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UNECE Work Session on the Communication of Statistics
(30 June – 2 July 2010, Paris, France)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

At the invitation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the work session will be held in Paris, France, from 9.30 am on 30 June to 5 pm on 2 July 2010. Details of the meeting agenda, registration process and key dates are available on the meeting website at: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.06.communication.htm.

I. MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held at the OECD Conference Centre, 2, rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris, France. The conference room is CC12. It has the following equipment: computer with Microsoft Office “XP” and access to Internet, projector, screen and microphones. Meeting participants can connect to the Internet from virtually anywhere in the OECD Conference Centre thanks to the Wifi hotspots.


A map of the area around OECD is available online at: http://tinyurl.com/AroundOECD.

The closest stops and means of public transportation near the OECD are:

- RER Line C – Henri Martin Station
- Metro Line 9 – La Muette station
- Bus Line 63 – Octave Feuillet stop
- Bus Line 52 – La Muette Boulainvilliers stop
- Bus Line PC1 – Porte de la Muette stop

II. ACCOMMODATION

Hotels within easy reach of the OECD Conference Centre in Paris have been reserved with special rates available to the meeting participants. A list of hotels is available at: http://www.suitevoyage.fr/conference-oecd-June30th-July2nd-2010.

Please contact Suite Voyages to make reservations (contact information below) as early as possible.

Telephone: +33 01 43 41 02 23
Fax: +33 01 43 41 02 46
email: hotels@suitevoyage.fr

III. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Icebreaker drinks at La Gare located near the OECD Conference Centre / Metro La Muette (http://www.restaurantlagare.com/indexve.html) – 5:30pm Tuesday 29 June

Participants and accompanying guests may meet at the restaurant “La Gare” (19 Chausée de la Muette 75016) from 5.30 pm on Tuesday 29 June. This will provide an opportunity to meet fellow participants before the meeting starts on Wednesday morning. The organizing committee will be there to welcome you and first-time attendees of these meetings are particularly encouraged to join this event. Spouses and accompanying persons are also welcome.
Optional Seine river dinner cruise – 6:15 pm on Thursday 1 July
(Depart from OECD at 5:15pm)

The organizers will make a group booking for a Seine river dinner cruise for interested participants. Spouses and accompanying persons are welcome to join. Participants are invited to travel together at the end of the conference day from the OECD conference centre to the boat dock. Participants may alternatively meet the group for the Bateaux Parisiens Dinner Cruise “Paris Essentiel” at the foot of the Eiffel Tower – Port de Bourdonnais near metro Bir-Hakeim or Trocadero for boarding at 6:15pm (http://www.bateauxparisiens.com/Pops_up/UK/acces/plan-acces-croisiere-paris-zoom.html). The cruise departs at 6:30pm and arrives at 8:00pm. The total cost of the cruise with 3 course meal, including wine, mineral water, and coffee is 65 Euro per person (tax and service included).

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IV. TRANSPORT

From the Airport to the hotels

There are 2 airports in the Paris area. North of Paris is Paris Charles de Gaulle (Paris CDG) airport, the largest airport and most often used for international flights. South of Paris is Paris-Orly airport. For more information concerning the airports, including public transport access, please consult the Aéroports de Paris website at: http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/ADP/en-gb/passagers/home/.

Connection between the airports and Paris city centre

RATP has 3 dedicated bus lines, (Roissybus, Orlybus, Orlyval) for travel to and from the major airports around Paris: Orly et Roissy Charles de Gaulle. More information about these bus lines, as well as alternative itineraries by public transport for travelling to and from the airport, are available at: http://www.ratp.info/informer/anglais/aeroports.php#

Air France coaches are at your service with 5 regular bus lines taking you to and from the airports. Please see their website for more information: http://www.cars-airfrance.com/

A taxi from either airport to the center of Paris is approximately 40-60 euros.

Travelling to Paris by train


Getting around Paris

Paris municipal transport consists of trams, city buses, suburban buses and the underground (metro) and regional express (RER).


Tickets for metro and buses inside Paris are sold individually or in a package of 10 tickets inside the metro stations either at the attendant booth or at automatic ticketing machines. Price for an individual ticket is 1,60 euro and for a package of 10 tickets 11,60 euros.

Vélib is a self-service “bike hire” system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are multiple pick-up and drop-off locations which allow you to pick up your bike from one service point and drop off to another. Consult the velib website for more information: http://www.en.velib.paris.fr/.
V. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Local time: GMT + 1h (Central European Time)
- Currency: Euro (€, EUR)
- Average temperatures at the end of June: 22 degrees Celsius/72 degrees Fahrenheit
- Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz
- The majority of credit cards are accepted.
- Useful telephone numbers:
  - Police - 17
  - Ambulance - 15
  - Fire Brigade - 18
- The international code to call France is “+33”. When calling from abroad, the number should be dialed without the first “0”.

VI. TOURIST INFORMATION ON PARIS

Paris Tourism: http://en.parisinfo.com/

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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