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## **IV Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean Union for the Mediterranean**

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**BARCELONA, SPAIN**

**Tuesday, 13 April 2010**

**Centro de Convenciones Internacional de Barcelona /Barcelona International Convention  
Center**

The Conference will gather the Ministers of the 43 UfM State Members, Libya as observer, the European Commission, the League of Arab States, and Observers.

### **INFORMATION NOTE**

#### **I. OTHER RELATED EVENTS**

Within the framework of the Conference, the following events will also take place:

- Monday, 12 April, at 9:00 h: Informal Open Technical Workshop at the CCIB.
- Monday, 12 April at 20:30 h: Ministers Gala Dinner at Pedralbes Royal Palace.
- Wednesday, 14 April: Technical Visit to the El Prat de Llobregat Complex.

#### **II. CONFERENCE MEETING VENUE**

The IV Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water will be held at the International Convention Center Barcelona.

*CCIB* Centro de Convenciones Internacional de Barcelona  
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[www.ccib.es](http://www.ccib.es)

Meeting room: International Convention Center. Entrance D. P1 Floor. Room 113-117

Please take note that the access "D" will be the only entrance for the Conference



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CCIB



View of Barcelona



Map of CCIB within Barcelona

### III. REGISTRATION

To register, please use preferably the online registration form accessing through the following website (<http://www.medaquaministerial2010.net/registration/bcn/>). All participants are requested to fill it in with their personal data. The deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>

The recommended composition of the delegation is as follows:

- 1+2, if the Minister is the Head of the Delegation
- 2, if the Head of Delegation is not the Minister.

### IV. ACCREDITATIONS

An “Accreditation Point” will be installed in the lobby of the three hotels (please, see chapter VI. “Accommodation”) where all delegations may collect the corresponding accreditation badges for the Conference as for the Informal Open Technical Workshop and Technical Visit:

April 11<sup>th</sup> from 17:00 hours to 20:00

April 12<sup>th</sup> from 17:00 hours to 20:00

### V. VISAS

Visa applications can be made at the Spanish Embassy or Consulate in each country.



## VI. ACCOMMODATION

Ministers will be welcomed at the VIP lounge of the Barcelona “El Prat” Airport.

The recommended hotels for security reasons are Barcelona Princess, Hilton Diagonal Mar and Diagonal Zero Hotels, nearby the meeting is taking place.

Rooms have already been booked by the organizers, but expenses will not be run up (the non – EU countries will receive new information on this from European Commission). The participants should contact to the hotel to book their rooms (please, see chapter XVI. “Contact”) until 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

In order to benefit from special prices and to book the rooms that have been previously blocked by the organizers, the procedures to be followed are:

- Barcelona Princess Hotel: Fill in an attached form and to send it by email
- Hilton Diagonal Mar Hotel: A web site is available for participants’ room booking, please use the following link: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/BCNDMHI-GPAPA-20100407/index.jhtml>
- Diagonal Zero Hotel: Fill in an attached form and send it by email

For the hotel check-in, delegations are requested to present themselves at the reception of the hotel.

## VII. TRANSPORT

Flight expenses will not be covered by organizers (non – EU countries will receive detailed information on this from European Commission)

Regarding transportation from the airport to the hotel, and vice-versa, and due to security issues, organizers will not provide it, and Delegations are kindly asked to contact their Embassies, Consulates, or contract their own transportation services according to their needs and arriving schedules.

Please, do not forget to fill in your flight number in your registration form

- How to get to the CCIB and hotels from the airport:

El Prat airport is located 13 km southeast from Barcelona and 20 km from the CCIB.

Train (RENFE): The train service between the airport and the city centre (Paseo de Gracia) is covered from 6:00 to 22:29 (direction Barcelona) and from 5:20 and 22:50 (direction airport). There is one train every 30 minutes and the travel time is 25 minutes. From the train station Paseo de Gracia it is easy to connect with the yellow line (number 4) of the metro. The closest station to the CCIB is Maresme- Forum. Tel. +34 902 240 202

