

# 3<sup>RD</sup> FORUM

OF THE EU STRATEGY  
FOR THE ADRIATIC  
AND IONIAN REGION

## PROGRAMME & HANDBOOK

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## CONCEPT NOTE of the FORUM

The 3<sup>rd</sup> EUSAIR Forum, organised by the Italian Republic in close cooperation with the European Commission and with the support of the EUSAIR Facility Point, will be held in Catania (Italy) on 24-25 May 2018. The event will present the progress and the achievements of the EUSAIR macro-regional strategy and will promote the strengthening of the network and partnerships within the Adriatic and Ionian Region.

A special focus will be given to the improvement of Connectivity as a booster of the successful development of the area. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum will promote a discussion on EUSAIR prospects and will encourage the dialogue between the financial partners, including EU programmes authorities, and strategy actors aimed at bridging the gap between Strategy's objectives and funding opportunities.

Ministers from the eight EUSAIR Countries, EU Commissioners, representatives of other EU institutions, Regional and local governors and key implementers of the Strategy will be among the speakers joining the Forum.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> EUSAIR Forum will provide a distinctive context where stakeholders, beneficiaries, academics, entrepreneurs and policymakers will identify the opportunities for increased cooperation in the four Strategy's Pillars – Blue Growth, Connecting the Region (transport and energy networks), Environmental Quality, and Sustainable Tourism – while at the same time considering EUSAIR cross-cutting issues. Such an occasion will provide a precious opportunity to reinforce collaboration and partnerships within the Region. In this framework, it will be possible, for those attending the Forum, to benefit from the dissemination of knowledge and information on EUSAIR undergoing activities.

As in previous years, the Forum will be preceded by the Adriatic and Ionian Council/ EUSAIR Ministerial Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, bringing together the Countries' Ministers of Foreign Affairs, those responsible for EU Funds, and the European Commissioners. The Ministerial meeting will allow the representatives of the participating countries to discuss and share views on future developments of the Strategy, as well as on the strengthening of regional cooperation inside the Adriatic and Ionian Region. The Ministerial meeting is expected to adopt the Catania Declaration, indicating EUSAIR and Adriatic-Ionian Initiative way forward.

A EUSAIR Business to Business (B2B) session is also foreseen, bringing together SMEs, Chambers of Commerce, Research Institutes, and other organisations of the Adriatic and Ionian Region. The B2B event is meant to provide an occasion to explore and assess new business opportunities, while fostering prospects for longer term cooperation among the various stakeholders and key players in the Region.

Finally, several thematic meetings will also be held back-to-back with the Forum, providing useful possibilities to debate on specific issues of relevance to the Strategy.



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## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FORUM

**MONDAY, 21 MAY 2018**

### SIDE EVENT

09.00-12.45

Palazzo  
Platamone

**Territorial Cooperation in the Mediterranean: The Sicilian Region**

**[Special registration required]**

Sicilian Region  
ENI CBC Italy-Tunisia Programme  
Interreg Italy-Malta Programme

**TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018**

### SIDE EVENT

09.30-17.30

Palazzo  
Platamone

**Mediterranean Development Prospects: Instruments, Programmes, Institutions and Maritime Territorial Cooperation**

**[Special registration required]**

Agency for Territorial Cohesion of Italy  
Interreg ADRION Programme  
Interreg MED Programme

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018**

### SIDE EVENT

09.30-17.30

Palazzo  
Platamone

**ADRION Annual Event – Bridging the Gap with EUSAIR**

**[Special registration required]**

Interreg ADRION Programme



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## THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2018

