

MedCOF – 2015 WorkShop

(Madrid, Spain, 26-30 October 2015)

INFORMATION NOTE

1. VENUE

Colegio Mayor Universitario Santo Tomás de Aquino (Aquinás)

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Ciudad Universitaria
E-28040 Madrid
Spain

AEMET HQs

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2. HOST ORGANIZATION

State Meteorological Agency / Agencia Estatal de Meteorología (AEMET)

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3. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Nationals from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein just need a National ID document to enter Spain.

Information about the countries whose nationals need a Passport or a Passport **and** a Visa to enter the Schengen Area can be found at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_in_the_European_Union

4. CUSTOMS AND TRANSFER

Spain belongs to the Schengen Area of the European Union, so customs apply the common Schengen regulations.

Madrid is easily accessible by air: Adolfo Suárez-Madrid-Barajas Airport is the 4th busiest airport in Europe and the 11th in the world. Direct rail travel is also possible from Lisbon and Paris.

5. ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO THE CITY

Barajas Airport is located 13 Km to the east of the City Centre.

Oneworld partner airlines (Iberia, Iberia Express, British Airways, American Airlines, Qatar Airlines, Air Berlin, TAM, LAN, Vueling...) use Terminal 4.

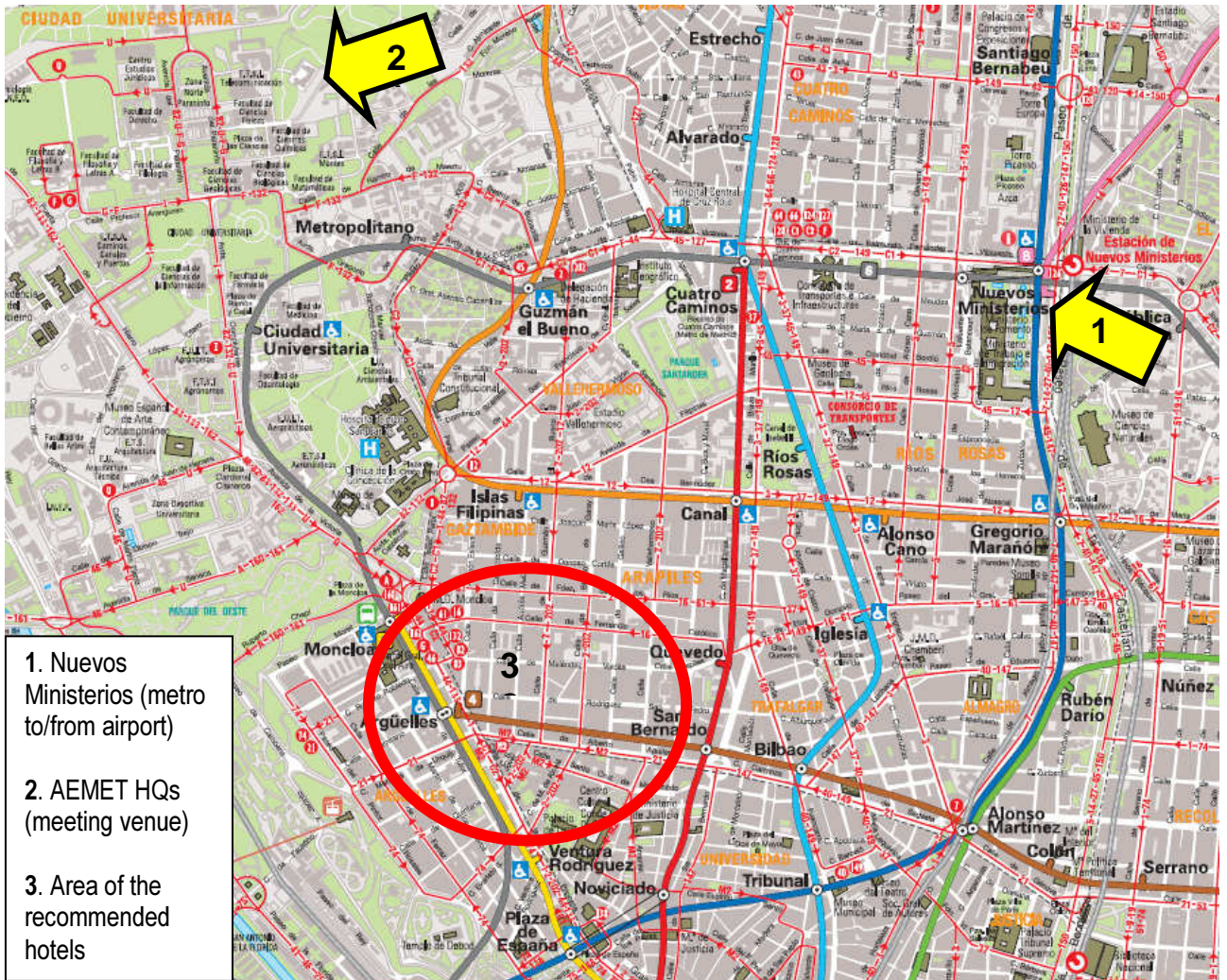
All other airlines use Terminals 1, 2 and 3.

