

CMS Expert Workshop on devising the CMS Atlas of Animal Migration

*Palazzo d'Avalos, Vasto, region of Abruzzo, Italy
8 – 11 October, 2026*

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are delighted you can join us for this special Expert Workshop and offer you a warm welcome. The Workshop is being held at the Palazzo d'Avalos in Vasto, 75 km southeast of the city of Pescara in the Abruzzo region. Vasto is a coastal municipality with 40,000 inhabitants whose origins date back to the 12th century BC, when the first Greek, Illyrian, and Frentani populations settled in the area which later became the Roman Histonium and was an important seaside settlement and Adriatic port. This is a stunning location from which you will leave with special memories of this wonderful coastal part of eastern Italy.

Located in the Piazza Lucio Valerio Pudente, our venue (<https://www.museipalazzodavalos.it/>) is one of the most significant examples of Roman-style Renaissance architecture in Abruzzo from the second half of the 16th century, built upon Roman and Early Medieval foundations. It regularly hosts public lectures, meetings and civic events alongside its three museums.

Thanks to facilitation by Fernando Spina, the CMS COP-Appointed Councillor for connectivity, financial support has been kindly confirmed by a local company Bio Cantina {Sociale} Orsogna, covering participants' accommodation, meals and local transportation.

I. How to get to Vasto, and the Workshop venue

The closest arrival airport is Abruzzo <https://www.abruzzoairport.eu/>. This is in Pescara, with several means of transferring to Vasto.

For many, the arrival airport will be Roma Fiumicino, from which bus transfers to Vasto are available at Terminal 3.

From Fiumicino Airport (Rome). Three transfers to Vasto are available:
<https://dicarlobus.com/linee/vasto-roma-autobus/> (recommended; every 3 hours)
<https://www.flixbus.it/tratte-autobus/roma-fiumicino-aeroporto-vasto>
https://www.itabus.it/it/tratte-bus/roma_fiumicino_aeroporto-vasto

In terms of stops, buses travel directly from Fiumicino Airport (Rome) to Pescara and then Vasto. The journey takes just under 5 hours covering around 300 km, and costs €15 to €40 depending on when you book.

Note. As some of our participants are being funded through CMS and the Cantina we will provide further guidance to those participants on what should be done by way of obtaining bus tickets.

Reaching the Workshop venue in Vasto: The Palazzo d'Avalos overlooks Vasto. Hence, we have arranged shuttle buses to take participants from the hotels to the venue. A shuttle bus service will take participants from the Hotel Holiday to the venue (those staying in Hotel San

Marco have a ten-minute walk uphill to the venue).

Taxis

Servizio Taxi, città del Vasto (+39 0873 4994)
[Uber taxis](#) are also available for travel in Vasto.

II. Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the [Palazzo d'Avalos](#), a stunning location overlooking Vasto.

Address

Piazza Lucio Valerio Pudente, 66054 Vasto CH, Italy

Map: <https://www.vasto.guide/en/guide-en/palazzo-davalos/>

III. Meeting Start and End Times

Arrival is during Thursday 8th October.

A welcoming dinner will be offered at the Hotel Holiday at 20.00.

Address

Contrada San Tommaso 389, 66054 Vasto, Italien

The formal Workshop begins on Friday 9th October, at 09.00, and finishes on Sunday 11th October at 13.00. This is followed by lunch and a special celebration and reception.

IV. Registration and Collection of Boarding Passes

Onsite registration starts at 08.00 on Friday 9th October

Please note that you will need to pre-register using this link:
<https://meetings.cms.int/meetings/Atlas%20WS/registration?lang=en>

If you received your flight ticket from CMS, please make sure to keep your boarding pass and give it to us upon registration at the venue. It is required in order to process your travel following the meeting.

Please send your flight or train numbers and times for your arrival and departure to the following email address: tatiana.pomelnikova@un.org

V. Hotel Accommodation

A hotel room has been booked for confirmed registered participants at one of the two hotels below. You will of course be notified regarding your allocated hotel before departure:

[Hotel Holiday](#), Vasto Marina

The hotel is located along the beach immediately south of Vasto and a shuttle service will connect to the city centre and Palazzo d'Avalos.

[Hotel San Marco](#)

The hotel is located in downtown Vasto, less than 10 mins walk uphill to the venue.

VI. Coverage of Local Expenses

Accommodation and all meals are provided for all confirmed registered participants.

VII. Special Celebration of CMS World Migratory Bird Day on Sunday 11th October

On the afternoon of Sunday, to celebrate CMS World Migratory Bird Day 2026, there will be a series of special public events, including public lectures, the launch of a special film, and a marvellous concert. This will be followed by a celebratory dinner in the evening. CMS [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) is a biannual global awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

VIII. Weather

The climate in Vasto in October is mild and breezy, with average daytime highs around 21°C (70°F) and nighttime lows dropping to 14°C (57°F).

The average number of days with measurable rain in October is 11, with an average 63mm of rain for the month.

IX. Currency

Italy's currency is the Euro (€). As of 09th August 2026, the exchange rate was € 0.87 for 1 USD (\$), € 1.17 for 1 GBP (£). Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants and shops in Vasto

X. Voltage and Type of Pins

In Italy the power sockets are of type F and L. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

- Type F: also known as "Schuko". This socket also works with plug C and plug E.
- Type L: This type is of Italian origin. This socket also works with plug C.



XI. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English. During the Sunday afternoon public event, interpretation to Italian will be provided.

XII. Internet

Wi-Fi will be provided free of charge in the meeting room and hotels for the duration of the meeting.

XIII. Identification badges

All participants will receive an identification badge to access the venue. You are requested to wear this badge during your stay at the venue.

XIV. Time zone

Italy is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +1 hour

XV. Information about Vasto

For information about Vasto and its region:

<https://www.comune.vasto.ch.it/it>

<https://www.italymammamia.com/travel-to-vasto-italy.html>

MAP:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ztmb9bqDUE1shD27A>

XVI. Useful Numbers

Country dialling code: +39

Emergency: 112

City dialling code: 0873

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