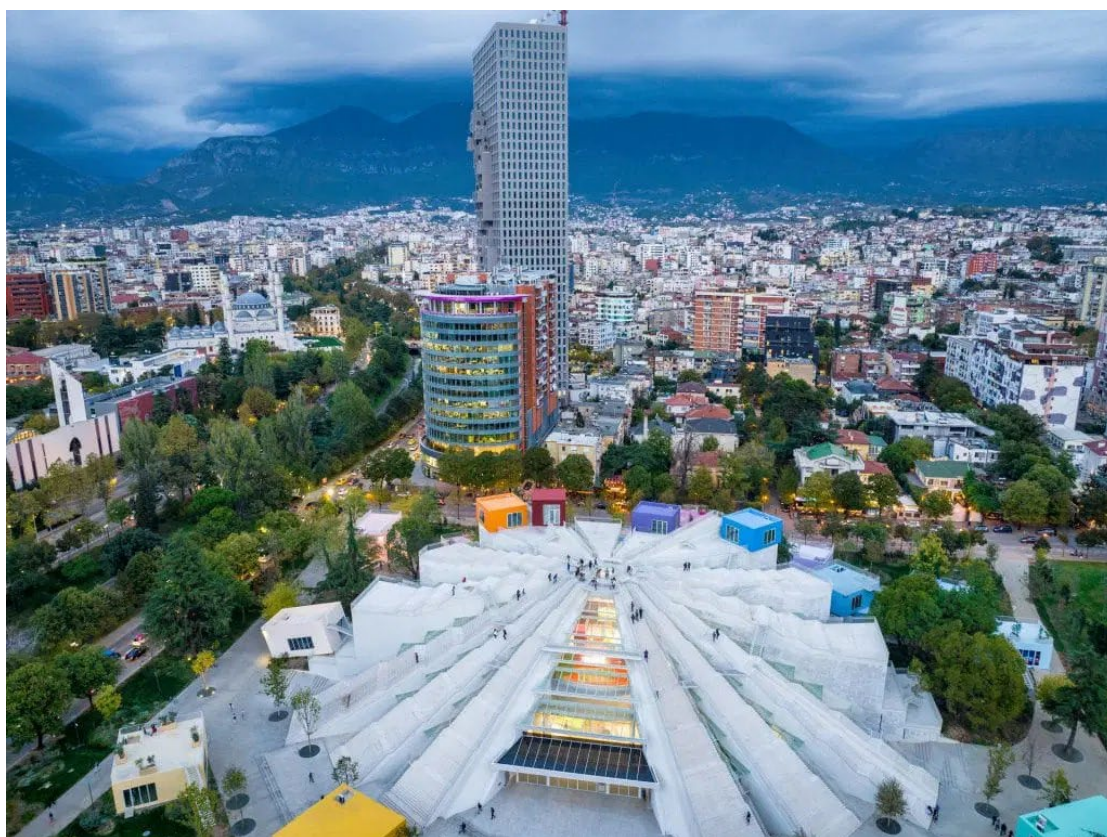


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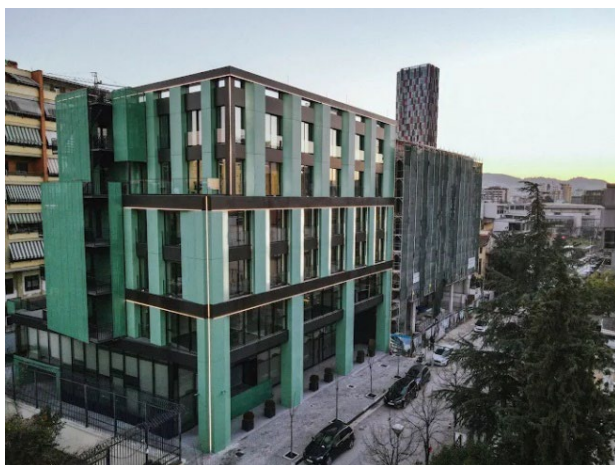


## ENERGY EFFICIENCY COORDINATION GROUP MEETING AND WORKSHOP

23-24 June 2026

TIRANA, ALBANIA

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## VENUE AND SCHEDULE

- **Location:** GIZ Albania
- **Address:** [8RCG+37P, Rruga Asim Zeneli, Tirana](#)
- The sessions will take place in the GIZ Main Meeting Room.

