

**General Assembly & Conference of the European IOI
Sounio, Greece | May 26 & 27, 2022**

Practical information

1. SOUNIO



Sounio, on the south-eastern tip of Attica, combines history with a landscape of natural beauty and feels like an island. About an hour drive from the city center of Athens and a short drive from the Athens airport, Sounio captivates visitors with its ancient temple of Poseidon (built at the same time as the Parthenon, during Athens' Golden Age), its sea view, and the nearby beaches. The temple, overlooking the cape, offers a breathtaking view to the sunset.

To get more extensive information you can follow this link:

<https://www.discovergreece.com/experiences/visit-magical-temple-poseidon-sounion>

2. WEATHER TEMPERATURES

The average temperatures for the following days will be 20-30°C and the weather will be rather sunny.

3. TRANSPORT

Athens airport to Sounio

There will be grouped transports from Athens airport to your hotel in Sounio (Ever Eden | Alexander Beach Hotel | Aegeon Beach | Cape Sounio). Our staff will be waiting for you at the arrivals gate, after the baggage claim area, holding a sign labeled "**Greek Ombudsman**". Emergency number: Alessia Fiumi +30 6932304176 or +30 6972847878

Sounio to Athens airport

Your departure from Sounio (either from your hotel or the venue) to the Athens airport will take place about three hours before your flight and you will be notified about it, individually, during your stay in Sounio.

Transportation by bus will also be offered from the designated conference hotels to the events venue, the temple of Poseidon, the reception and back to the designated conference hotels, respectively. More precisely:

- Thursday May 26

The bus, bearing the Greek Ombudsman logo, will depart at 09:30 from the hotels Ever Eden & Alexander Beach Hotel (waiting on the main road down) and at 09:50 from the hotels Aegeon Beach & Cape Sounio toward the conference venue. At the end of the General Assembly buses will leave the venue, heading toward the restaurant *To Kyma* and after lunch buses will transport you to the designated conference hotels.

- Transport to and from the archaeological site and the reception

The bus, bearing the Greek Ombudsman logo, will depart at 18:30 from the hotels Ever Eden & Alexander Beach Hotel (waiting on the main road down) and at 18:45 from the hotels Aegeon Beach & Cape Sounio. The buses will leave the site, heading towards the hotels after the welcome dinner at 22:30.

- Friday May 27

The bus, bearing the Greek Ombudsman logo, will depart at 08:30 from the hotels Ever Eden & Alexander Beach Hotel (waiting on the main road down) and at 08:50 from the hotels Aegeon Beach & Cape Sounio toward the conference venue. For the lunch break buses will transport you to the restaurant *Marida Seafood Restaurant* and back at the venue. The buses will leave the site, heading towards the hotels at the end of the conference.

4. VENUE

The General Assembly and the Conference will take place in the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) Sounio building, located at 64th Km Sounio Ave. 195 00, Sounio.

Please bring with you at the venue:

- your badge and conference bag that you will find at your hotel
- your face mask, its use is mandatory for all attendees.

5. RESTAURANTS

Thursday May 26

Lunch: 13:00 - 15:00 | *To Kyma*: 2 Sounion Ave., Palaia Fokaia, 190 13tel: +30 2291 036248

Reception Dinner: 20:00 | *Naos Cafe Restaurant*: 69th Km Sounio Ave., Sounio 195 00 tel: +30 22920 39190 near the Temple of Poseidon (more information below)

Friday May 27

Lunch break: 13:00 - 14:30 | *Marida Seafood Restaurant*: 64,5th km Sounio Ave., Sounio 19500 tel: + 30 22920 51221

6. GUIDED TOUR TO THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE OF SOUNIO

The guided tour will be in English and Spanish and it will take place on **Thursday May 26 from 19:00 to 20:00**. The Reception dinner will be immediately following this tour.

- *It is advisable to wear comfortable shoes.*

The archaeological site of Sounio

Homer was the first to refer to Sounion (Odyssey c 278) as “the sacred cape of the Athenians”. Herodotus (6,87) informs us that the Athenians celebrated there a great four-yearly festival. Poseidon’s sanctuary is mentioned by the tragedians Euripides and Sophocles and the comic poet Aristophanes.

