



Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean and
7th Meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds
(Valencia and Online 7 to 10 June 2022)

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INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

We would like to welcome you to the **Joint Meeting of the Bern SFPs Network and CMS MIKT on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds (IKB)** to be held from 7 to 9 June 2022 and **Bern Convention Group of Experts meeting** to be held from 9 to 10 June at la *Fundación Deportiva Municipal Valencia, la Petxina*, Valencia, Spain, generously hosted by the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITECO) and the Generalitat Valenciana on behalf of the Government of Spain.

COVID-19:

Before the trip: Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Government of Spain has implemented a series of measures, including health control of passengers upon arrival in Spain. Please always verify the latest health requirements at the website www.spth.gob.es

Travelers can either present an EU COVID Digital Certificate (DCC) or a SPTH QR code (if you do not have a DCC).

Once at the airport: you must show either the DCC or SPTH QR Code that will be scanned at the health control in order to access the terminal and collect your luggage.

DO NOT TRAVEL if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19: fever, cough, or shortness of breath, with onset within the last 7 days, or if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 7 days.

Meeting details:

On-site registration will commence at 08:30 CEST on Tuesday, 7 June. Badges will be issued at the registration desk. Please show your QR code as a proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

A provisional list of participants will be distributed during the meeting. Participants are kindly requested to check the information contained and to report any changes to the Secretariat for inclusion in the final list.



The European Union was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean for the period 2018 - 2023. This activity has been funded with the contribution granted by the European Commission under the Migratory Species Champion Programme and through the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC Programme) Cooperation Agreements with UNEP.



Working sessions will start at 09:00 CEST and end at approximately 18:00 CEST. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be offered during the meeting.

Lunch breaks will take place between 13:30 and 15:00 CEST. Lunch will be covered by participants themselves. Below are the restaurants closest to the venue:

Pabellon La Pexina

Passeig de la Petxina, 41,
46008 Valencia,
Tel: +34 963820426
20 meters to the venue

Restaurante Madrágora

Carrer de la Democràcia, 3,
46018, Valencia
Phone not available
350 meters to the venue

Bar Ricardo

Carrer del Dr. Zamenhof, 16,
46008 Valencia,
Tel: +34 963823789
240 meters to the venue

Restaurante El Cazo Andaluz

Av. de Campanar, n° 43,
46015 Valencia
Tel: +34 640818897
500 meters to the venue

El Yuyo

Av. de Sant Josep de la Muntanya, 3,
46008 Valencia
Tel: 656476362
260 meters to the venue

El Olmo de Tirso

Av. de Tirso de Molina, 3BJ,
46009 Valencia
Tel: +34 963273170
700 meters to the venue

Language:

Interpretation services in English, French and Spanish will be generously provided by the Spanish Government. Documents for the meeting will be in English only.

Field Trip:

La Generalitat Valenciana, has kindly organized a field trip that will take place on Thursday 9 June. A bus will pick up us at the venue at 13:00 CEST and take us to Pto. de Catarroja, where we will have lunch (a typical paella will be served, and a vegetarian version will also be offered). After lunch, we will enjoy a birdwatching boat trip around the [Albufera lake](#) and a visit to the Wildlife Recovery Center El Saler. We will be returning to the venue around 19:00 CEST. If you plan to return on 9 June, please plan your flights accordingly.

Adequate clothing such as a light hat, comfortable shoes (sneakers/trainers are sufficient, boots are not needed) is recommended, as well as mosquito repellent and sun protection.

From Valencia Airport/Menises Airport (VLC) to La Petxina Neighbourhood:

The airport is situated 8 km west of the city, in the city limits of Manises. There are a frequent bus-service from the terminal to the city center, a metro line and a taxi-service. <http://www.valencia-cityguide.com/tourist-information/transport/transport-from-the-airport-to-the-city.html>

Subway: <http://www.valencia-cityguide.com/images/practical/pdfs/metrovalencia.pdf>

How to get to the venue:

The meetings will be held **Fundación Deportiva Municipal Valencia, la Petxina** (Sports and Cultural complex La Petxina) at Paseo de la Petxina, 42, 46008, Valencia, Spain.

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Wuh8h6rf7MmWtDoC8>

YOU & CO Quart Boutique

Carrer del Dr. Peset Cervera, 8,
46008 València,

Tel: +34 963154012

<http://www.youandcohotels.com>

approx. 125€ per night

850 m to the venue

Jardin Botanico Hotel-Boutique

Carrer del Dr. Peset Cervera, 6,
46008 València,

Tel: +34 963154012

<http://www.hoteljardinbotanico.com>

approx. 107€ per night

850 m to the venue

City Suites Abastos

Carrer de Martí l'Humà, 28,
46007 València,

Tel: +34 619378411

<https://www.citysuitesvalencia.com/apartamentos-citysuites-abastos-valencia>

approx. 80€ per night

1.5 km to the venue

***NH Valencia Center**

Ricardo Micó, 1, 46009 Valencia España

Tel: +34 963 47 50 00

nhcenter@nh-hotels.com

approx. 115€ per night

1.5 km to the venue

Please consult the hotels' website for information on facilities and general booking conditions. Major credit cards are accepted by all hotels.

**Note: CMS and Bern Convention Secretariat staff will be staying at the NH Valencia Center.*

All participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel booking.

Visa Formalities:

Citizens of the European Union and European Economic Area **will not need a visa** to enter the country.

Please check the link below to verify if a **visa will be needed** to enter Spain.

<http://www.interior.gob.es/web/servicios-al-ciudadano/extranjeria/control-de-fronteras/entrada-en-espana>

The CMS Secretariat will provide you, upon request, with a Note Verbale to support your visa application. Please contact ximena.cancino@cms.int or cms.secretariat@cms.int

Weather:

The climate of Spain is Mediterranean. Average temperatures for June are between 17°C and 28°C.

Electricity:

Electricity in Spain conforms to the European standard of 220 - 230 V, with a frequency of 50 Hz. Wall outlets typically accommodate plugs with two or three round pins (the latter earthed, the former not).



Insurance:

The CMS Secretariat cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants or accompanying persons during or indirectly arising from attendance to the Joint Meeting and related events. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Specific travel-related risks of invitees of the Bern Convention Secretariat are covered by a CHARTIS insurance policy.

Medical Services:

Emergency number for the police, ambulance and fire emergency number is 112. The closest medical centers are "Centro urgencias La Fe" C. de Joaquim Ballester, Tel: +34 961244000, <http://www.lafe.san.gva.es/punto-de-urgencias-para-adultos-24-horas> or "Antiguo Hospital La Fe" Av. de Campanar, 66, Tel: +34 962931440 <http://www.lafe.san.gva.es/historia-del-hospital-la-fe>

Currency:

Spain's currency is the Euro. As of 1 May 2022, the exchange rate is €0.95 for 1US\$.

Credit cards are accepted in hotels and most restaurants in Valencia. For small purchases, cash is preferred. Foreign exchange services in banks and exchange offices are widely available in the city center.