceremony*
- 10.35 - 13.00 *Speeches by the Mayors*  
*(The rest of the Mayors will deliver a speech for max. 5 mins each, in the alphabetical order or the city names)*
- 13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*  
*Venue: Technopolis, "New Retorts Building"*
- 14.30 - 14.40 *Family Photo (Mayors only)*  
*Venue: Technopolis, "New Retorts Building"*
- 14.40 - 14.45 *Visit at the "Peace Bench", Technopolis*
- 14.45 - 16.30 *Bilateral Meetings between Mayors (Mayors only)*  
*Venue: Technopolis, "Innovathens Building"*
- 14.45 - 16.30 *Convenings of the Working Groups (delegations)*
  - *Local Climate Action*
  - *Local Democracy and Migration*
  - *Smart Cities and Digital Transformation*
  - *Local Economic Cooperation**Venue: Technopolis, "Evert Amphitheater"*
- 17.00 - 18.00 *On-Site Cultural Visits - Choice between two different options:*
  - ***Basil and Eliza Goulandris Foundation***  
*(Eratosthenous 13, Athens 116 35)*
  - ***Acropolis of Athens****(16.30 Departure of buses from gate 100 Piraeus Av.)*
- 18.00 - 21.00 *Free Time*
- 21.00 - 23.00 *Gala Dinner at the Athens Conservatoire*  
*(Vasileos Georgiou B', 17-19, Athens 106 75)*
- 23.00 - 23.30 *Transfer to the hotel*

24 January 2023

- 08.30 - 09.30 *Coffee Station (all day open)*  
*Venue: Technopolis (100 Piraeus Av.), "Purifier Building"*
- 09.30 - 09.45 *B40 Balkan Cities Network 2023 Vision Term Presidency Speech: **Mayor of Athens, Kostas Bakoyannis***  
*Venue: Technopolis, "Machine-Works Building"*
- 09.45 - 11.15 *Open Discussion on B40 Network 2023 Vision and B40 Network Urban Diplomacy Strategy Document and Strategic Plan*  
*(Mayors who wish to speak could take the floor for 5 min)*
- 11.15 - 11.25 *Youth Representatives Speech*
- 11.25 - 11.35 *President of the European Committee of the Regions, **Mr Vasco Alves Cordeiro (video)***
- 11.35 - 11.45 *Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, **Mr Vladimir Prebilič***
- 11.45 - 11.55 *President of Eurocities, **Mr Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence***
- 11.55 - 12.05 *Closing Speech: **Mayor of Athens Kostas Bakoyannis***