### SIDE EVENTS

<b>09.00-13.45</b> Palazzo Platamone	<b>Business to Business (B2B)</b> <b>[Special registration required]</b> <p>The B2B session aims to facilitate meetings and exchange between SMEs, universities, chambers of commerce, clusters and other stakeholders in the Adriatic and Ionian Region with the objective to find partners for new projects and/or explore new business opportunities. The session is organised by Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). Participants to the B2B will also have to register separately in order to attend the Forum.</p> <p>More information and on-line registration: <a href="https://b2b-eusair-forum-2018.b2match.io">https://b2b-eusair-forum-2018.b2match.io</a></p>
	Networking lunch
<b>09.00-12.45</b> Monastero (room A1)	<b>Territorial Potentials brought by Migration Flows (TBC)</b>
<b>09.00-12.45</b> Monastero (room A2)	<b>Research and Innovation (TBC)</b>
<b>09.00-12.45</b> Monastero (room A8)	<b>Digital Agendas (TBC)</b>
<b>09.00-12.45</b> Monastero (room A9)	<b>Resilience to Natural Disaster (TBC)</b>
<b>10.30-13.45</b>	<b>EUSAIR MINISTERIAL MEETING / ADRIATIC-IONIAN COUNCIL</b> <b>[For official delegations only]</b>



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## 3rd EUSAIR FORUM

Monastero dei Benedettini di San Niccolò l'Arena

09.00-17.00	Registration	
12.45-14.00 Chiostro di Ponente	Networking lunch	
14.00-16.30 Auditorium	<b>Welcome and Opening Session</b>  <i>Welcome speeches</i>  <i>Keynote addresses</i>  <i>Panel discussion – EUSAIR Ministers</i>	
16.30-17.00	Coffee break	
17.00-19.00	<b>Parallel sessions I: Developing Connectivity in the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region</b>	
	<b>A new vision of Transport for Economic Development and Cohesion</b>  Auditorium	<b>Energy Networks for Economic Development and Market Integration</b>  Santo Mazzarino
19.30-21.30 Venue TBA	Light dinner	
22.00- Venue TBA	Cultural events	



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FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018

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Parallel sessions II: Financing Opportunities				
09.00-10.30	<b>Blue Growth</b> Coro di notte	<b>Connecting the Region</b> Auditorium	<b>Environmental Quality</b> Refettorio Piccolo	<b>Sustainable Tourism</b> Santo Mazzarino
10.30-11.00	Coffee break			
11.00-13.15 Auditorium	<b>Plenary session: EUSAIR Prospects: united we stand, together we progress</b> <i>Panel discussion among rapporteurs from parallel sessions and side events (60 minutes)</i> <i>Keynote addresses: Macro-Regional Strategies in post-2020 (45 minutes)</i> <i>Open discussion (30 minutes)</i>			
13.15-13.45 Auditorium	<b>Closing session</b> <i>Concluding remarks</i> <i>Handover of EUSAIR Chairmanship to Montenegro</i>			
14.00-15.30	Farewell Lunch			





## PRACTICAL INFO

### Registration

All participants are kindly requested to fill in the online registration form [here](#).

Online registration system will be open from 19 April until 18 May 2018. Upon registration, each participant will receive an email from Eusair Facility Point, confirming the participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> EUSAIR Forum.

Should you need any technical assistance in relation to the registration, please contact: [eusair.point.svrk@gov.si](mailto:eusair.point.svrk@gov.si).

### Destination

A renowned port and Sicily's second largest city, after Palermo, with its 350,000 inhabitants, and a greater metropolitan area population of 767,000, Catania is an important economic hub for Italy. The city lies on the Ionian Sea, the eastern coast of Sicily and is overshadowed by the Etna Mount, the ever-present volcano that has largely shaped both the history and the actual existence of Catania.

Early settled by Sicels, an ancient Italic population, the city was founded as a Greek colony around the VIII<sup>th</sup> century B.C., and then, before becoming part of Italy, has been at the heart of several civilizations: Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ostrogoth, Arab, French, Spanish.

Despite several destructions due to natural calamities such as eruptions and earthquakes or caused by wars and invasions, the city maintains a huge amount of its heritage and richness in culture and arts.





