



**Building sustainable leaders**

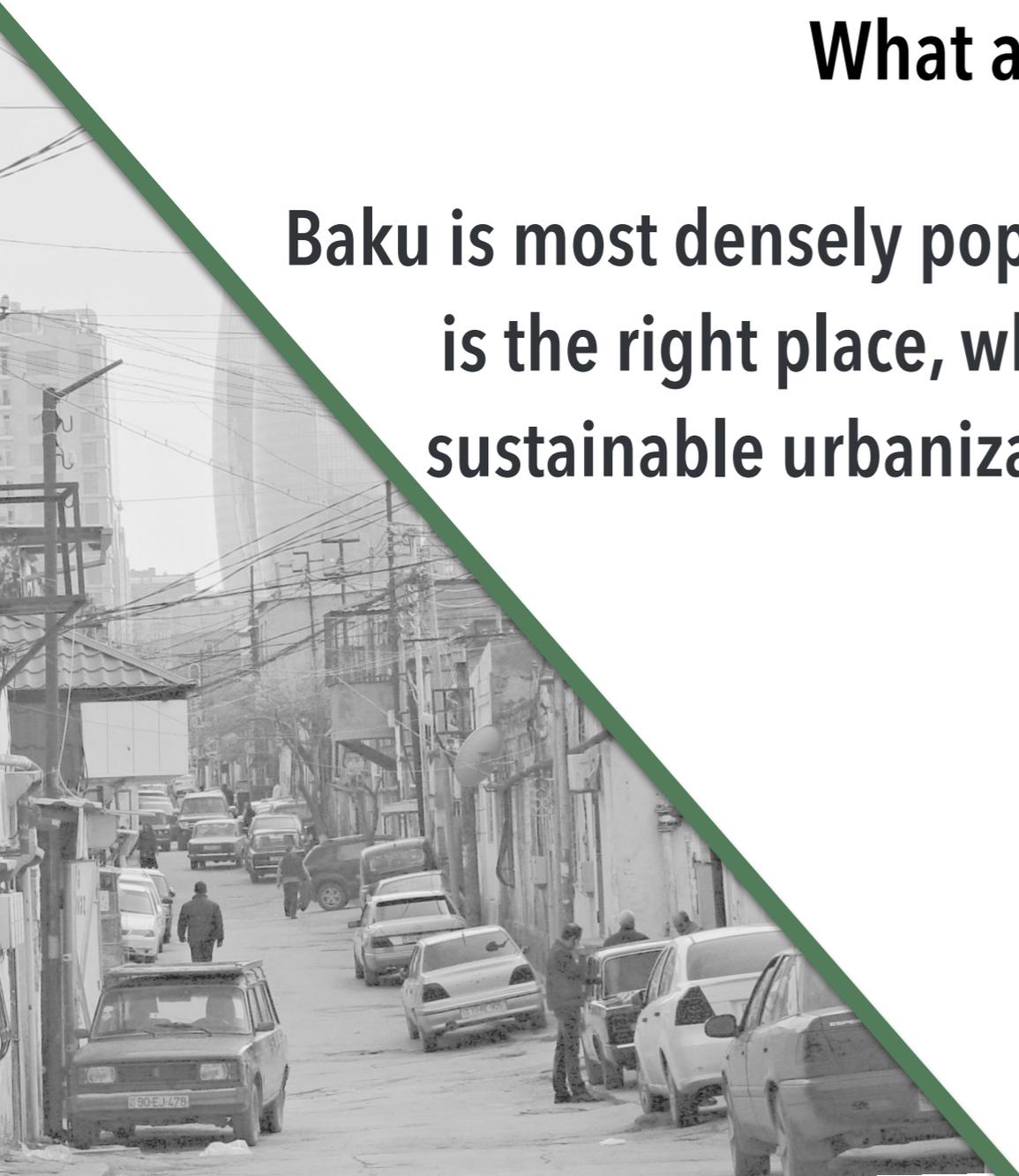
**Baku, 7–10th September**

CEE  
2017

**Every second person in Azerbaijan lives in urbanized area, statistics are similar in Slovakia, Romania, Serbia and other countries.**

**What about your country?**

**Baku is most densely populated city in South Caucasus and this is the right place, where challenges and solutions for sustainable urbanization can be found and discussed.**



# We are delighted to invite you to the 6th oikos meeting of CEE Region

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The topic of CEE meeting 2017 is Leadership in Sustainable Urbanization.

Society always need leaders who will show better alternatives, Ade from Columbia promoted new infrastructure for buses, that operate in whole Bogota, bicyclists association in Carbondale, U.S. achieved success after persuading local authorities to build bicycle route throughout the city. What are actions that individual can take to create a positive change in urbanization or big cities that need further development ?

'Leadership in Sustainable Urbanization' is designed to show to participants during 3 days best examples of empowering leadership, give practical knowledge and opportunity to see sustainable actions that help to deal with urbanization problems.



### 3 days of CEE meeting will include:

1 day for arrival-accommodation of participants and 2 days of intense studies. Expert speakers will bring new and innovative ways to think about future of world for sustainable development. As of general idea oikos Baku wants to provide you with necessary skills and knowledges to implement projects for solving the challenges that urbanization brings in our own societies through cooperation.

We want to provide our participants with necessary skills and knowledges to implement projects for solving the challenges that urbanization brings in their own societies through cooperation. Leadership that you can do something alone, taking action in your own, without waiting for someone else. The leadership experts will define how you can implement in your daily life to impact others.

