

Advancing marine conservation in the European and contiguous seas (MarCons)

COST Action CA15121

WG5 meeting

Zagreb, Croatia, 12 – 13 April 2016

Local organisers: Croatian Natural History Museum and Blue World Institute

VENUE

The meeting venue is in the **Croatian Natural History Museum, Demetrova 1, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia**. The museum is located in the historical Gornji grad (Upper Town), the location of the venue can be found on this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/1cqVRaMpzFQ2>

ABOUT ZAGREB

Zagreb is the capital city of Croatia, located between southern slopes of Medvednica Mountain and the banks of the Sava River. Its geographic location gives easy access to the Pannonian plain, Central Europe and the Adriatic coast. City has two main parts of interest to visitors - the historical Gornji grad (Upper Town) and Kaptol district with the Catholic cathedral and 19th century Donji grad (Lower Town). The city is safe and well worth visiting, with its numerous historical monuments and medieval architecture, Zagreb has more museums per capita than anywhere else in the world!

Zagreb has around 800,000 citizens, with metropolitan area slightly above 1.2 million. Average temperature in April is 11.9 C (between 15-25 C).

Zagreb is a safe town. Crime rates are low and pickpockets are not common.

Additional info

An original and authentic souvenir from a visit to Zagreb are **a tie**, an accessory named after Croatian horsemen wearing characteristic scarves around their necks, **the fountain pen** (actually designed in Zagreb by Eduard Slavoljub Penkala, patented in 1907), the aromatic biscuit „**paprenjak**“, the „**licitar heart**“ and red „**Šestine umbrellas**“.

The surrounding areas of Zagreb are particularly attractive, with Nature park Medvednica Mountain just above the city, rich vineyards producing interesting (and to the world unknown) regional wines, Medieval and Baroque castles (the greatest concentration of castles after the Loire valley) and many health spas.

For more information on Zagreb and surroundings check <http://www.infozagreb.hr>

CURRENCY

Croatia is an EU country but is not part of the monetary union. Hence, local currency - Croatian Kuna, is used. Exchange rate is approximately 7,5 Kuna for 1 Euro. Although most services can be paid with credit and debit cards, we would suggest to get some Kunas on the ATMs on the airport or on the exchange in the bank near airport exit. In case you will use tram and/or bus, you will have to pay in local currency!

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE FROM THE AIRPORT

By bus to Zagreb city centre - airport shuttle bus

In few days new terminal of Zagreb airport will be opened (<http://www.zagreb-airport.hr>), hence currently we cannot give you precise details on where to look for transfer to Zagreb centre. However, you should be able to find the bus terminal with buses named "Pleso prijevoz" or "Croatia airlines". The bus will take you directly to the center of Zagreb.

In general, bus timing corresponds with arrival and departure of flights. One way tickets are 30 Kuna (4 Euro). You can buy your bus tickets on-line (latest 24 hours before your ride) at <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/>

Once you reach the city terminal you should either take taxi (they will be right in front of the station) or **you can take the tram** (Tram network –

<http://www.zet.hr/UserDocImages/Prilozi/PDF/TRAM%20MRE%C5%BDA-2.2017..pdf> – "Trg Bana Jelačića" (upper left part) is the main square, "Autobusni kolodvor" (middle right) is the bus station where your bus from the airport will arrive)

Tickets for tram can be purchased at newspaper stands or on-board the tram (enter front door, single 30 minute ticket is 4 kuna/0,6 eur), but you will have to pay in local currency! Ticket must be validated on entry. After validation it can be used for 30 minutes in one direction.

By taxi – from the airport

Taxis are not too expensive (aprox 1,5 eur start + 0,6 eur per km) and are available at taxi stands or can be ordered by phone.

Taxi Cammeo - +385 1 1212; Eko Taxi +385 1 1414; Radio taxi +385 1 1717. You can also use their smartphone app or order Uber (available in Zagreb, not on the airport!)

In general, your taxi from the airport to the city centre should cost approximately 25 euro

VISAS

Croatia is a member state of the EU hence all the rules apply. If you have any queries regarding whether or not you require a visa in order to travel to Croatia, please consult this site <http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>

RESTAURANTS

The venue is located on the Upper town, close to the pedestrian area so everything is within walking distance. There are numerous restaurants and bars – those used by locals serving pre-prepared meals for less than 10 € and those offering different national and international menus. While in the Museum, some nearby restaurants can also be booked for lunch.