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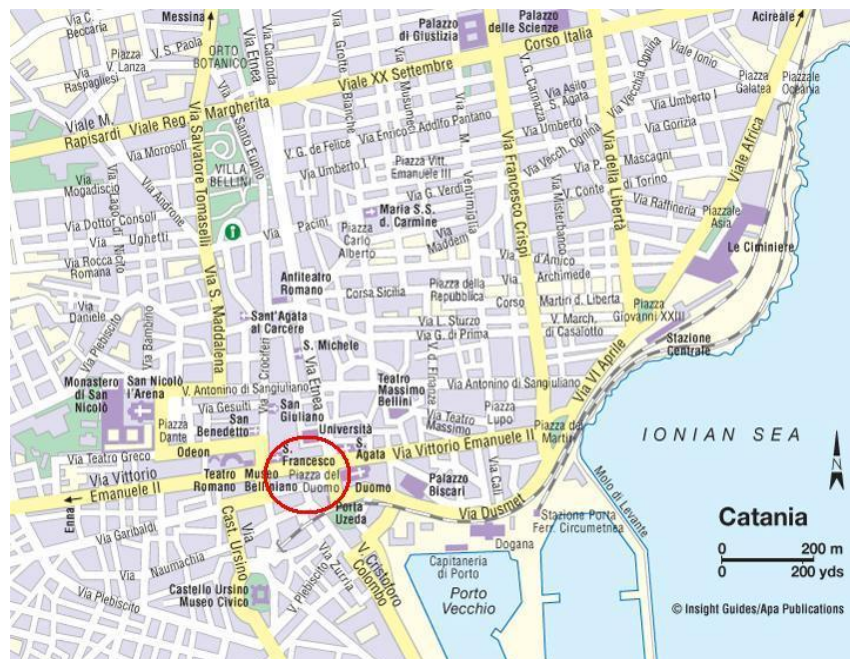


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Catania's present day appearance is thanks to its sumptuous reconstruction in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the main protagonist being the architect Giovanni Battista Vaccarini who designed the most prestigious buildings.

The city offers a plethora of interesting attractions as the *Basilica Sant'Agata*, *Teatro Romano*, *Museo Civico*, *Teatro Massimo Bellini*. Furthermore, the proximity to both Etna Mount and seaside offers a great amount of different day trips and outdoor sightseeing excursions.

More information about Catania can be found [here](#).





## Conference Venue



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum of EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region will take place at the **Benedictine Monastery of San Nicolò l'Arena**, located in Piazza Dante, 32 – Catania. For information in relation to the Monastery Conference Centre, you can visit: <http://www.monasterodeibenedettini.it/en/>



