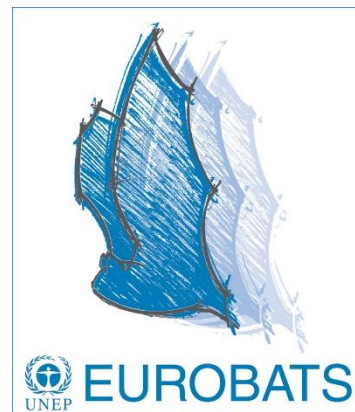


9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Brijuni, Croatia, 10 – 13 October 2022

Information Fact Sheet



The **EUROBATS Meeting Secretariat** will be operational from 7th to 14th October 2022 and can be reached at:

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The Brijuni Islands, on which the Neptun/Istra Hotels are located, are in the south of the Istrian peninsula, north of the entrance to Pula Port. The Neptun/Istra Hotels are situated on the island of Veliki Brijun and will also be the venue for MoP9, where the participants could use the hotel's business centre as their workplace. Computers with an internet connection as well as a printer will be available there. Additionally, the hotel has a Wi-Fi internet connection.

Accommodation:

All participants will be accommodated in the two hotels on the island of Veliki Brijuni, namely the Neptun and the Istra Hotels (see the address above).

How to reach the hotels/ meeting venue:

The Neptun Hotel, with the Istra annex, are situated on the seafront of the port of Veliki Brijun island. The ferry to the island starts from Fažana near Pula and the ride lasts about 15 minutes.

Ferry timetable in October:

Fažana – Brijuni	Brijuni - Fažana
9:00	9:30
10:00	11:00
11:30	13:00
13:30	14:00
14:30	-
15:30	16:00
17:00	17:30
18:00	18:30
19:00	19:30
22:00	23:00

By car it is possible to go all the way to Fažana, from where the ferry departs, while very good traffic connections enable comfortable driving on the Istrian Y highway (“Istarski ipsilon”). There are traffic signs on this road which clearly indicate the direction and the distance from the Brijuni Islands. If you plan to come by car, the hotel offers car parking at Ulica Boraca 9, Fažana. The charge for parking is HRK 90.00 per vehicle a day, and the payment is to be made at the front desk of the Neptun Hotel. The garage must be left by 12:00 PM on the day of departure. Should you leave the garage after 12:00 PM, you will be charged extra.

For those arriving **by plane** at Pula or Zagreb airport on the main arrival dates (8th and 9th October 2022), the Croatian hosts have organised shuttle transport to Fažana. Please watch out for the driver waiting for you at the International Arrivals holding up the EUROBATS logo. For the way back, shuttle transport from Fažana to the two airports will be organised on 13th and 14th October. In case your arrival and departure dates are outside of the regular meeting dates so that you could not be included in one of the shuttle buses (this was previously communicated to you by the Secretariat), or in case you are staying overnight in Pula, there are plenty of taxi companies that can drive you to Fažana (for around 25 EUR from/to Pula airport). Please make sure that you check the price before boarding a taxi.

Once in Fažana, please check in at the Brijuni National Park Office (Address: Brionska 10, Fažana, see photo below) to be able to board a ferry. The price of accommodation includes transport by boat both on arrival and departure, as well as once a day during your stay for the Brijuni – Fažana – Brijuni line (tickets for every day of your stay will be handed out to you at the reception desk of Hotel Neptun). All other transfers are charged according to the current price list for hotel guests. The boat schedule is available in the

table above and at: <https://www.np-brijuni.hr/en/plan-yourvisit/useful-information/boat-schedule> .



The boat departs from the quay at Fažana port:

