

Digital Connectivity and Mediterranean: Investment opportunities, innovation, and sustainable development

Palermo, Italy, 23, 24 January 2025

Practical Information

MEETING VENUE AND INFORMATION

We are delighted to invite you to the D4D Hub in-person Event on *Digital Connectivity and the Mediterranean*, on 23-24 January 2024, in Palermo, Italy.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, however in-person participation is highly encouraged.

The meeting will take place at: **Marina Convention Center**, Palermo

Via Filippo Patti 30 – c/o Molo Trapezoidale, Palermo, Italy
<https://www.marinaconventioncenter.com/>

Please see the map below



SPARKLE VISIT on January 24 in the afternoon

The transportation to the Sparkle Data Center Sicily Hub is organized by the Sicilian Region. The visit will take place at Via Ugo la Malfa 99, 90146, Palermo.

Please note that the organized transportation is only one-way, from the meeting venue to the Sparkle Data Center Sicily Hub premises.

CONTACTS

For content-related questions, logistics and practical arrangements for the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to:

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ACCOMODATION

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and may select any hotel based on their preferences. We strongly advise all participants to book their accommodation promptly to ensure availability.

Please, check the recommended hotels from the list below:

HOTEL BORSA

Via dei Cartari, 18

90133 Palermo PA

Tel: +39091320075

Website: <https://piazaborsa.it/>

Mail: piazaborsa@piazaborsa.it

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qviggW5oYBU7tV7c6>

HOTEL DELLE PALME

Via Roma, 398

90139 Palermo PA

Tel: +39 0918048800

Website: <https://www.grandhotel-et-des-palmes.com/>

Mail: reservation@hoteldespalmes.it

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZW2DAeUjtXhgi8Xr7>

HOTEL POLITEAMA
Piazza Ruggero Settimo, 15
90139 Palermo PA
Tel: +39091322777
Website: <https://www.hotelpoliteama.com/>
Mail: mail@hotelpoliteama.it

HOTEL WAGNER
Via Riccardo Wagner, 2
90139 Palermo PA
Tel: +39091336572
Mail: booking@grandhotelwagner.it

HOTEL AMBASCIATORI
Via Roma, 111
90133 Palermo PA
Tel: +390916166881
Mail: booking@ambasciatorihotelpalermo.com

TRANSPORTATION

The meeting venue is located in the city center and is conveniently accessible via public transportation (yet taxis might provide a more comfortable alternative).

How to Get to the Marina Convention Center

From Palermo Airport (Falcone-Borsellino Airport)

Palermo Airport is located approximately 35 km from the city center. Below are an array of different transportation options to reach the Marina Convention Center.

Taxi

Location: Taxi stands are located outside the arrivals terminal

Cost: The fare to the Marina Convention Center ranges between ≈ €45–55

Payment: Accepted in cash (euros) and major credit cards

Recommended Taxi Companies with Fixed Rates:

Autoradio Taxi Palermo: Tel: +39 091 513311 | <https://taxipalermo.com/>

Cooperativa Trinacria: Tel: +39 091 6878

MyTaxi App: Available for booking online or via app with price estimates

Bus

Airport Shuttle Bus: Operated by Prestia e Comandè

Route: From the airport to Palermo city center

Stops: Stop near the Marina Convention Center (Piazza Ruggero Settimo Stop; consult the bus driver for details)

Frequency: Every 30 minutes

Duration: Approximately 50 minutes

Cost: ≈ €6 one-way

Tickets: Available online, at the airport, or directly from the driver

Train

Route: Trenitalia runs regional trains connecting the airport to Palermo Centrale station.

From Palermo Centrale: The Marina Convention Center is a short taxi or public transport ride away

Frequency: Every 30 minutes

Duration: Approximately 45 minutes

Cost: ≈ €5.90 for a one-way ticket

Tickets: Purchase at the train station or online via Trenitalia's website

Car Rental

Car rental services are available at the airport. Major providers include Hertz, Europcar, and Avis. Driving time to the Marina Convention Center is approximately 40 minutes. GPS or navigation apps are recommended for directions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

About Palermo

Welcome to Palermo, the capital of Sicily and home to approximately 700,000 people. Palermo is a vibrant city with a rich history, blending ancient architecture, colorful markets, and a lively Mediterranean culture. Known for its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Arab-Norman architecture, Palermo offers visitors a unique mix of tradition and modernity.

From the Marina Convention Center, it is easy to access Palermo city center with public transport or by walking. Head towards Via Maqueda or the historic Quattro Canti to explore the heart of the city. Palermo's bustling markets, such as Ballarò and Vucciria, are a must-see, offering authentic Sicilian cuisine and local crafts. Don't miss a visit to Palermo's Cathedral and Teatro Massimo, Italy's largest opera house, both located right in the city center.

Climate

The average temperature in January in Palermo is approximately +10/+15°C during the day, making it mild and comfortable compared to other European cities.

For the latest weather forecast in Palermo, please visit <https://www.ilmeteo.it/meteo/Palermo>

Communications

To call Italy from abroad or from an international mobile phone, the international dialing code is +39.

Emergency numbers

Police 112 or 113, fire 115 and medical 118

Credit Cards

Major credit cards are widely accepted in all shops and restaurants. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club are the most widely accepted cards.