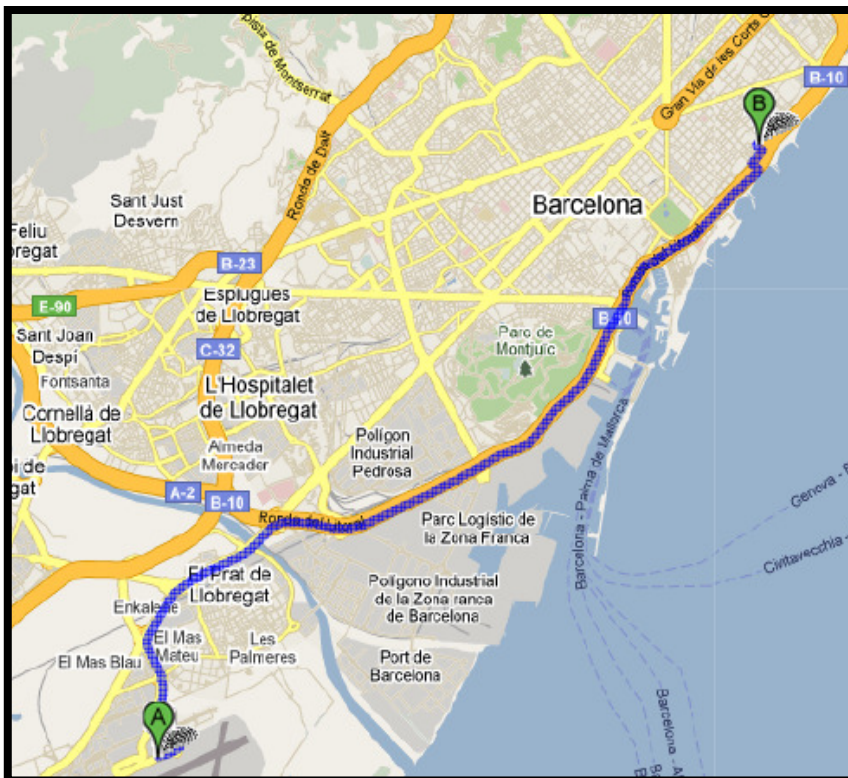
Express bus (Aero-bus): The bus service between the airport and the city centre (Plaza Cataluña) is covered from 6:00 to 1:00 on working days and from 6:30 to 1:00 during the weekends (direction Barcelona), and from 5:30 to 00:15 on working days and from 6:00 to 00:30 during the weekends (direction airport).

There is one bus every 8 minutes and the travel time is 30 minutes.

Next to Plaza Cataluña, you can take the yellow line (number 4) of the metro at the Urquinaona station. The closest station to the CCIB is Maresme-Forum. Tel. +34 906 427 017

Taxi: The journey to the CCIB takes about 20 minutes. Fees change according to the time of day. T1 Nighttime fees: working days from 21:00 to 7:00 and weekends and bank holidays from 00:00 to 24:00. T2 Daytime fees: from 7:00 to 21:00. (around 25€).

There are additional airport and carrying luggage taxes. <http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/airport/transport/barcelona-airport-taxis.html>



Map showing route between airport and CCIB and hotels



Map of CCIB within Barcelona

## VIII. SECURITY MEASURES

Participants are requested to wear their registration badge at all times throughout the Conference and during any scheduled event (lunch, dinner).

Delegation's security means should follow international agreements. Please security officers travelling with the delegation should complete the appropriate form. Embassies in Spain are responsible for submitting the verbal note requesting weapon handing permits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

The area of the conference will be protected by suited security measures provided by the hosting country. The security will be covered only during the event and just in the places where the official events will be held.

## IX. INTERPRETATION

Interpretation will be provided at the Conference on a 4/4 system basis (Arabic, Spanish, English and French) Simultaneous translation via headphones will be ensured to and from these four languages.


## X. FACILITIES

During the meeting, all participants will have access to electronic equipment (computer, printer, fax, copying machine...) which will be available at the Conference Business Centre.

## XI. GALA DINER ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL.

The Gala dinner will be hosted by the Spanish Administration on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of April only for Ministers (and just one Assistant) at the Pedralbes Royal Palace. Formal dress code is required.

A bus service will be provided to go to the Pedralbes Palace and back to the hotels, in addition to appropriate security measures.

	<p><b>The Pedralbes Royal Palace:</b> former Royal Palace of Barcelona is the place that will host the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean. Placed in the main artery of the city, with easy access by car and public transportation, the Palace offers ideal conditions for meetings and public acts (capacity for 300 people, five spaces for 120 to 200 people, VIP offices, protocol offices, room for press conferences), as well as for high representation offices in a space of more than 5.000m<sup>2</sup>. The Palace is also equipped with an integral security system, which includes a wall around the garden with movement sensors and surveillance cameras, armoured windows in the offices and permanent alertness 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.</p>
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## XII. ABOUT SPAIN

More information on Spain can be found at [www.spain.info](http://www.spain.info)  
Information on the Spanish Government can be found at [www.la-moncloa.es](http://www.la-moncloa.es)

## XIII. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Spring in Barcelona is mild, with an average temperature of 20°C. For weather forecasts, visit [www.aemet.es](http://www.aemet.es)

## XIV. TIME ZONE

GMT + 1 hour

## XV. SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Smoking is completely forbidden in public buildings, trains and airplanes. It is also forbidden in hotels, airports, railway stations and restaurants. Specially designated smoking areas are normally available.