Cathedral



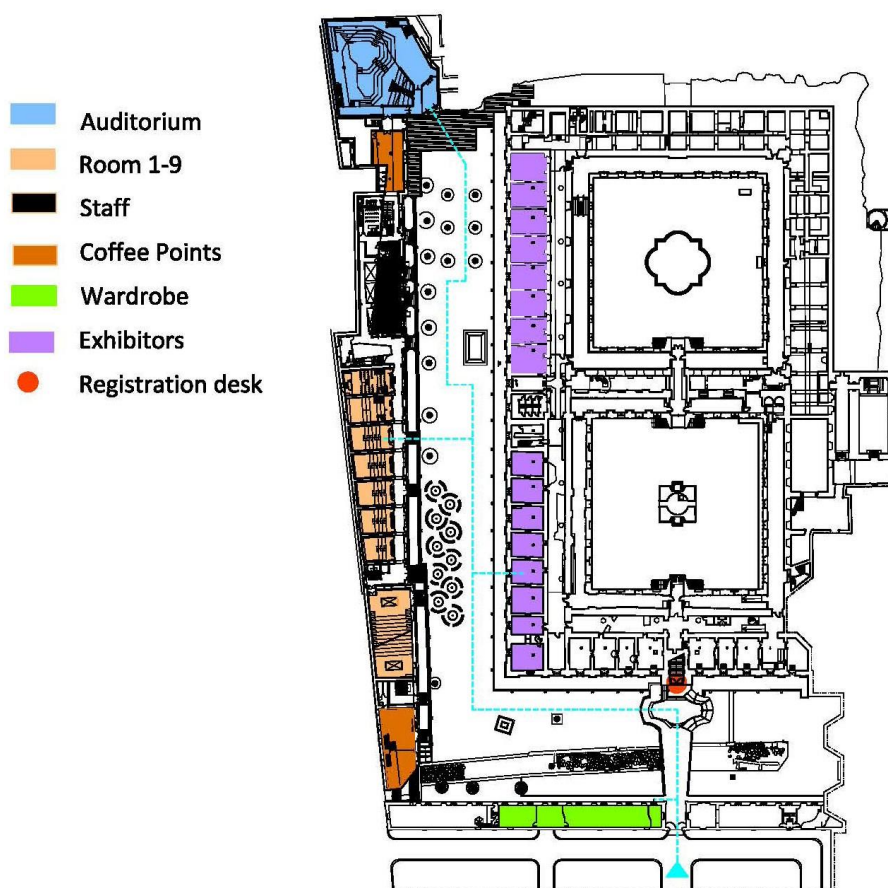
Auditorium



The Benedictine Monastery of San Nicolò l'Arena is one of the largest monasteries in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site as a part of Val di Noto World Heritage Site. It is the second biggest Benedictine monastery in Europe. The Marble Cloister corresponds to the original square plan. The monastery was founded in 1558 and today it hosts the Department of Humanities of the University of Catania, the oldest in Sicily and one of the oldest in Italy.

## VENUE MAPS

### GROUND FLOOR PLAN







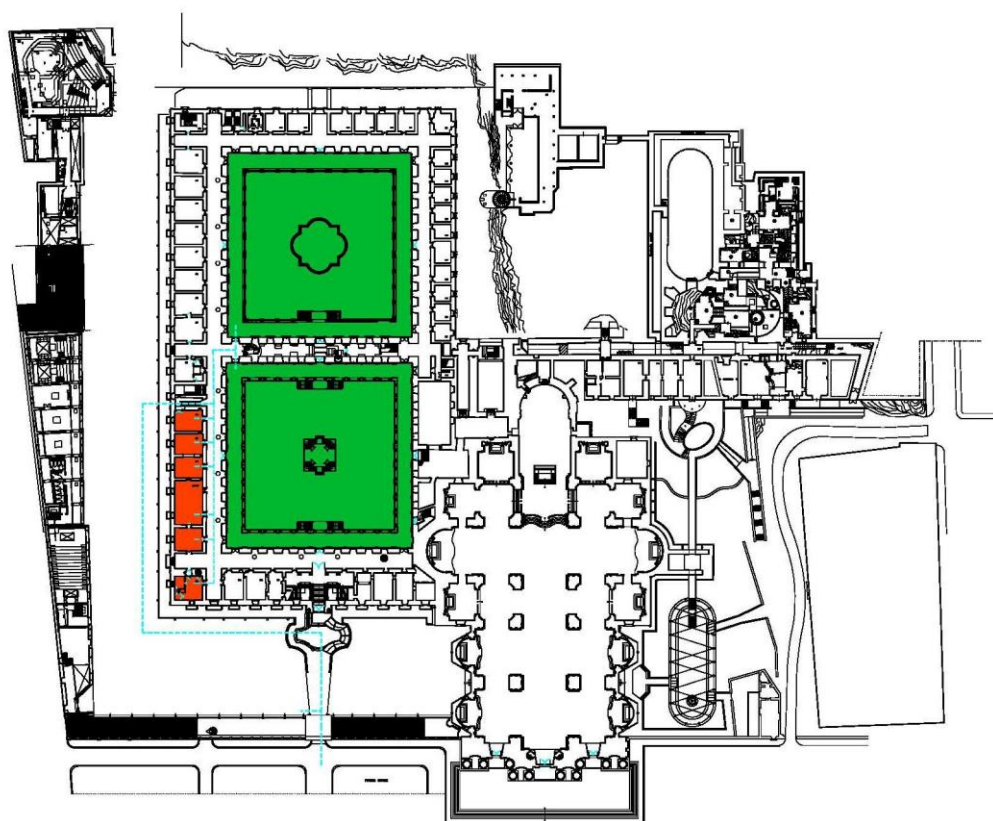
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## FIRST FLOOR PLAN

