

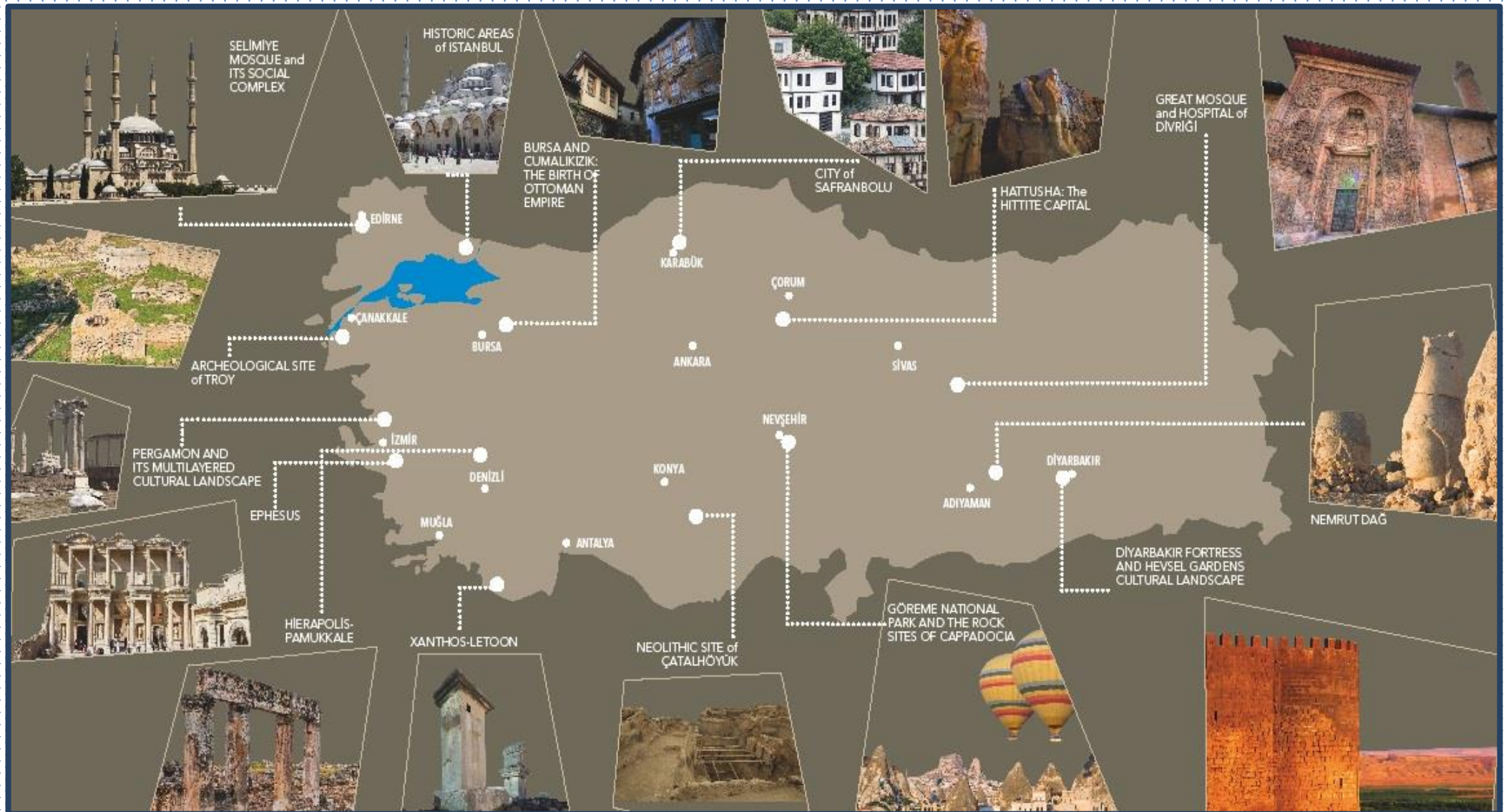
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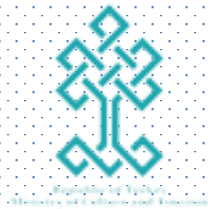
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World Heritage in Turkey