#### Day 1

Arrival and accommodation of participants will be followed up by short introductory excursion and welcome party

#### Day 2

Participants will receive general knowledge on Sustainable urbanization and how actions of individuals might play crucial role, as well excursion to show effects and solutions for sustainable urbanization will help to witness consequences in real

#### Day 3

Participants will start by the last activity of previous day and attend workshop where discussion on challenges and solutions of Sustainable Urbanization will take place. Next session will show effects and crucial meaning that sustainable society has in formation of the cities. Before closing session participants will receive workshop dedicated to leadership and have short case studies designed into workshop activities. CEE meeting will be closed by farewell party

#### Day 4

Check out. Departure of participants.

# Accommodation & Food

During 3 days of meeting participants will be allocated in hostel, in the central part of Baku.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner will be provided and covered by participation fee. As oikos Baku we aim to promote green economy and consumption, so meat will be excluded from all meals.

Azerbaijan is hot country with summer continuing in September. So be prepared to bring summer cloth, still Baku is called as 'The city of winds' be prepared for windy and hot weather!

## Visa

Please check from [this](#) link if you have too apply for visa to enter Azerbaijan, or you have visa exemption.

As soon as you confirm your participation and pay the fee, we will start to sending confirmation letters from hostel from July 12th, so this is first date when you can apply for visa. Visa costs \$23 and can be issued within 3 working days. Visa is issued online you just need to print it and show at customs control.

Further information regarding visa you can find proceeding to the link below:

[E-Visa](#)

**Azerbaijan, or 'Land of fire' covers an area of 86,6 km<sup>2</sup>, and has population of 9,7 million people. Population of the biggest city, Baku accounts for almost 53% of country's population.**

**Baku is known for its vibrant life with mix of different cultures, and active students who are highly involved in volunteer work, sports activities, and more. Azerbaijan is famous because annually it holds different events with worldwide famous events as Eurovision, Formula 1 and etc.**

**You can find more information about Baku and Azerbaijan on these websites:**

**[Travel in Azerbaijan](#)**

**[Baku and other cities of Azerbaijan](#)**

# Participation fee Deadlines

Participation fee is €35 for first 10 registered participants. There is extra €5 discount for groups registered prior to June 20th (2 or more than 2 members from the same chapter). Ordinary participation fee is €40.

## Expenses covered by participation fee:

- 3 night accommodation in the hostel
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner during 3 days
- Transportation during 3 days
- Stationary materials (pens, notebooks and etc)

Preliminary schedule of deadlines we will need you to use as you communicate with us in the next few months.

*However, these are subject to change, we will inform you about updated deadlines by email.*

- June 20th:** Deadline for group discount
- July 10th:** Deadline for registration
- July 12th:** Deadline for confirmation of granted visa
- August 7th:** Deadline for flight itinerary and information
- September 7th:** Arrival day:  
CEE meeting starts!

# Travel Information

Be sure to plan your travel early (as soon as your visa is approved!).

Early-September is a vacation week for many Azerbaijanis, so prices will get increasingly more expensive if you wait too long. When traveling to Baku by plane you have two main options:

Directly to Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD)

or

Via Turkey, Istanbul (IST or SAW) ; then buy a separate ticket to Baku, plane is most optimal. If you book your tickets separately, please make sure to leave ample time between your arrival and the next departure in case of delays.

or

Via Georgia, Kutaisi or Tbilisi (TBS or KUT) ; then buy a separate ticket to Baku, train or bus is most optimal. Price for ticket Tbilisi-Baku varies from 5 to 20 depending on availability or transport.

## Expenses:

Azerbaijan is a quite cheap country. In order to help you figure out how much pocket money you will need, we have listed the prices of some common products you are likely to buy while in Baku. Please note that some prices may vary depending on where you purchase the item.

### Prices (approximate cost in EUROS)

Bus ticket	€ 0.1
Airport-City transfer	€ 1
Postcard	€ 0.5 - 3
Soda	€ 0.2 - 2
Coffee	€ 1 - 3
Tea	€ 1
Sandwich	€ 1 - 3
0.5L beer	€ 0.5 - 3

# Where East meets West

What is so special about Azerbaijan? It's the mix of cultures that you can't find anywhere else.

Some arguments why Baku should be your next destination:

## **1) Caucasian unforgettable FOOD and Azerbaijani WINE & TEA**

Tendir, Levengi, Plov, Sebzi, Cixirtma, Kyukyu these are not magic spells, but one of the most delicious meals that you can try here!

## **2) Hipster 'meet-market' in one of the oldest areas off city**

'Sovetski' is part of Baku that is under 'modernization project' and might disappear in nearest future. Locals will consider you bro, if one day you will mention that crazy Friday party you had one day in Baku 'Sovetski' area.

## **3) Pearls of contemporary and ancient architecture**

Contemporary designed glass skyscrapers are located by the side of east style towers, palaces dating to XII century. This is one of the most obvious mix of cultures that makes Baku so special

## **4) Hiking trips from Baku to regions within a day**

Budget eco-tourism is what youth and travellers appreciate and adore in Azerbaijan. Cross one more line from 'bucket list' after hiking village located +4000 meters in mountains. (P.S: selfies are recommended)

## **5) Last, but not the least important oikos Baku members that already are waiting you!**

-No comments- :)

**CEE Meeting**

# Leadership in Sustainable Urbanization

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 Baku, Azerbaijan