- Cloisters
- Offices





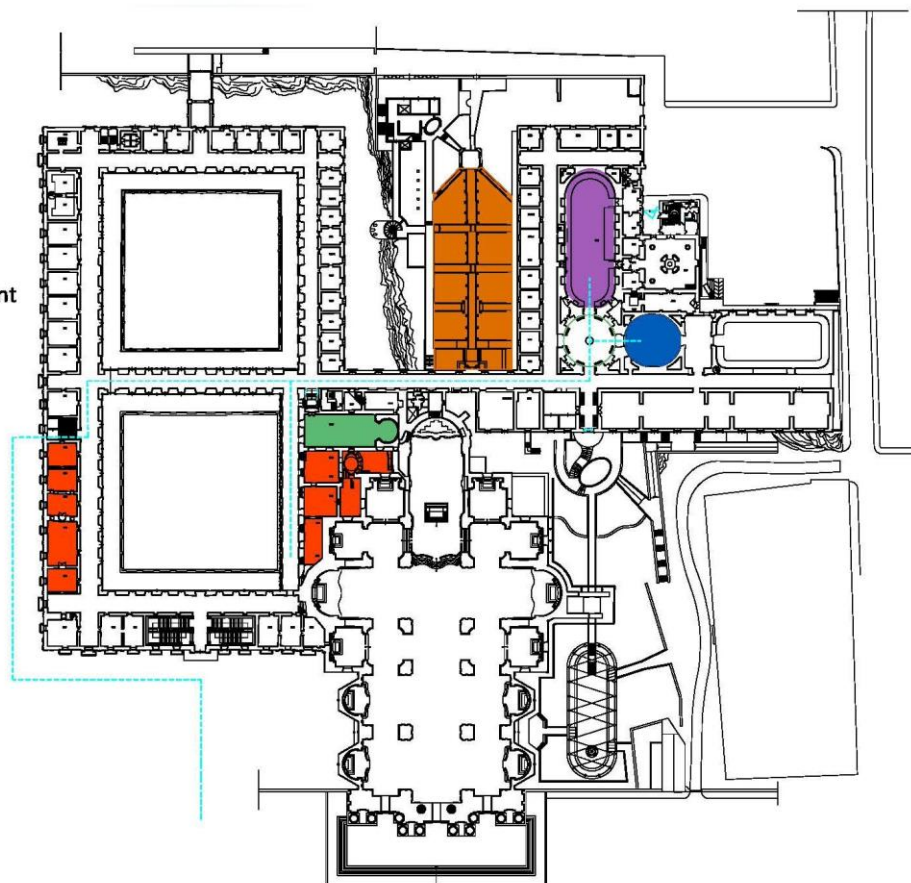
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## SECOND FLOOR PLAN