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Programme

9 JULY	10 JULY	11-18 JULY	19 JULY	20 JULY
	BUREAU MEETINGS / SIDE EVENTS			
	09.00 - 20.00 REGISTRATION	09.30 - 13.00 COMMITTEE MEETING		
14.00 - 20.00 REGISTRATION	15.00 - 17.00 ORIENTATION	LUNCH SIDE EVENTS WORKING GROUPS	LUNCH	
	OPENING CEREMONY	15.00 - 18.30 / COMMITTEE MEETING		
		SIDE EVENTS		17.00 CLOSING

Istanbul Map



Istanbul Congress Center



Hotels Area

Main Hotel

Istanbul Congress Center

Istanbul Congress Center



Istanbul Congress Center

2009

5 floors

120.000 m²

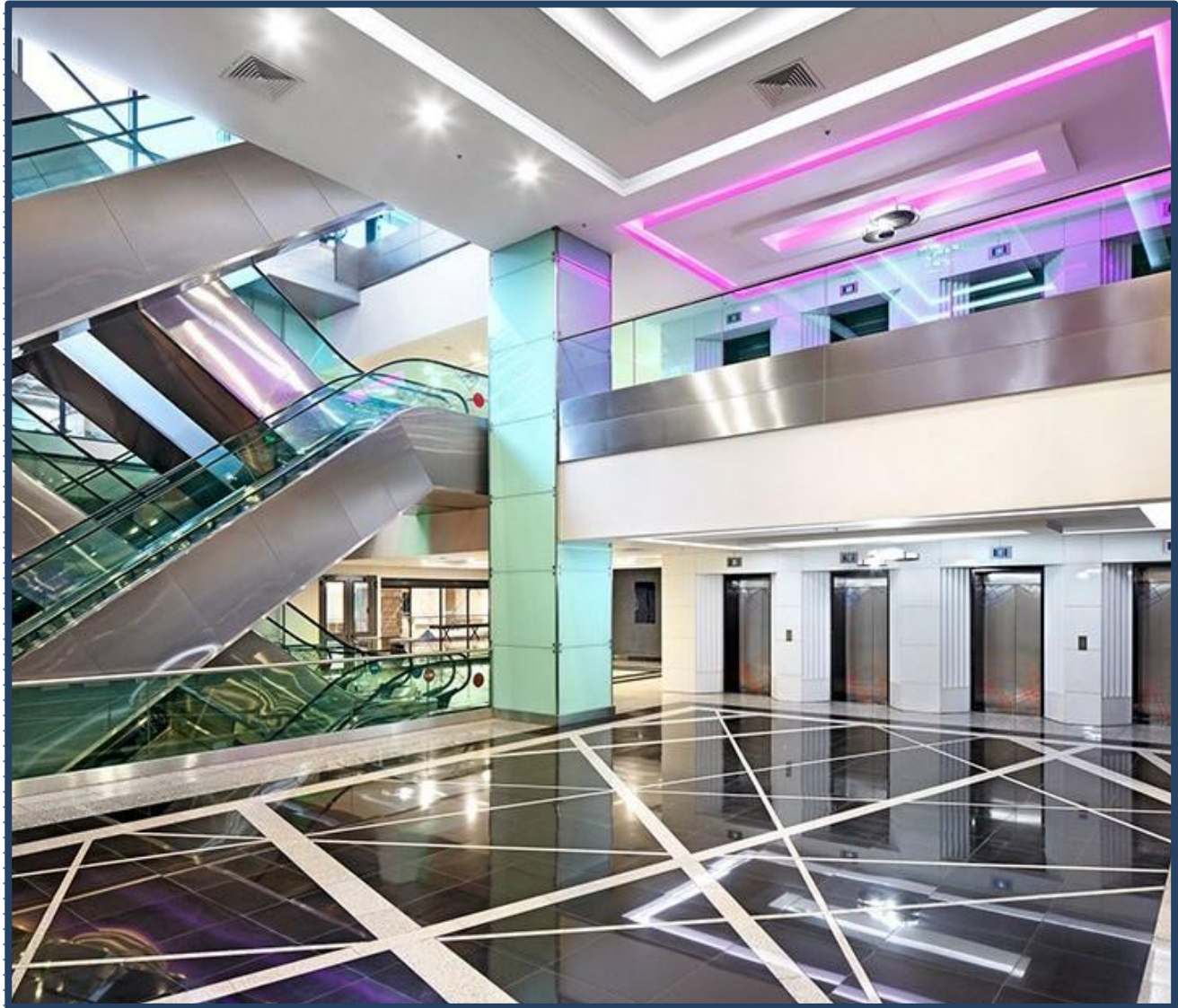
11 Main Halls

17 m² - 168 m² 64 Offices

14.576 m² Fair and Exhibition Hall



Istanbul Congress Center



Istanbul Congress Center / Meeting Halls



Istanbul Congress Center / Meeting Halls



Istanbul Congress Center / Other Halls



Istanbul Congress Center / Other Halls



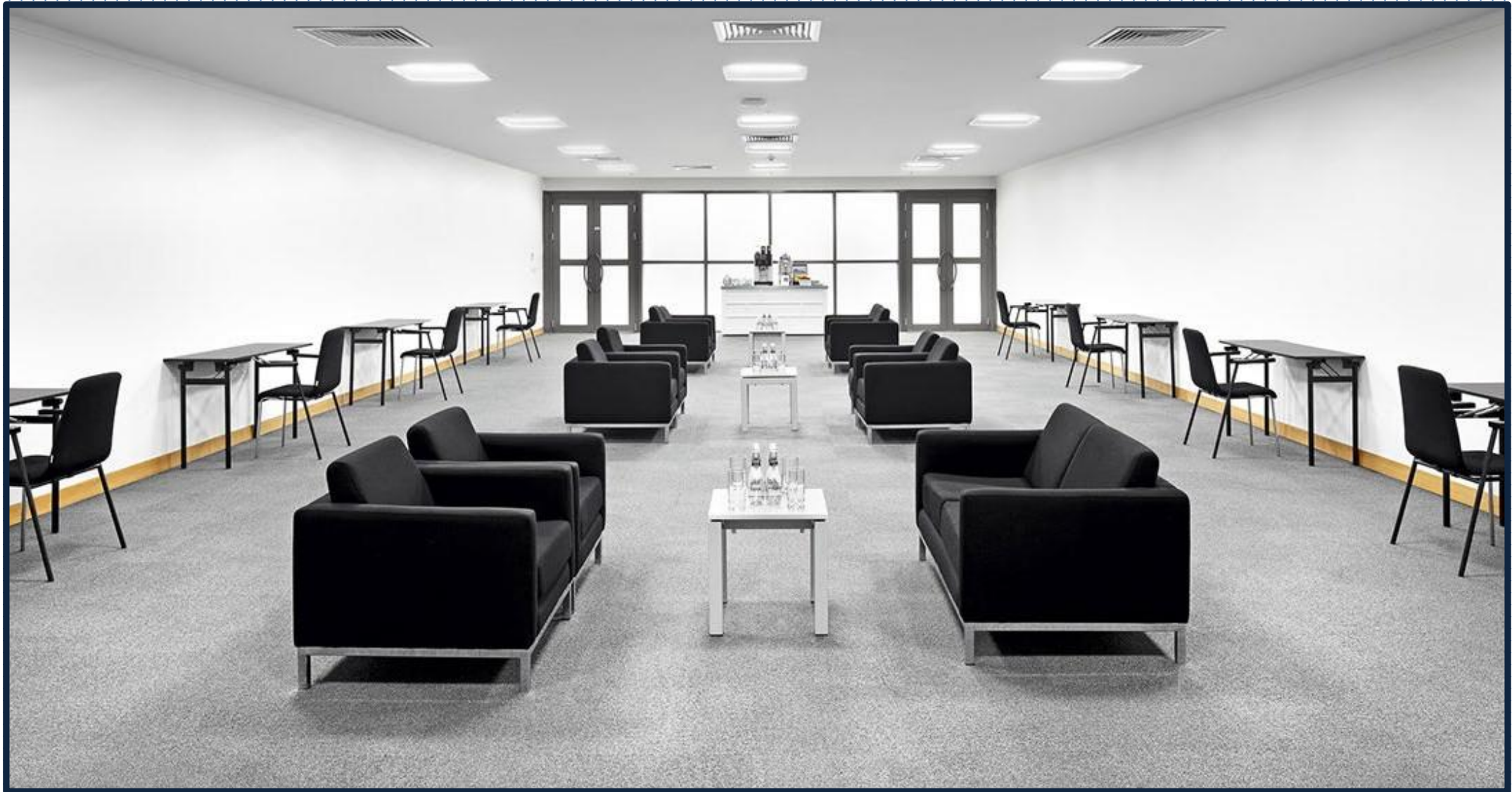
Istanbul Congress Center / Other Halls