**Schedule Overview:** The official proceedings will start at 09:30 on 23 June and conclude on 24 June at approximately 13:00. To ensure clarity, the agenda is structured as follows:

- **EECG Meeting:** 23 June 2026, starting at 09:00 (registration) and concluding at approximately 17:00.
- **EE Workshop:** 24 June 2026, starting at 09:00 with presentations and continuing with visit to a student dormitory renovation project, finishing at approximately 13:00.

*For detailed timing for each session, see the official Agenda.*

## MEETING PARTICIPATION, ACCESS & SECURITY

- **Building Access:** Please proceed to the main reception of the GIZ Albania building upon arrival. An official ID card or Passport is required for entry and security checks.
- **Registration Desk:** The registration desk will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the morning sessions.
- **Working Language & Interpretation:** The working language of the meeting will be English.
- **Hybrid Participation:** For participants unable to join in person, a meeting link will be provided in advance of the meeting, upon successful registration.

## 2. GETTING TO AND FROM TIRANA AIRPORT

Tirana International Airport "Nënë Tereza" (TIA) is located approximately 18 km northwest of the city center. Estimated travel time to the venue area is 25–35 minutes, depending on traffic.

- **Airport Bus (LU-NA Shuttle):** Offers a direct connection from the airport to the center of Tirana.
  - **Frequency:** Departs every hour, 24/7.
  - **Ticket Price:** 400 ALL (approx. 4 EUR). Tickets are purchased on board (cash only).

- **Taxi:** For transfers to and from the airport, as well as for traveling within the city, we recommend using the official airport taxis (Auto Holiday Albania) or popular local mobile apps such as **Speed Taxi**, **Patoko**, or **Ups Taxi** (similar to Uber).
  - **Approximate Fare:** 15–25 EUR from the airport to the city center/hotels.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION

Below is a list of recommended hotels located close to the meeting venue (GIZ Albania).

- **Mak Albania Hotel** - "Asim Zeneli" Street: ~ € 120/night  
<https://www.makalbania.com/> Distance: 3–5 min walk to the venue.
- **Rogner Hotel Tirana** - "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Boulevard: ~ € 130/night  
<https://www.hotel-europapark.com/> Distance: 10 min walk / 3 min by taxi.
- **Xheko Imperial Hotel** - "Ibrahim Rugova" Street: ~ € 110/night  
<https://xheko-imperial.com/sq> Distance: 10 min walk / 4 min by taxi.
- **Boutique Hotel Kotoni** - "Donika Kastrioti" Street: ~ € 95/night  
<https://hotelkotoni.com/> Distance: 15 min walk / 5 min by taxi.
- **Hilton Garden Inn Tirana** - "Gjergj Fishta" Boulevard: ~ € 100/night  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/tiagigi-hilton-garden-inn-tirana/> Distance: 15 min by taxi.

### 4. OTHER INFORMATION

- **Time Zone:** Albania Standard Time is in the Central European Time zone (CET/CEST). The event schedule corresponds to Tirana local time.
- **Currency:** The official currency in Albania is the Albanian Lek (ALL). The current exchange rate is approximately **1 EUR = 95.60 ALL** (subject to slight variations).
- More information about Tirana can be found here: <https://wikitravel.org/en/Tirana>

### WEATHER INFORMATION

- **Expected Climate:** June in Tirana is generally warm and sunny.
- **Temperatures:** Average daytime temperatures range between 25°C to 33°C (77°F to 91°F).
- **Recommendations:** light summer clothing is recommended for outdoor site visits and evening walks. Bring a light jacket or blazer for air-conditioned meeting room.

