



GPM ANNUAL SUMMIT SKOPJE 2023

Empowering, Engaging and Caring Cities:

Delivering Democracy and Development with the Next Generations

17th – 19th November



FRIDAY: 17.11.2023

Arrival of Participants and Registration in Diamond Ballroom

09:00 am - 17:00 pm - Registration (Foyer of Diamond Ballroom)

16:00 pm - 17:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting with the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Stevo Pendarovski at Vila Vodno

17:30 pm - 18:30 pm - ExCo & AdCo Meeting

19:00 pm - 22:30 pm - Benjamin Barber Award Dinner (Diamond Ballroom)

19:00 pm - 19:05 pm - Welcome Remarks by the Chair of GPM and Mayor of Braga Ricardo Rio

• 19:05 pm - 19:10 pm - Welcome Remarks by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities Council of Europe, Secretary General Mr Mathieu Mori

• 19:10 pm - 19:15 pm - Welcome Remarks by the host and Mayor Danela Arsovska

• 19:15 pm - 19:20 pm - Benjamin Barber Award

• 19:20 pm - 19:25 pm - Acceptance Speech by Benjamin Barber Award Recipient

• 19:30 pm - 19:45 pm - Performance of the folklore group at DKC Karposh, including musical performance and traditional Macedonian dance.

• 19:45 pm - 22:30 pm - Gala Dinner at DoubleTree by Hilton

SATURDAY: 18.11.2023

Summit– Diamond Ballroom

09:00 am - 09:30 am - Opening of the Annual Summit and Keynote Address by

09:00 am - 09:05 am - President Stevo Pendarovski,

09:05 am - 09:10 am - EU Ambassador David Geer,

09:10 am - 09:15 am - Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Mr Mathieu Mori

09:15 am - 09:20 am - Mayor of the City of Skopje, Danela Arsovska

09:30 am - 11:00 am - First Plenary Session: Delivering Democracy

11:00 am - 11:30 am - Coffee Break and Group Photo

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Side Session 1: The Power of Culture & Art

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Side Session 2: Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Planning

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Side Session 3: Empowering Women in Urban Leadership

12:30 pm - 13:30 pm - Lunch

13:30 pm - 15:00 pm - Second Plenary Session: Caring Cities

15:00 pm - 15:30 pm - Coffee Break

15:30 pm - 17:00 pm - Third Plenary Session: Empowering Cities

17:00 pm - 17:30 pm - Summit Closing Remarks by GPM Chair Ricardo Rio and host Mayor Danela Arsovska



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17:30 pm - 18:30 pm - Break before departure to the Museum

18:30 pm - 19:00 pm - Transfers to the Museum by coach

19:00 - 20:00 pm - Visit the Museum of the City of Skopje

• 20:00 pm - 20:15 pm - Address by the Mayor of the City of Skopje (Closing Ceremony)

• 20:30 pm - 21:30 pm - Occasional cocktail and finger food. Performance by high school bands.

SUNDAY: 19.11.2023

09:30 am - Organized transfer from hotels to the starting point of the tour

(All participants have the option to choose one of the following tours)

**Tour 1 - Walking Tour

- 10:00 am - 10:15 am - Historical tour / Meeting with the delegation in front of the Skopje Kale parking lot and visiting the same.
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am - Visit the church, St. Spas, and the grave of Gotse Delchev.
- 10:30 am - 10:45 am - Visit to Mustafa Pashina Mosque.
- 10:45 am - 11:00 am - Walk through the Old Skopje Bazaar.
- 11:00 am - 11:15 am - Arrival at Philip II of Macedonia Square and viewing: Holocaust Museum, The monuments of Macedonian educators St. Cyril and Methodius and St. Kliment and Naum Ohridski, Stone Bridge.
- 11:15 am - 11:30 am - Arrive at Macedonia Square and view some of the monuments.
- 11:30 am - 11:45 am - Visit the memorial house of Mother Teresa.

**Tour 2 - Panoramic Bus Tour

- 10:00 am - City tour and a visit to Matka.
- 12:00 pm - 14:00 pm - The panoramic bus departs from the Hilton Hotel and travels to the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia, where the guide gives a summary of it. Then it continues to the Triumphal Arch, and the Cathedral and reaches the end point at Matka Canyon. After the delegation arrives at Matka, they will have the opportunity to visit one of the three most famous caves, Vrelo, Kreshna or Ubava, by boat.

**Tour 3 - Visit Vodno

- 10:00 am - Departure from the Hilton Hotel.
- 10:40 am - Arrival at Vodno Intermediate.
- 10:40 am - 11:00 am - Cable car ride, visit to the top of the waterfall, and sightseeing.

**Subject to weather conditions