Istanbul Congress Center / Other Halls & Rooms



Istanbul Congress Center / Other Halls & Rooms



Istanbul Congress Center / Services

WIFI
CONNECTION

CATERING
SERVICES

BANKING &
EXCHANGE SERVICES

SIDE EVENTS AND
EXHIBITIONS

BILATERAL
MEETING ROOMS

DELEGATES'
LOUNGE

INFORMATION
& TOUR DESKS

PRESS CENTER

POST OFFICE

SOUVENIR SHOPS

PRAYING AND
MEDITATION
ROOMS

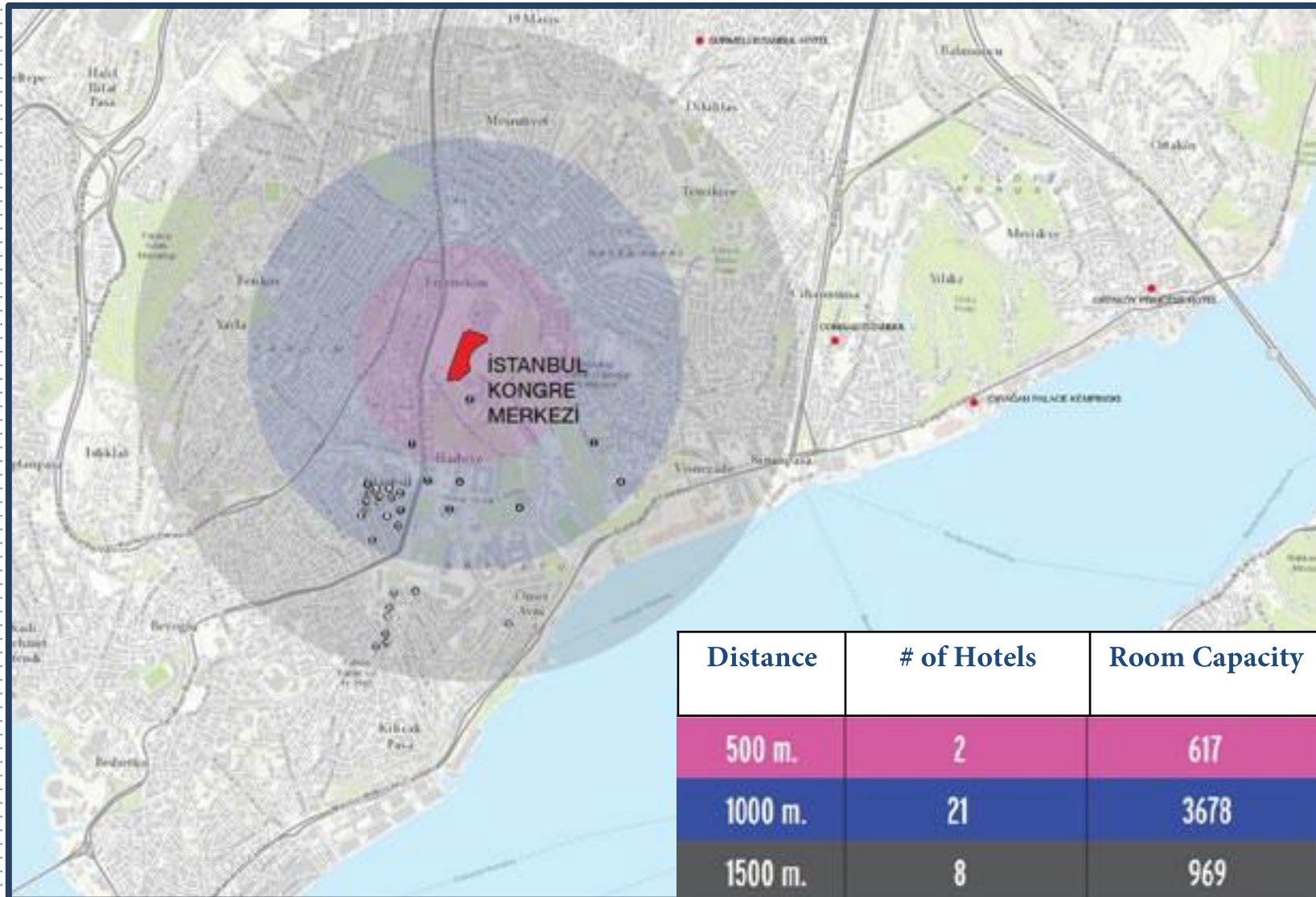
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Accommodation / Main Hotel



