

TIRANA SUMMIT 29-31 JANUARY 2024

Building Urban Resilience and Responding to Crises

AGENDA

29.01.2024

17:00	Closing Ceremony "Tirana European City of Sports 2023" (Optional) B40 delegations are cordially invited to attend the ceremony as guests. Venue: Tirana Olympic Park
19:00	B40 Welcome Reception and Welcoming Ceremony of the New Member Cities
	Guest Remarks Mr. Igli Hasani, Albanian Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Venue: Tirana International Hotel, Classic Balcony

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Venue: Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana

08:30 - 09:15	Networking Breakfast (B40 Heads of Delegations) Venue: Savor Restaurant, 2nd floor
09:30 – 11:00	B40 SUMMIT OPENING CEREMONY Moderator: Ms. Anuela Ristani, Deputy Mayor of Tirana
	Short Movie Two Years of the B40 Network
	09:30 – 09:40 Welcome Remarks
	Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana
	09:40 – 09:50 Greeting Remarks
	H.E. Mr. Bajram Begaj, President of the Republic of Albania



	Opening Remarks
	09:50 – 10:00 Remarks Mr. Ekrem İmamoğlu, Mayor of Istanbul, B40 Founding President
	10:00 – 10:10 Remarks Mr. Paris Charlaftis, Deputy Mayor of Athens, B40 2023 Term Presidency
	10:15 – 10:50 Guest Panel European and Global Perspective of the Region: Learning from Cities and Strengthening Networks
	Moderator: Ms. Romina Kuko, Chairwoman of Tirana Municipal Council
	Ms. Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe Ms. Anouch Toranian, Deputy Mayor of Paris Mr. André Sobczak, Eurocities Secretary General Mr. James Anderson, Head of Government Innovation Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies (video message)
	10:50 – 11:00 Family Photo (B40 Heads of delegations)
	Venue: Queen Geraldine Hall, 3rd floor
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15 – 11:18 Short Video 2023 B40 Youth Summit
11:15 – 13:00	11:18 – 11:28 Adoption of the new B40 Organizational Structure and Working Principles Document Mr. Barbaros Büyüksağnak, B40 Permanent Secretary
	11:28 – 11:30 Signing of the B40 Tirana Summit Declaration
	11:30 – 13:00 Interventions by B40 Mayors Venue: Queen Geraldine Hall, 3rd floor
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and Networking Venues (2nd floor) Convivium Restaurant (Heads of delegations) Savor Restaurant (Accompanying delegates)



14:00 - 14:30	Interventions by B40 Mayors (Continued)	
	Venue: Queen Geraldine Hall, 3rd floor	
14:30 – 15:00	14:30 – 14:45 Establishment of the B40 Executive Committee 14:45 – 15:00 Closing Remarks and 2024 Term Presidency Vision Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana	
	Venue: Queen Geraldine Hall, 3rd floor	
Parallel Meetings		
	Bilateral Meetings of Mayors	
15:00 – 17:00	Venues (1st floor) Marin Barleti Hall Dora d'Istria Hall Business Corner	
15:00 – 17:00	Working Groups' Meetings	
	1. Local Climate Action 2. Local Democracy and Migration 3. Smart Cities and Digital Transformation 4. Local Economic and Cultural Cooperation Venue: Queen Geraldine Hall, 3rd floor	
17:00 – 19:00	Free time / Site Visit: Tirana Pyramid Walking Tour (Optional)	
19:30	Gala Dinner and Presidency Transfer Ceremony	
	Guest Remarks Ms. Mirela Kumbaro, Albanian Minister of Tourism and Environment	
	Presidency Transfer Ceremony Mr. Haris Doukas, Mayor of Athens, B40 2023 Term President Mr. Ekrem İmamoğlu, Mayor of Istanbul, B40 Founding President Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, B40 2024 Term President	
	Venue: Presidential Palace	



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08:00 - 09:30	B40 Running Club (Optional) Venue: Grand Lake Park of Tirana
	Expert Panel: Building Urban Resilience and Responding to Crises Moderator: Ms. Frida Pashako, Deputy Mayor of Tirana
10:30 – 11:30	Mr. Arbjan Mazniku, Albanian Minister of State for Local Governance Mr. Simon Battisti, Executive Director "Qendra Marredhenie" Mr. Andreas Faoro, Architect and Principal, UNLAB Mr. Ditjon Baboci, Founder of "Layer"
	Venue: Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana, Queen Geraldine Hall