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1. LOCATIONS

1.1. Venue

The meeting will take place in the Culture and Convention Centre of the Middle East Technical University's (METU) main campus in Ankara. The address is Üniversiteler Mh. Dumlupınar Blv. No:1, 06800 Çankaya/ANKARA.





The METU Campus is located on the Ankara-Eskişehir Highway (or Dumlupınar Bulvarı); 7 km from the city center, 45 km from the airport, and 4 km from the bus station. There are multiple gates located on different ends of the campus. The A1 and A2 entrance gates of the METU campus are 7 km away from the city center, on the Eskişehir Highway. There are other entrance gates like A4, which is in the direction of 100. Yıl and A7, which is situated in the Bilkent way.

Please check the interactive campus map: https://map.metu.edu.tr/

Please kindly inform us about your participation for avoiding difficulties accessing the campus.

1.2. Hotel

We suggest The Green Park Otel Ankara to accommodate BRIDGE-BS partners. It is a 5-star hotel 10 mins drive to the venue but we will arrange daily pick up from and to the hotel. It is also possible to take a taxi for around 100 TRY.

There are also Hotel options in Kızılay (city center) that are easily accessible via metro to the entrance of the campus. After arriving the campus, you need to take a public transport the Culture and Convention Centre.

1.3. Transport to and from the Hotel

From the airport, you can take the shuttle to the Central Intercity Bus Station (AŞTİ). It takes around 45 minutes and costs 65 TRY (≈€2). It is available for all flights. For more information, see the link.

From AŞTİ to the Hotel, taking a taxi is the best option to arrive the hotel. The distance is about 2 km and takes 5 minutes for a cost of 50 TRY.

For the route on Maps from the central bus station (AŞTİ) to the Hotel by taxi

If you like to take **the taxi from the airport to the Hotel directly**, the trip will take 40 minutes for 35 km. It is expected to cost 500 - 600 TRY. (18-20 EUR)

For the route on Maps from the airport to the hotel.

Taxis generally accept credit cards but make sure before you get on one. I also asked the EXP Events and they can arrange a private transfer for 20 EUR one way (which is similar to the cab

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price) in a passenger car (for up to 2 people) and for more 2 people it is 40 EURs. You can pay the driver directly in EURs or TRYs. They will be able to provide a paper for receipt of the payment at the end of your ride. Please inform EXP (team@exp.com.tr) with a copy to Pinar (pinaruygurer@gmail.com) by 22 September if you want to book one.

1.4. Transport to METU

It is possible to reach the METU campus by METU district buses, EGO buses, minibuses, metro, and taxis. The metro is the most convenient since the it is the most easily accessible and available.

For more details, check out https://www.metu.edu.tr/transportation

There will be a shuttle leaving daily from GreenPark to the METU campus leaving in front of the hotel. It will have the BRIDGE-BS logo on it. It will sharply leave from the Hotel as scheduled and those who miss it can order a taxi through the Hotel.

It will depart from the hotel at 08:50 on 27 and 28 September.

It will depart from the hotel at 09:00 on 29 September (for those who are staying for the day).

Date	Time
27.09.2023	8:50
28.09.2023	8:50
29.09.2023	9:00

In case you miss it, again taking a taxi is the best option. The distance is 4 km and takes 10 minutes for a cost of 93 TRY.

For the route on Maps from the Hotel to METU

2. SITE SEEING

Ankara is not the most touristic place on Earth but still there are some places to visit.

2.1. Anıtkabir (Atatürk's Mausoleum)

Reflecting characteristics of 1940s Turkish architectural style, Anıtkabir was completed in 1953 and since then the body of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk has been resting. Apart from the mausoleum, Anıtkabir has various structures symbolizing different aspects of the National Independence War.

For more information: https://www.ktb.gov.tr/EN-104010/anitkabir.html

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 4.5 km and takes 10 minutes. The expected cost is 100.50 TRY.

For the route on Maps

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 13 minutes and costs 135 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

2.2. Hamamönü

Hamamönü is a historical place in Altındağ District. The buildings in the place belong to 19th century and are examples of typical urban dwellings of the Central Anatolia. The name, Hamamönü, is attributed to the Karacabey Historical Hamam, which was established in 1440 and is still in service. There are separate departments for men and women.

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In Hamamönü, you can find souvenirs, local crafts, and local food, also for vegetarians!

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 11 km and takes 20 minutes. The expected cost is 183 TRY.

For the route on Maps

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 25 minutes and costs 213 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

2.3. Samanpazarı

Samanpazarı is within walking distance to Hamamönü and it is one of the most authentical places in Ankara. Samanpazarı is a traditional market place surrounded by some old buildings and stretches through a narrow brick road till the Ankara Castle. It offers a wide variety of goods from food to electronics.