Reservation Deadline 10 June 2016

Accommodation / Other Hotels



Accommodation / keywords for other hotels

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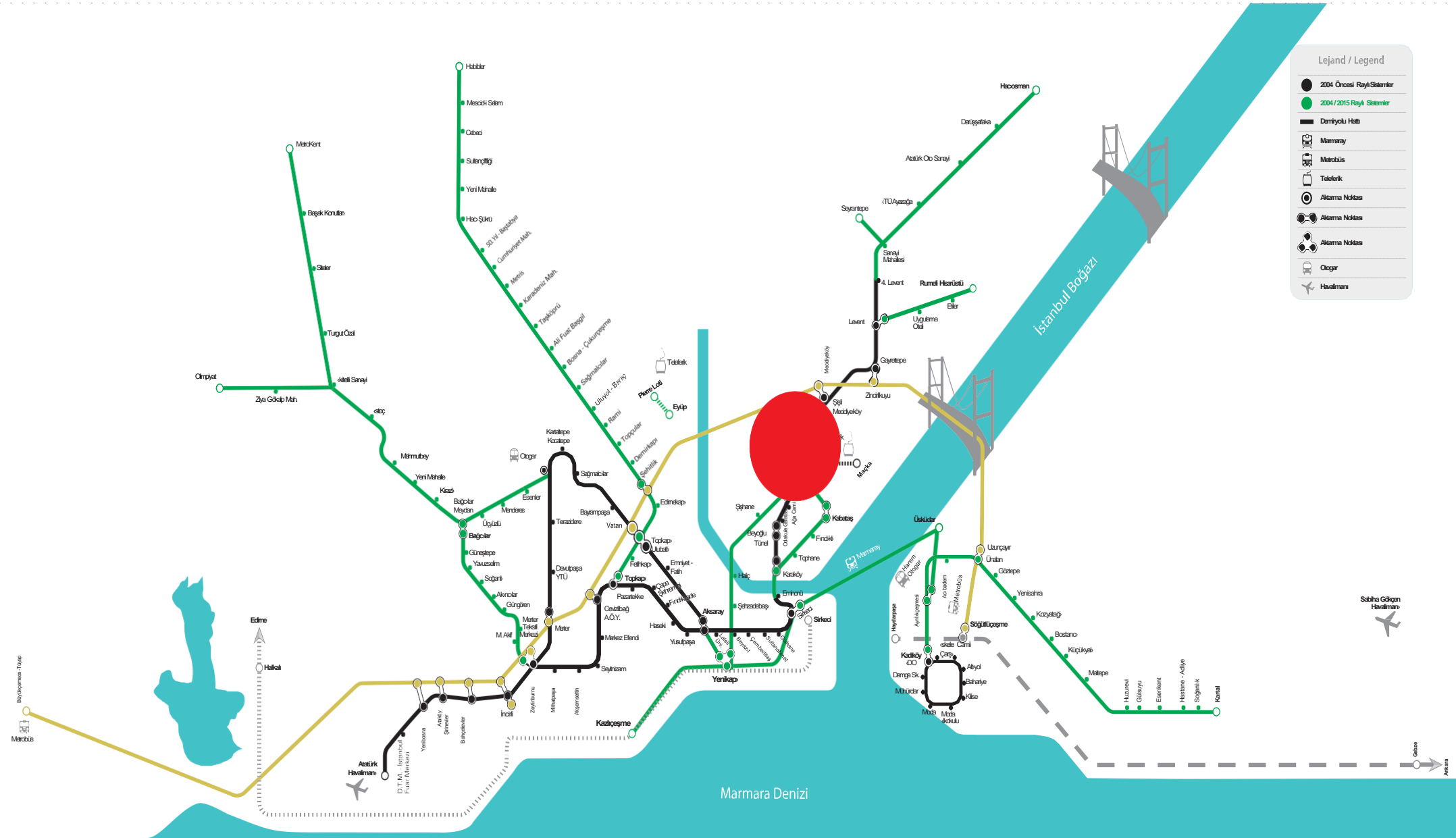
Taksim