The area is testified as sacred at least from the 8th century BC. In the archaic period (7th- 6th cent. BC) the sanctuary was thriving, though lacking monumental arrangement. Plenty of votive objects were found buried in depositors, gathered there following the destruction of the sanctuary by the Persians in 480 BC. At the end of the archaic period construction of a monumental temple of limestone began, which was destroyed by the Persians before being completed. The temple was rebuilt on the foundations of the previous one around 444-440 BC. In the classical and Hellenistic times (5th - 2nd cent. BC) the sanctuary was frequently visited. A grand four-yearly festival was organized, officials sailing there in a sacred ship, as in the sanctuary on Delos island. With the decline of Greek religion, the sanctuary was abandoned and the temple gradually decayed.

To get a more extensive idea of the archaeological site you can follow this link:

http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh351.jsp?obj_id=2390

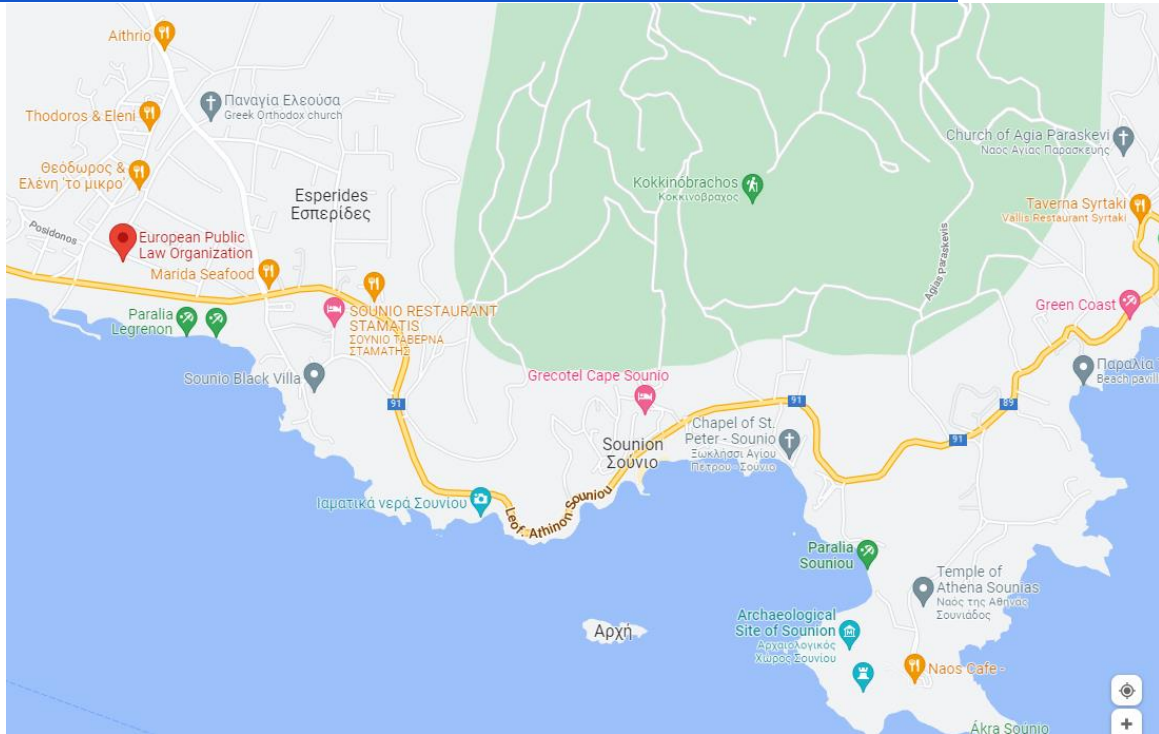
7. WELCOME RECEPTION

The reception dinner will be held on **Thursday May 26**, at **20:00** at Naos Café Restaurant, following a guided tour of the archaeological site of Sounio and the Temple of Poseidon. The buses will leave the site, heading towards the hotels after the welcome dinner at 22:30.

- *Dress code: business casual*

General Map

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/European+Public+Law+Organization/@37.6618345,23.9955874,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x14a1f1af267073e5:0xa618858489665b0e!8m2!3d37.6640031!4d23.9944344?hl=en>



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See you soon in Sounio!