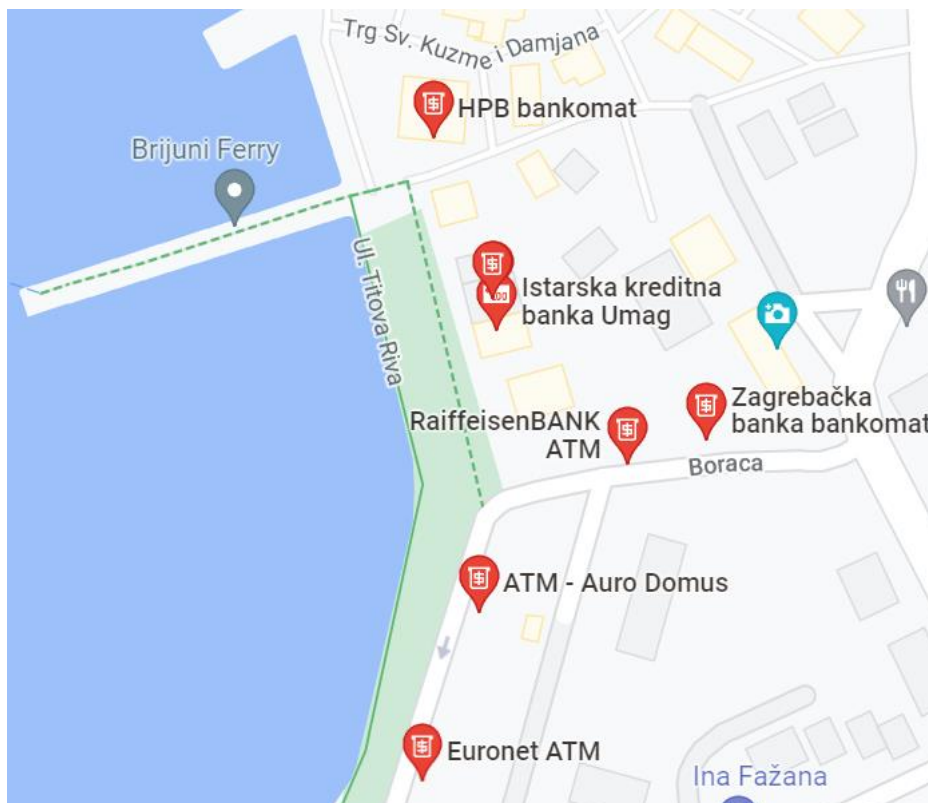


Upon your arrival to the island, please check in at the central front desk of the Neptun Hotel, where you are also to pay for all the services provided to you upon departure.



Currency:

The currency is the Croatian Kuna (kn/HRK). Presently, 1 Kuna corresponds to about 0.13 EUR. For participants arriving at the airport in Pula, there is a new exchange office, located in the eastern part of the passenger building, at the exit of the international arrival area. It is also possible to withdraw Kuna from ATMs, plenty of which are available both at the airport and in Fažana (see screenshot below for Fažana ATMs). On the island where the hotels are located, there is no exchange office or ATM available. Please also check whether your bank charges any fees for withdrawing cash abroad.



Electricity:

In Croatia the power sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is **230 V** and the standard frequency is **50 Hz**.

Mobile phones:

The mobile phone network in Croatia is well developed.

Time Zone:

Croatia is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +2 hour

Climate:

We are hoping for sunny and warm autumn weather. However, please also prepare appropriate clothing in case it gets chilly or rainy. Solid shoes are advisable for the excursion.

Security:

There are no particular security threats in Croatia. Nevertheless, please always bear the Certificate with you, which identifies you as a UN delegate. Please contact the Secretariat immediately in case of any problem.

Insurance:

You are yourself responsible for any kind of health and travel insurance.

Useful Numbers

Country dialling code: +385

For all kind of emergencies in Croatia, you can dial 112.

COVID-19 Prevention and Risk Mitigation Measures¹**1. What you should know before arrival****a. COVID-19 Vaccination Status**

The vaccination against COVID 19 is no longer mandatory but it is highly recommended to be vaccinated for your own safety. The Secretariat will not be able to cover the costs of a hospitalisation. Thus, being vaccinated is the best way to avoid strong symptoms which may lead to a hospitalisation.

Please check with your airline if a test or a proof of vaccination is needed before boarding.

b. Arrival into Croatia

Currently, travellers can enter Croatia without the need of vaccination or immunity certificates, or any kind of test or quarantine obligation.

We recommend that, before travelling, all meeting participants check the travel information and COVID-19 requirements which can be found on the following website:

<https://croatia.hr/en-gb/coronavirus-2019-ncov-q-and-a>

¹ The measures are subjected to revision following the status of the COVID-19 pandemic

2. General COVID-19 Prevention Measures for all In-Person Meeting Participants

- All participants are requested to test themselves every day before entering the meeting rooms. For that purpose, antigen self-tests will be available and distributed at the registration desk to all participants for the duration of the entire meeting. Before registering, every participant will be asked to take the test (it takes 15 minutes) and will then be allowed to register. After being registered and for the remaining meeting days, you are requested to take the self-test at the hotel, take a photo after 15min and no later than 30min (because the result could be altered) and show this photo every morning at the registration desk. Additionally, you should bring your test to the registration desk, where it will be disposed of. All participants are required to take the tests regardless of whether they have symptoms or not.
- Stay at your hotel or residence if you have a positive test OR develop a fever OR if you feel unwell in any way as the tests are not 100 percent accurate. It is better to miss one day of the meeting rather than to create a cluster.
- Avoid close contact with other persons both within and outside of the meeting venue to limit potential exposure to COVID-19.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitizer for hand hygiene. Hand hygiene facilities will be provided for the duration of the meeting at the MOP9 venue.
- Wear a well-fitting face mask (Standard surgical face mask, FFP2 or KN95) that fully covers your mouth AND nose. The mask should be worn before, during and after the meeting and in all shared public spaces. Masks will be available at the registration desk.
- Practice correct cough and sneeze etiquette. Ensure that you cover your cough or sneeze with a disposable tissue or with your elbow.
- These WHO-approved COVID-19 preventive measures are applicable to all persons regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status.