ŐiŐhane

Talimhane

TarlabaŐı

Transportation



Lejant / Legend

●	2004 Öncesi Raylı Sistemler
●	2004/2015 Raylı Sistemler
—	Demiryolu Hattı
☐	Marmaray
☐	Metrobüs
☐	Tokotek
○	Alarma Noktası
○	Alarma Noktası
○	Alarma Noktası
☐	Çığır
✈	Havalimanı

Sabiha Gökçen Havalimanı

Atatürk Havalimanı

Istanbul Capital of Three Empires



Istanbul City of Intersections



Istanbul City of Seven Hills



29 June - 12 July 2016

Youth Forum



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Text for Screen 1

My name is Cem Kahyaoğlu. I am Head of Department for Cultural Diplomacy at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On behalf of the host country, I am the Coordinator for the 40th Session.

You will see my contact information on the screen in a few minutes.

Before we proceed, please be advised that my presentation is only a preliminary one on some of the logistical aspects of the 40th Session.

You will find ample information in the Information Document that you will receive with the invitation letter.

Moreover, as our Chairperson announced, during the Information and Exchange Session to be held in early June, we will provide you with all logistical information.

Text for Screen 2

Turkey ratified the Convention on 16 March 1983. It is the second time we are Member of the Committee since our first term between 1983 and 1989.

Turkey has fifteen cultural and natural properties inscribed on the List. As you see on the screen, they are spread all over the territory.

The sites inscribed represent several layers of Anatolian civilisations and include Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Armenian, Seljuk and Ottoman masterpieces of art and history.

Screen 3

Turkey will be hosting a World Heritage Committee session for the first time.

We have chosen Istanbul as the host city of the 40th Session. The city of Istanbul, with its millennia-long history and its multi-cultural structure, has a distinctive cultural identity. The city is experienced in organising major international events of big scale such as UN, NATO and OSCE summits.

Following the decision of the Committee last year in Bonn, we have established a flexible body to ensure a smooth and efficient work among a multitude of stakeholders. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is naturally the leading institution along with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The National Commission to UNESCO, Istanbul Greater Municipality and the Site Management for Istanbul's Historic Peninsula are the other three components of our internal structure. And we have also the Turkish Airlines as partner; a company which, by every measure, is recognized as one of the best airlines in the world.

Screen 4

You already know your Chairperson.

Screen 5

You have my contact details. Don't hesitate to contact for any enquiry.

Screen 6

You see the draft timetable of the 40th Session. The registration in person will start in the afternoon the day before the opening. As usual, side events can be organised before and after the formal sitting of the Committee and during the lunch break as well.

Screen 7

Here is a very simple plan of Istanbul. You see the historical peninsula that is inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1985. Up above, the venue of the Session and also the hotels area are indicated.

Please note that Istanbul has two international airports. The first one is the Atatürk Airport that you see at the left of the plan. The second one is called Sabiha Gökçen and is located at the Asian Side of the city.

