

# European Members of the International Science Council (ISC) 8th Annual Meeting

20–21 October 2025, Tirana Albania

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### VENUE

**Host and meeting venue:** Academy of Sciences of Albania

**Address:** Academy of Sciences of Albania, Shëtitorja Murat Toptani, Tirana 1000, Albania

<https://akad.gov.al/>

The Academy is located in the heart of Tirana, in the pedestrian area known as “Shëtitorja Murat Toptani,” near the National Art Gallery and Parliament building. It is within walking distance from Skanderbeg Square and many central hotels.



### **Nearest bus stops:**

Urban lines stopping near “Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit” or “Rruga Abdi Toptani”.

### ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF ALBANIA

The Academy of Sciences of Albania (ASA) is the highest public institution of scientific research and intellectual authority in the Republic of Albania. It serves as a central institution for science, culture, and public life in the country. Officially established in 1972, the Academy evolved from earlier structures, including the Institute of Sciences (founded in 1948) and various research sectors developed throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Its founding marked a significant milestone in the institutionalization of science in Albania, and since then, it has played a leading role in shaping and advancing the nation’s academic and scientific development. It serves as an independent body that supports the development of science, innovation, education, and cultural heritage in Albania. The Academy plays a central role in shaping national research policies and fostering interdisciplinary dialogue within the academic community.

As the organizer of this event, the Academy of Sciences is committed to promoting international cooperation, scientific dialogue, and the exchange of knowledge between scholars and institutions.

## **TRAVEL TO AND IN TIRANA**

Tirana International Airport (Nënë Tereza) is located approximately 17 kilometers from the city center.

### **Transportation options getting from Tirana International Airport to the City center:**

<b>Taxi:</b>	Official airport taxis are available 24/7 outside the arrival terminal. The ride to downtown Tirana takes about 20–25 minutes and costs approximately 1,500–2,000 ALL (15–20 EUR). We recommend using authorized taxis for safety and reliability.
<b>Rinas Express</b> (Airport Shuttle Bus):	The shuttle bus operates daily from 06:00 to 24:00, every hour. The departure point in Tirana is behind the National Museum (City Center). Ticket price: 400 ALL (approx. 4 EUR). Duration: 30–35 minutes. More info: <a href="https://www.tirana-airport.com">https://www.tirana-airport.com</a>
Private transfer services or taxi-ordering apps	You may also use local ride-hailing services such as <i>Speed Taxi</i> or <i>UPs Taxi</i> through their apps. International services like Uber are not available in Albania.

## **HOTELS NEAR THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

The Academy of Sciences of Albania is located near Murat Toptani Pedestrian Street. Some recommended hotels within walking distance of the venue:

<b>Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana</b> <a href="https://www.plazatirana.com/sq/">https://www.plazatirana.com/sq/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Located in Skanderbeg Square, just a short walk from the Academy of Sciences.</li><li>• One of the most luxurious and well-known hotels in central Tirana.</li><li>• Address: Rruga Abdi Toptani 18, Tirana, 1001</li></ul>
<b>Tirana International Hotel &amp; Conference Center</b> <a href="https://www.tiranainternational.com/">https://www.tiranainternational.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Also located in Skanderbeg Square, very close to the Academy of Sciences.</li><li>• One of the most established hotels in Tirana's city center.</li><li>• Address: City Center, Scanderbeg Square, Tirana, Albania</li></ul>
<b>Hotel Oxford Tirana</b> <a href="https://hoteloxford.al/en/">https://hoteloxford.al/en/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Situated in the heart of Tirana's Old Town, Oxford Hotel is a boutique-style hotel offering comfort and central access.</li><li>• Address: St. Xhorxhi Martini 10, Tirana</li></ul>
<b>Hotel Boutique Vila 135</b> <a href="https://vila135.com/">https://vila135.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Located on Rruga e Barrikadave, approximately 600 meters from Skanderbeg Square.</li><li>• A stylish boutique hotel with a cozy and modern atmosphere.</li></ul>

**CURRENCY:** Lek (ALL) is the official currency of Albania. 1EUR=~97ALL