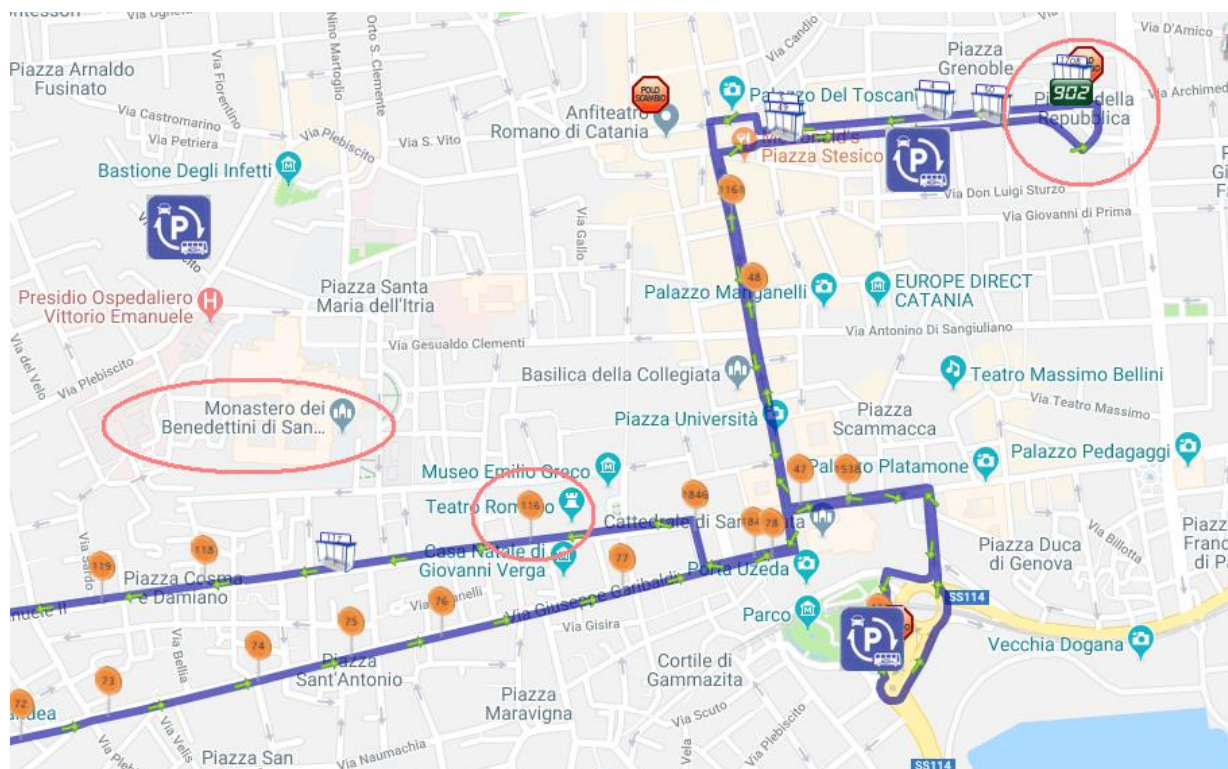
- Refettorio Piccolo
- Coro di notte
- Aula Santo Mazzarino
- Offices
- Giardino dei Novizi - Coffee point







From Piazza della Repubblica (Train Station): take bus n°902 and get off in Via Vittorio Emanuele after the Greek-Roman Theatre, walk through Via Quattarone to Piazza Dante.



For more information please visit [www.amt.ct.it/MappaLinee/](http://www.amt.ct.it/MappaLinee/)

#### By taxi

Radio Taxi Tel: + 39 095 330966

Taxi Sat Service: Tel. +39 095 6188 - [www.6188.it](http://www.6188.it)

### Language and Interpretation

English is the language of the Forum. Interpretation from/to Italian is provided **only** during the Plenary Sessions.

### Accommodation

Sicily's second largest city, Catania offers a wide range of accommodation options. To facilitate your stay in Catania a number of hotels have been selected in the city of Catania and its surrounding with rooms in different price categories pre-booked to suits everyone budget and interest. Check the attached list. You can contact the hotel of your choice and may give the preferential code EUSAIR.

Please note that this is for information purposes only to facilitate your stay in Catania, it does not constitute endorsement of any kind for the hotels presented in the list. The Italian Government cannot be held responsible or liable for the accuracy of the information and for the services provided by the hotels. You can also use other online accommodation reservation services, such as [hotels.com](http://hotels.com) [booking.com](http://booking.com) [expedia.com](http://expedia.com) [airbnb.com](http://airbnb.com).

Whatever your choice, we recommend to book the hotel of your choice as soon as possible and far enough in advance, as May is high season in Sicily.