Because of the flight frequency, the most practical way to come down to Istanbul is to fly to Atatürk Airport.

However, should participants prefer a flight to the second airport for financial reasons – from time to time fares to Sabiha Gökçen may be discounted– there are regular shuttles from there to Taksim area where both the Congress Centre and an important number of good hotels are situated.

Before arriving to Istanbul: visa. In 131 of 190 State Parties other than Turkey, there is Turkish Embassy. Nevertheless, for delegates requiring a visa to enter Turkey, regardless of whether Turkey is represented or not in their country, we will establish visa facilitation, if not a total exemption. Details of such system will first be fully discussed internally and then communicated to State Parties.

Screen 8

As you see, the venue of the 40th Session, the main hotel and other options for accommodation are located almost side by side within a very short walking distance.

Screen 9

The Istanbul Congress Centre is one of the newest and most modern multi-purpose complexes of Istanbul. It spans a surface of 120.000m² on a total of five floors.

Screens 10 and 11

The Centre can host a wide range of events, from congress and fairs to exhibitions. It has also an outdoor area overlooking the Bosphorus, where we are planning to organise the opening event.

Screens 12 and 13

The Auditorium is the biggest meeting hall with a capacity of 3555 persons. This hall is one of the options available for the plenary session.

Screens 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18

At the Congress Centre, there are multi-purpose meeting halls, foyers, event areas and workshop rooms varying in capacities and sizes between 17 and 168m². The total number of halls and rooms reserved for side events is 64.

Screen 19

Here is a brief presentation of services that will be given at the meeting venue.

Screen 20

The main accommodation centre will be Hotel Hilton which is the first ever Hilton outside US.

Opened in 1955, it was also the first modern hotel in Europe built from the ground up in the aftermath of World War II.

Participants who will be staying at Hilton will have easy access to the venue of the meeting since each one lies adjacent to another.

The last day for the reservation is the 10th of June. For Hilton and other hotels, participants will have special rates.

Screen 21

In Istanbul, the number of hotels with certification from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism is 705. Their total bed capacity exceeds 140.000.

171 of them have 4 stars, while the number of 5 starred hotels is 123.

As a result, participants will have a multitude of choice.

For instance, within a distance of 1 kilometre from the meeting venue, there are 23 hotels of 4 and 5 stars.

Screen 22

Here are some keywords that will allow you to find hotels that are close to the meeting centre. Attention, those are not names of hotels, but only names of the areas which are close to or surrounding the Istanbul Congress Centre.

In any case, in the Information Document that you will receive along with the invitation letter, you will be given a single reservation link where you will find all categories of hotels with discounted rates.

Screen 23

Istanbul is a huge mega city with some 15 million inhabitants. Although the traffic is unpredictable, it is often congested.

However, during the time we will have our session, the city will be less crowded.

In addition to a subway system; city bus, sea bus and ferry, tram and taxi are frequently used in Istanbul. Taxi is not expensive.

Anyhow, each and every participant will be delivered free of charge a special pass called "Istanbul card" that can be used in every means of transport except taxi.

There will also be enough ring services between the Taksim hotel area and the meeting venue for physically challenged persons.

Screens 24, 25 and 26

No need to talk in length to describe Istanbul to you. Neolithic artefacts uncovered recently indicate that Istanbul was settled as far back as the 7th millennium BC. It is a transcontinental city between Europe and what Roman Empire called the Asia Minor. Istanbul was the capital of three empires, namely Eastern Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. The city is crowned by monumental masterpieces from Byzantine and Ottoman periods, such as the legendary Hagia Sophia which dates back to year 532 and the Blue Mosque built in 1608.

All participants will be provided with free access to state museums in Istanbul during the length of the session. It may be in form of a card or by showing the Committee badge at the entrance.

Screen 27

The Youth Forum will be held in Istanbul and Bursa between 29 June and 12 July. The invitation letters were sent on 16 February by the Turkish National Commission to UNESCO to their counterparts in Member States of the Committee.

Screen 28

Finally, e-mail addresses regarding all aspects of the session are shown on the screen.

As I told before, you can also contact me for all information you will need.

Many thanks for your attention.