## XVI. CONTACT

### Hotel Booking contact

*Hilton Diagonal Mar*  
*Passeig del Taulat 262-264, Barcelona, Spain 08019*  
*Tel: 34-93-507 0707 Fax: 34-93-507-0700*  
[res.diagonalmar@hilton.com](mailto:res.diagonalmar@hilton.com)

*Hotel Barcelona Princess*  
*Avinguda Diagonal 1, Barcelona, 08019 España*  
*Tel: +34 900814939*  
[bcn.reservas@princess-hotels.com](mailto:bcn.reservas@princess-hotels.com)

*Hotel Diagonal Zero*  
*Plaça de Llevant, s/n. 08019, Barcelona. España.*  
*T: +34 93 507 80 00. F: +34 93 507 80 01*  
<http://www.hoteldiagonalzero.com/en/contact.php>

### Contact details:

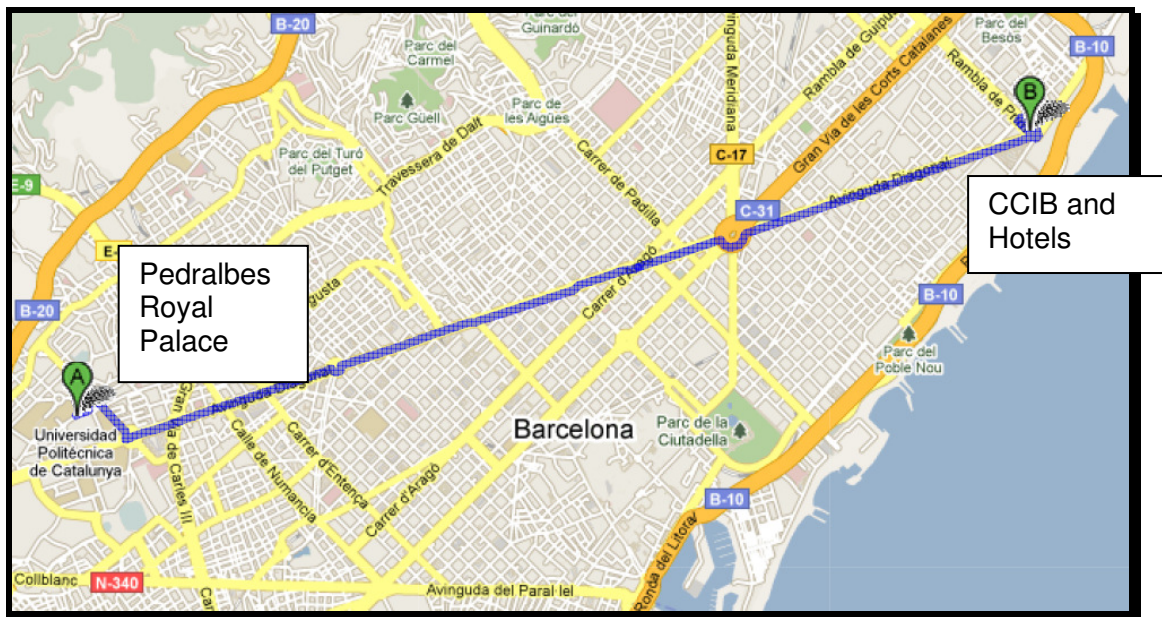
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		(+34) 618 652 623
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<b>Taxi Barcelona</b>		(+34) 93 303 3033
		(+34) 93 330 0300
<b>Barcelona International Airport</b>		(+34) 93 298 3838.
		(+34) 93 479 3902.
<b>Tourism centre</b>	Plaça Catalunya, 17, 08002 Barcelona	(+34) 932 853 834



<b>Loss of credit card</b>	American Express	(+34) 91 572 03 03
	Master card	(+34) 91 519 21 00
	Visa	(+34) 91 519 21 00
<b>Police</b>	National / regional / municipal	091/ 088/ 092
<b>General Emergency</b>		112

## XVII. PRACTICAL MAPS

### General Overview



- A. Predralbes Royal Palace
- B. CCIB and hotels