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 9,5 km and takes 20 minutes. The expected cost is 158 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 20 minutes and costs 201 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

2.4. Museum of Anatolian Civilizations

After walking in the 19th century Ankara, you may further travel in time at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which is very close to the exit of Samanpazarı. The museum exhibits original works starting in the Paleolithic age.

For more information: https://muze.gov.tr/muze-detay?SectionId=AMM01&DistId=AMM

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 12 km and takes 25 minutes. The expected cost is 198 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 25 minutes and costs 237 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

2.5. Ankara Castle

One dinner is organized at Ankara Castle but if you desire to once more enjoy the scenery as the kings and commanders of the Roman, Byzantium, Seljuks, or the Ottoman did centuries ago, you may walk there from the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations.

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 10 km and takes 20 minutes. The expected cost is 138 TRY.

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For the route on Maps:

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 25 minutes and costs 237 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

2.6. Ulus Square

Ulus Square witnessed important historical events and is a symbolic place for the republic era. Around the square, there are buildings belonging to early republic architectural style. First National Assembly Building is nearby, and historical buildings of State Theater, Opera, and Ankara Art and Sculpture Museum are within walking distance.

For more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulus_Square

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is 9 km and takes 15 minutes. The expected cost is 153 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

From METU, you may use public transport.

For the route on Maps:

If you prefer taxi, the trip takes 20 minutes and costs 216 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Ankara is metropolitan era with a relatively well organized and managed public transport system. There are three main options.

3.1. Taxi

Taxi in Ankara is easily accessible and affordable. It is possible to call a Taxi to the campus, if necessary. Hotel and Taxi buttons that are widely available would help finding one when needed.

3.2. EGO Buses

The total line length of EGO is 13,892 km. One can travel from one end to another via EGO. To use EGO buses, you need ANKARAKART, a prepaid card. There is also ANKARAKART mobile application for the mobile devices with NFC technology.

For more information: https://www.ego.gov.tr/en

EGO mobile application: https://www.ego.gov.tr/sayfa/2125/ego-cepte-uygulamasi

3.3. Metro

In Ankara, we are lucky that there are only three metro lines so that we are not confused which to choose. You can use metro to commute to the central places in the city like Kızılay or Ulus. ANKARAKART is valid in metro stations.

For more information: https://www.ego.gov.tr/en/sayfa/2113/rayli-sistem-hat-harita-ve-semalari

3.4. Dolmuş

Dolmuş is a minibus with maximum 16 passenger seats. When you get in a dolmuş, you tell the driver the location you want to go and pay cash the amount he asks. To use dolmuş, you should know how to

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count in Turkish. Even if you are an adventurer type, we only suggest you to take dolmuş from METU to Kızılay.



4. FOOD AND SHOPPING

The Green Park Hotel is located close to many restaurants, shops, and malls. Withing walking distance you can find cafés, bistros, and restaurants. If you like to witness daily life in Ankara, Tunalı Hilmi is the perfect place.

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is about 7 km and takes 10 minutes. The expected cost is 123 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

Another option is Bahçeli 7. Cadde (Street 7 in Bahçeli).

From the hotel, the best option is taking a taxi. The distance is about 5 km and takes 10 minutes. The expected cost is 93 TRY.

For the route on Maps:

There are big malls close to the hotel: Taurus, Armada, Next, Cepa, and Kentpark.

When you are on **METU Campus**, you will find variety of foods from many restaurants. You can check the interactive map given above.

5. COMMUNICATION

There are prepaid sim card options for tourists with minutes to talk and data. These can be purchased at the airport. Here are some of the available offers:

- Turkcell: 20 GB data + 200 minutes of local calls and unlimited messaging (WhatsApp and BIP) for 30 days
- Vodafone Turkey: 20 GB data + 750 minutes of local calls + 1000 SMS for 28 days

Please note that most places accept Visa and Mastercards.

6. EMERGENCY CALLS

112: Single Emergency Call Number

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7. WEATHER

The average temperature in September is 18.9ºC with an average max of 26.1ºC and average min of 11.9ºC. Below is the forecast during the GA.

Mon 25	30°/15°	Sunny	0%	NE 5 mph
Tue 26	29°/14°	Sunny	1%	ENE 5 mph
Wed 27	28°/14°	Sunny	1%	ENE 5 mph
Thu 28	27°/14°	Sunny	4%	NE 5 mph
Fri 29	26°/12°	Mostly Sunny	9%	NE 6 mph
Sat 30	25°/11°	Mostly Sunny	9%	NE 6 mph
Sun 01	24°/11°	Mostly Sunny	13%	NE 7 mph
Mon 02	23°/11°	Partly Cloudy	0%	ENE 6 mph
Tue 03	23°/10°	Partly Cloudy	12%	ENE 6 mph

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