The most convenient way to reach the City Centre is by means of Madrid Underground railway ("Metro"). Line 8 connects Barajas Airport (stations *Aeropuerto T4* or *Aeropuerto T1-T2-T3*) with *Nuevos Ministerios* station, in downtown Madrid (the trip takes around 20 minutes). Then, to get AEMET HQs and the area of the recommended hotels, transfer to Line 6, making sure to choose the right direction (as Line 6 is a circular one, the next station should be *Cuatro Caminos*). You should stop at *Metropolitano* or *Ciudad Universitaria* if you go directly to AEMET HQs or continue until *Moncloa* or *Argüelles* station for the area of the recommended hotels. The full Metro trip to/from the airport costs 5,00 € and will take around 45 minutes.

A map of the Madrid Underground can be found here:

http://www.metromadrid.es/export/sites/metro/comun/documentos/planos/Planoe_squemacoingles.pdf

A taxi to central Madrid (including AEMET HQs and the recommended hotel area) costs 30 € (flat rate) and takes some 30 minutes in normal traffic conditions.



6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

It is possible to rent a room at **Colegio Mayor Universitario Santo Tomás de Aquino** (Aquinas - www.aquinas.es), the same place where the meeting will be held.

The cost per night is 42€. It includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Contact phone: +34 91 543 88 00

Email: director@aquinas.es

As AEMET HQs are located in the University Campus, there are no hotels nearer than 2 Km to the meeting venue. Nevertheless, the area labeled “3” in the map above (Moncloa-Argüelles) can be considered as the best one in terms of reaching the meeting venue and getting to the old city after the sessions. It is also a lively, heavily commercial area.

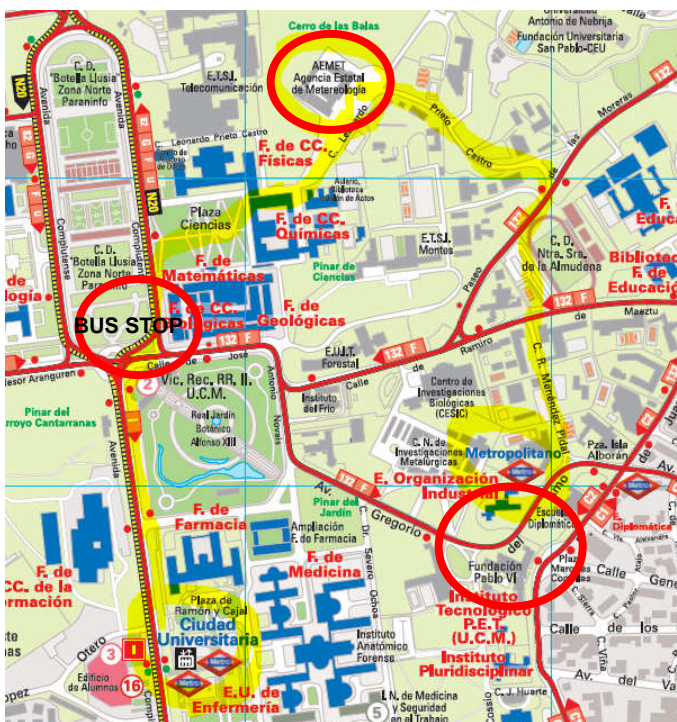
There are several hotels in this area:

- Exe Moncloa Hotel (****) <http://www.hotelexemoncloa.com/EN/hotel.html>
- T3 Tirol Hotel (***) <http://en.t3tirol.com/>
- NH Alberto Aguilera Hotel (***) <http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-madrid-alberto->

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- HUSA Princesa Hotel (****) <http://www.husa.es/en/hotel-husa-princesa.htm>
- Meliá Madrid Princesa Hotel (****) <http://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/madrid/melia-madrid-princesa/index.html>
- Mercure Plaza de España Hotel (****) <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1320-mercure-madrid-plaza-de-espana/index.shtml>
- Gran Hotel Conde Duque (****) <http://en.granhotelcondeduque.com/>
- Aparto-Suites Muralto (***) <http://www.muralto.es/en/>
- Apartohotel Rosales (***) <http://www.apartohotel-rosales.com/en/>

AEMET HQs can be reached from this area:



By bus (recommended): take lines **82** or **G** at *Moncloa* (in front of the Air Force Headquarters) until *Paraninfo*, then walk some 400 m to AEMET.

By underground: take **Line 6** at *Argüelles* or *Moncloa* to *Ciudad Universitaria* or *Metropolitano* stations. Then you should walk 10-15 minutes to get to AEMET HQs (paths are highlighted in yellow in the map to the left).

By taxi: should cost around 15 € and take less than 15 min.

It's also possible to take a 30-35 minute walk from the hotels area to AEMET.

7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

The currency in Spain is the EURO (€). Payments can be made with all major international credit cards.

All major currencies may be exchanged for local currency at local banks and foreign exchange outlets. Madrid is plenty of cash machines, but please note that AEMET HQs are located in an open area with a particular scarcity of them and

that credit cards are not accepted at AEMET's restaurant and cafeteria.

8. CLIMATE AND WEATHER

The climate data (1981-2010) for October in Madrid are:

Mean temperature:	15,1° C
Mean maximum temp.:	19,4° C
Mean minimum temp.:	10,7° C
Mean monthly precipitation:	51 mm
Days with rain >1 mm (mean):	7

Weather forecasts for Madrid can be checked at:

<http://www.aemet.es/es/eltiempo/prediccion/municipios/madrid-id28079>

9. TIME ZONE

Mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands use the Central European Time (CET).
In April it is GMT+2.