3. Specific Actions to Take Before the Meeting

- Familiarise yourself with the current COVID-19 situation from reliable sources such as the WHO and the Croatian authorities.
- Carefully read this COVID-19 health information package.
- Ensure that you carry your health insurance details/card as you attend the meeting. This will be important in case external medical assistance or hospitalization is required.
- Check your health closely before attending in-person meetings. Take note of any Covid-19 symptoms including sense of fever or actual measured temperature at 37.5C (99.5F) or above. In case you have any of the stated symptoms, you are advised to stay at home OR remain in your hotel room and excuse yourself from attending in-person meetings.
- Take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test each morning before attending the in-person meetings. These rapid antigen test kits (lateral flow devices) will be provided at the MOP9 registration desk.

4. COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures at Meeting Venues

- Face mask mandate within MoP9 venue: Meeting participants will be expected to wear face masks at all times with an exception applied when a participant is delivering a statement or having a drink/meal. Participants need to be aware of the Do's and Dont's of face mask use. That is currently the best way of protecting not only yourself but all participants.
- Hand hygiene measures: Soap and water will be available in the bathroom facilities. Alcohol hand sanitizers will be available within the conference venue.
- Defined seating arrangements at the meeting venues: Participants are advised to comply with the seating arrangements and the applicable limits for delegation numbers to avoid a situation of crowding in the meeting venues. Meeting participants are expected to exercise prudence in applying physical distancing measures during meetings and during any mutual interactions outside the meeting venue. There should be no handshakes, hugs, or similar high-risk contacts.
- COVID-19 Hotline support: A medical support will be available for the duration of the meeting.
- You are discouraged from sharing common gadgets during the meeting. This applies to items such as pens, or other similar objects. Inadvertent sharing of such

items should be followed by immediate use of alcohol hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water.

- Regular cleaning of the meeting venue: The meeting organizers have ensured that meeting venues will be regularly cleaned with a focus on high touch surfaces to limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19 infection.
- Optimized ventilation: meeting venues will have adequate natural or artificial ventilation in place.

5. Quarantine and Isolation for COVID-19

- Self-quarantine is the act of separating oneself from others following contact with an individual having COVID-19. An individual in quarantine will require COVID-19 PCR testing to confirm if the said exposure resulted in COVID-19 infection. Self-quarantine is undertaken while closely observing one's health for symptoms of COVID-19. Quarantine can be undertaken at home or at your hotel accommodation.
- Isolation refers to act of separating oneself from others when you are confirmed to have COVID-19. Isolation is important not only in controlling the spread of COVID-19 but also for monitoring in case escalation of medical care is required. Isolation can be undertaken at home or at your hotel accommodation.
- In both instances of quarantine and isolation, close follow-up with the UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat personnel will be important to ensure optimal health for participants and early referral for medical assistance if required. Collaboration with hotel and government medical personnel will also be important in supporting the health and safety of all participants and hotel guests.
- In the event of UNEP/EUROBATS sponsored participants testing positive for COVID-19 and hence having to isolate, UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat will provide daily subsistence allowance (DSA) as per Brijuni's standard UN rate during a maximum of 7 days, less in case of a negative test (usually within 5 days). Such DSA can be used to cover accommodation, meals, penalty for changing tickets and any other related costs. UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat will not be in a position to provide any additional financial support.
- UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat will not be in a position to provide financial assistance to non-sponsored participants testing positive for COVID-19 and hence having to isolate.

6. Medical Support During the In-Person Meeting

- Adequate medical support will be made available on site. This includes emergency medical support for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related emergencies. Ambulance transfer will be available in the event that a participant requires facility assessment or emergency admission.
- Please note that participants are to contact the UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat to report any confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis during the period of in-person meetings.

7. Self-Monitoring After In-Person Meetings

Following the conclusion of in-person meetings, participants are expected to monitor their health closely for a period of 14 days.

8. Additional COVID-19 Information links

1. WHO COVID-19 Videos
2. Preventing COVID-19 infection at work
3. Prevent COVID-19- Do the 5!
4. Important hand hygiene steps
5. How to properly fit your mask
6. 7 steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19
7. COVID-19 _Importance of combined preventive measures