



**Innovative design and operation of new or upgraded
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City-HUB Project



**City-HUB Fact Sheet N° 3.1:
New Railway Station, Thessaloniki, Greece**

Role of interchange

The New Railway Station is the central passenger railway station in Thessaloniki, which is the second biggest city in Greece and the capital of the periphery of Central Macedonia. The station is located in the suburban area of the city.

The "under construction" metro station will play a catalytic role for the reconstruction of the terminal and the surroundings, including, indicatively, a new underground parking and new walking and cycling accesses. The existing terminals in cooperation with the investments of the new metro station will enable the reconstruction of the existing infrastructure to a modernized integrated bus-railway-metro station.



Figure 1: The New Railway Station of Thessaloniki

Location

The station is situated very close to the central business district, allowing the movement of travellers all around the city. The station is also close to the port of Thessaloniki, enhancing the attractiveness of the interchange. Moreover there is a bus line connecting the railway station to the International Airport of Thessaloniki "Macedonia", which actually connects the central bus station located in the West part of the city and the airport, located in the East part, passing from the railway station.

Modes of transport

The station is located in the suburban part of the city and the modes covered include commuter rail, interurban rail, local buses, suburban buses, interurban buses, taxis, bicycle ways, park and ride, kiss and ride, and metro (under construction). The currently "under construction" metro station will likely be a catalyst for the reconstruction of the

terminal and its surroundings, including, potentially, new underground parking, new walking and cycling access, etc. The existing terminal building, in combination with the investment in the new metro station will enable the development of the existing infrastructure into a modern integrated bus-railway-metro station.

Apart from the provision of railway services, the station works as a terminal for the public bus services of the Thessaloniki Urban Transport Organisation (OASTH). The station is also directly connected to the interurban bus station, where there are routes to Athens and other Greek cities.

Focusing on buses, the average daily number of passengers travelling in the urban zone is approximately 137.971, while in the suburban zone it's approximately 22.630. In total 12 bus lines serve these travel needs. Regarding the railway, the average daily number of passengers arriving at/ or departing from the station is approximately 6.000. Of these 4500 use tickets issued by electronic systems, and 1.500 use paper tickets.