### RECOMMENDED PLACES TO VISIT IN TIRANA (OPTIONAL)

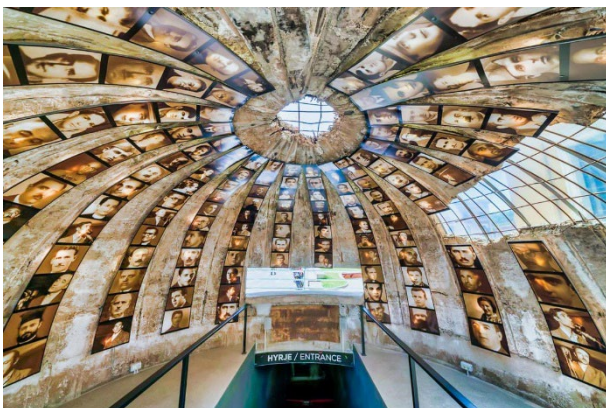
For those with some free time outside the meeting schedule, Tirana offers a great mix of history, nature, and vibrant city life. Here are a few suggestions:

#### Historical and Architectural Landmarks



**Skanderbeg Square:** The heart of the city, surrounded by significant landmarks such as the National History Museum, the Et'hem Bey Mosque, and the Clock Tower. It is a perfect starting point to explore Tirana.

**The Pyramid of Tirana:** Recently transformed into an innovation and technology hub. It features a striking, unique architecture, and climbing the exterior stairs to the top rewards you with a fantastic panoramic view of the city.



**Bunk'Art 1 or Bunk'Art 2:** Built inside former anti-nuclear bunkers, these unique museums offer an extraordinary, immersive look into the history of the Cold War and the communist regime in Albania. (Bunk'Art 2 is conveniently located right in the city center).



## Nature and Relaxation



**Grand Park of Tirana (Artificial Lake):** A beautiful green oasis just a short walk from the center and the Blloku area. It is perfect for a relaxing stroll, a morning run, or simply unwinding after a long day of meetings.



**Dajti Ekspres Cable Car:** For a quick escape from the urban environment, take a scenic cable car ride up Mount Dajti. It offers spectacular views over the entire city, alongside opportunities for light hiking and enjoying traditional food at the top.

## Culture, Tradition, and Dining

**Castle of Tirana (Kalaja e Tiranës):** Situated along the pedestrian "Murat Toptani" street, this open-air space inside the old castle walls is filled with modern restaurants, cozy traditional cafes, and local artisan shops.



**The New Bazaar (Pazari i Ri):** A dynamic, beautifully renovated market area. It is the ideal place to experience the lively daily atmosphere of Tirana, browse for fresh local produce and souvenirs, or enjoy a traditional Albanian meal.

## RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Tirana offers excellent culinary options. Below is a curated list of highly recommended restaurants for during free time:

- **Era Vila:** A beloved local institution offering a fantastic mix of traditional Albanian oven-baked dishes and Mediterranean classics in a cozy, villa setting.
- **Artigiano at Vila:** Set in a beautifully restored historic villa, offering excellent Italian and Mediterranean cuisine with a great atmosphere for group networking.
- **Sofra e Ariut:** Located near the Grand Park, offering an upscale traditional Albanian dining experience with a beautiful wooden interior and a spacious garden, perfect for larger groups.

*Traditional Albanian & Balkan (Elevated & Authentic):*

- **Mullixhiu:** Located near the Grand Park of Tirana. Famous for its "farm-to-table" concept, offering a fine-dining approach to deeply traditional Albanian recipes.
- **Ceren Ismet Shehu (Castle of Tirana branch):** Situated inside the historic walls of the Tirana Castle. Offers fantastic traditional Albanian food with a welcoming, rustic atmosphere in a pedestrian-friendly area.
- **Oda:** A highly authentic restaurant offering classic Albanian homemade dishes in a historic setting. Perfect for a cultural and casual dining experience.

*Upscale Mediterranean, Seafood & International:*

- **Fishop:** Located a short walk from the central boulevard. Widely considered one of the best seafood restaurants in Tirana, offering a fantastic selection of fresh Mediterranean catches, pasta, and crudo.
- **Salt Rest:** Located in the heart of the Blloku area. A trendy spot offering a diverse menu ranging from Mediterranean dishes to high-quality sushi, featuring an open-air terrace.
- **Lift Steak & Rooftop Bar:** Located near the ABA Business Center. Offers premium steaks, modern international cuisine, and an excellent wine list, paired with a fantastic rooftop ambiance.