



# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE**

# ADP Multi-Stakeholder Meeting, May 29th 2024

This note aims to provide practical information for all participants attending the ADP Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare beforehand for their stay in Madrid.

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## Venue

The event will take place in the <u>Royal Tapestry Factory</u> (Real Fábrica de Tapices, <u>Calle Julián</u> <u>Gayarre 2</u>) in Madrid, the former factory of tapestries and rugs of the Spanish Crown, which is close to **Atocha Train Station**. The access to the venue is located in the junction of Calle Julián Gayarre with Calle Vandergoten (see the map below).

The Royal Tapestry Factory is also very near to the Royal Botanical Garden, the Retiro park and the main art museums of the city, namely the Prado, Reina Sofía and Thyssen Bornemisza.

The Neo-mudéjar style building was selected within the Industrial Heritage Plan by the Spanish Institute of Historic Heritage and declared a Site of Cultural Interest by the Regional Government of Madrid in 2006. The merits for such recognition lie not only in the architectural value of the property but in the fact that the building continues to fulfil the same function for which it was originally built: the manufacture and restoration of textiles of the highest quality.

In addition, the historic garden of the Royal Tapestry Factory is located inside the centre of the grounds and houses a collection of dye plants and species of vegetation used to obtain textile fibres such as cotton and linen. As for the dye plants, it contains from yellow chamomile used to dye rugs in Turkey, to the rose madder which is used to dye cotton the famous "Turkish red", or dyer's woad, known as "blue gold" by the powerful European industrialists of the Middle Ages. These plants come from all corners of the world, from the Mediterranean Basin to America, North Africa, the Middle East and Asia and even some plants introduced and naturalised in Australia.



# Transport

#### Travelling by plane

**Adolfo-Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport** is the only airport in Madrid and its code is MAD. If you choose travelling by plane, the best ways to get to the venue are:

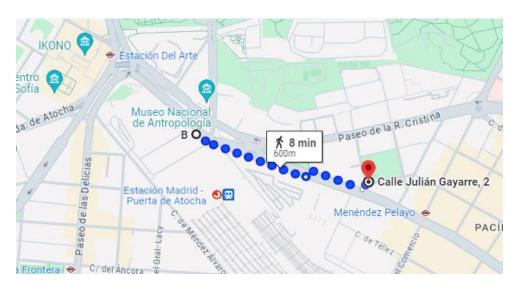
- <u>Taxi</u> 20-30-minute ride for 33.00€ (fix rate).
- <u>CERCANIAS trains</u> to **Atocha train station** using lines C1 or C10 (30-40 minutes, for 2.60€ one-way ticket).
  - The airport's CERCANIAS train station is located in Terminal 4, so if you arrive at Terminals 1, 2 or 3 you will have to take the airport's free shuttle bus to get there (10-minute ride).
- <u>Underground METRO</u> trains also connect the airport (all Terminals) with Atocha Metro Station. It may be easier if arriving at Terminal 1, 2 or 3, but it takes longer than CERCANIAS trains and requires several connections (3.00 € one-way ticket).

Once you arrive at Atocha train station or Metro station, the venue is 8 minutes walking from the station (see map below).

#### <u>Travelling by train</u>

Chamartín and Atocha are the main train stations in Madrid, although the latter is close to the venue.

- Getting to the venue from Atocha train station:
  - > The venue is 8 minutes walking from the station (see map below).
- Getting to the venue from **Chamartín train station**:
  - ➤ Taxi 20-minute ride for 15-20€.
  - CERCANÍAS trains to Atocha train station using lines C1, C3, C4 or C7 (25 minutes for 1.70€ one-way ticket) + 8-minute walk (see map below).



# Currency

The currency used in Spain is the Euro (€). Madrid's airport has several <u>currency exchange</u> <u>offices</u> at your disposal.

# **Visa Application**

You can find relevant information regarding visa applications for the Schengen area here.

Annexes I and II of the <u>Regulation (EU) 2018/1806</u> list, respectively, the third countries whose nationals require or are exempt from a visa to enter the Schengen area for stays no longer than 90 days in any 180-day period.

## **Weather Forecast**

According to the information of the Spanish National Meteorological Service, <u>AEMET</u>, the climate data for Madrid in May and June are the following:

Monthly average temperature: 16.7 °C May – 22.2 °C June Monthly average of maximum daily temperatures: 22.2 °C May – 28.2 °C June Monthly average of minimum daily temperatures: 11.3 °C May – 16.1 °C June Average monthly precipitation: 50 mm May – 21 mm June Average relative humidity: 53 % May – 44 % June

More accurate information of the weather forecast could be gathered the previous days at: <u>El Tiempo: Madrid (Madrid)</u>

### Accomodation

There are many hotels and accommodation facilities near the venue and Atocha train station and in Madrid city center, which is not far from the venue.

Information about accommodation, from luxury hotels to budget-friendly hostels, can be found at the *Official Madrid Tourism website* (<u>Accommodation | Official tourism website</u> <u>esmadrid.com</u>) or any commercial booking website.