## How to get to Catania

### Airport

Catania-Fontanarossa Airport, also known as Vincenzo Bellini Airport, is an international airport in Sicily located about 4.3 km southwest of Catania.

### Accessibility and Transport

*From /to Catania Airport*

Travelling to and from the airport is easy, due to its proximity to the city center.

**Airport shuttle:** There is an organized shuttle service with **AMT Alibus** from Catania International Airport to the city center and the Train station. The bus goes every 20 minutes, from 5.00 AM to midnight. The ticket costs 4 euro and is valid for 90 minutes, please validate it in the electronic ticket machine on the bus.

AMT "ALIBUS" – Catania Airport Shuttle Bus |

Toll Free Number +39 800 018696

<http://www.amt.ct.it>

**Public bus:** Local bus line 457 will take you downtown from the Fontanarossa airport in **20 minutes** just like Alibus, but you might have to wait a bit longer because the public bus goes every 40 minutes. The single ticket costs **only 1 euro**. You have to buy the ticket before you enter the bus and you can do that at the newspaper stand (Tabacchi) at the airport. Bus departure point is at the bus station in front of the airport building.

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Taxi Sat Service: Tel. +39 095 6188 - [www.6188.it](http://www.6188.it)

Taxi flat rate from the Airport to the city center (and the Forum premises) is €25.

### Info Point (airport)

**Aeroporto Internazionale "Vincenzo Bellini"**

Tel. +39 095 4014081

Email: [infoturismo.aeroporto@cittametropolitana.ct.it](mailto:infoturismo.aeroporto@cittametropolitana.ct.it)

### Catania Tourist Information

Arrival Area (next to Lost & Found office)

Tel. +39 095 723 96 82

### Tourism Bureau

<http://www.comune.catania.it/la-citta/turismo/>

For more information please visit:

<http://www.aeroporto.catania.it/aeroporto/dopo-l-atteaggio/mezzi-di-trasporto/>



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### Info Point in Catania

#### Palazzo Minoriti

Via Etna, 63/65 - 95121 Catania

Tel. +39 095 4014070

Email: [turismo@cittametropolitana.ct.it](mailto:turismo@cittametropolitana.ct.it)

### Tourism Bureau

Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 172 - 95131 Catania

**Toll Free Number 800 841 042**

Tel.: +39 095 742 55 73

Fax: +39 095 742 55 15

Email: [bureau.turismo@comune.catania.](mailto:bureau.turismo@comune.catania.)

## Parking

For security reasons no parking is provided in the area of the venue.

Although, some parking spaces are reserved for individuals with disabilities.

## General Information about Catania, Italy

### Language

Italian is the official language.

### Local Time

Italy time is GMT/UTC +1

### Climate and weather

The climate in Catania in May can be summarized as mild and dry. May is spring in Catania and is typically the 6th warmest month of the year. Daytime maximum temperatures average around a comfortable 22°C (71°F), whilst at night 12°C (53°F) is normal.

### Banks

Banks are open Monday to Friday 08:20-13:20 - 14:35-16:05. Some Banks may have different opening hours for more detailed info please visit: <https://bankingitaly.com/catania>

### Currency

The currency of Italy is the Euro.

### Currency Exchange

Foreign currency may be exchanged for euros at most banks and exchange bureau in Catania or at the Airport.

### Power supply

The power supply in Italy is 230 AC/50Hz.

## First Aid and medical assistance

First Aid will be provided at the venue of the Forum free of charge. Serious cases will be directed to the appropriate medical facilities. Please note that the participants of the Forum are responsible for their own travel insurance covering any medical treatment. We kindly remind you that the Italian Government cannot take the responsibility for the cost of medical treatments of any Forum and Side Event participant.

## Useful number

Police	113
Carabinieri	112
Fire department	115
First aid –ambulances	118
Emergency services (ACI)	803116
Sea rescue - Blue number	1530
Emergency medical services	+39 095 377122
Traffic office	+39 095 531333