

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

AER GENERAL ASSEMBLY & BUREAU MEETING Summer Symposium



27-30 JUNE 2023

WORLD TRADE CENTER, BARCELONA

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08039**



**Generalitat
de Catalunya**



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WHAT

The AER General Assembly and Bureau Meeting 2023 will take place in the context of the Summer Symposium, a three-day event on the AER opportunities and activities for our members.

WHEN

27 - 30 June 2023

Travel days: 27th June (all day) and 30th June (late afternoon)

WHERE

World Trade Center Barcelona (1a planta Edif este, Moll de Barcelona, s/n 08039)

WHO

The event is hosted by **the Government of Catalonia** and it is co-organised by **the AER Secretariat**.

The single points of contact are **the AER Communications and Events Manager Barbara Polin** (b.polin@aer.eu) and **the Communications & Events Assistant Laura Bassan** (events@aer.eu)

HOW TO GET TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

By train

The closest train station to WTCB is the Rodalies station in Plaça Catalunya. To get there, take line R1, R3, R4 or t

By car

Take the Ronda Litoral on exit 21 heading towards Moll de la Fusta. We have a car parking for private vehicles and motorbikes, as well as our own taxi rank.

By plane

From El Prat Airport, you can reach the WTCB by taxi or private vehicle by taking the B-10 towards Ronda Litoral until you reach Moll de la Fusta. By bus, take the T1 and the D20.

By public transport

If you're travelling to WTCB by bus, take lines V11, 91, D20, H14, V13, N0 or N6 (at night). On the metro, get off at Drassanes (L3) or Paral·lel (L3 and L2).

By bike

Make your way along any of the biking lanes to WTCB at Terminal A of Puerto de Barcelona.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

HOTEL RADISSON BLU 1882

HOTEL 1898

HOTEL GRAN MARINA

LE MERIDIEN

BARCELÓ RAVAL

DUQUESA DE CARDONA

ATENEA BARCELONA APARTHOTEL

CATALONIA BARCELONA PLAZA

GALLERY HOTEL

HOTEL EVENIA ROSSELLÓ

HOTEL 4 BARCELONA / HOTEL FRONT MARÍTIM

HOTEL ALEXANDRA

HOTEL ALIMARA

HOTEL BARCELONA CATEDRAL

HOTEL BARCELONA PRINCESS

HOTEL H10 MARINA BARCELONA

HOTEL HCC SANT MORITZ

HOTEL HESPERIA DEL MAR

HOTEL ILUNION BARCELONA

HOTEL SOFITEL BARCELONA SKIPPER

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AGENDA

27 June 2023

Travel day

28 June 2023

9:00-9:15 **Welcome & Registration**

Morning Sessions

9:30 - 11:30

Room A1

Room A4

Eurodysee Steering Committee Meeting
(for members of the Committee only)

YOUTHopia Consortium Meeting
(for project partners only)

Study visit at the Port of Barcelona

(Meeting Point for everyone: 11:30 - World Trade Centre - Auditorium Entrance)

12:00 - 13:20

Study Visit on Green Hydrogen & the Energy Transition

*This study visit is organised in the context of the AER Working Group on Hydrogen chaired by AER VP for Sustainability, Environment & Climate **Albert Castellanos**.*

The first part will showcase the role of the Port of Barcelona in the green hydrogen economy of Catalonia, featuring the President of the Port **Lluís Salvadó**, and **Hèctor Calls**, Head of Environmental Sustainability:

- The Port of Barcelona's Transition Plan to decarbonize maritime-port activity
- The Port's main energy needs: present and future
- Projects included in the Energy Transition Plan
- Projects in the port area of alternative fuels with hydrogen and its carriers as protagonists
- Implementation schedules and main challenges

The second part of the visit will be dedicated to a presentation of the Hydrogen Valley of Catalonia, by **Isaac Justicia Anto**, Director of the technical office of the Hydrogen Valley of Catalonia

13:20-14:20	Boat tour offered by the Port of Barcelona	
14:30-15:30 Lunch Break offered by Port of Barcelona		
Afternoon Session		
16:00-17:30	Room A1	AER Focus Group on Ukraine The AER Focus Group on Ukraine brings our members together to <u>coordinate support</u> towards <u>our twelve Ukrainian members</u> .
15:30 - 17:00	Room A4	AER Working Group on Green Hydrogen (<u>members of the WG only</u>) To join the Working Group, register here The AER Working Group on Green Hydrogen facilitates peer learning on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hydrogen value chain: in particular how to involve businesses • Decarbonisation of transports: transport carriers, trucks and buses • Decarbonisation of the industry • Green hydrogen production • Support to or development of Hydrogen Valleys
18:30 -20:30	City Tour (Meeting Point 18:00 - Auditorium entrance)	
29 June 2023		
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and registration	
Morning Session		
9:30 - 13.00 (with coffee break at 12.00)	Room A2+3 (Plenary)	Bureau meeting & Bureau debate on the Future of Work The Bureau will meet to discuss how to prepare European regions for the future of work and define positions on key AER action areas that will guide our advocacy work for 2023 - 2024. Please find the draft agenda HERE .
13:30 -15:00 Lunch break		
Afternoon Sessions		
15:00 - 17:00		
Room A1	Room A2+3	
<hr/> Executive Board meeting (hybrid meeting, basic setting- Zoom call) minutes: TBC JS/LW	<hr/> Workshop - Cohesion Policy: Evidence-based lessons to support youth entrepreneurship and skills development in regions. Cohesion policy is currently the EU's main investment policy supporting the priorities of the EU, notably the European Green Deal, the digital agenda and the European Pillar of Social Rights. In order for this instrument of territorial cohesion to maintain its long-term focus and be supported at national level, Cohesion Policy should be more	



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		<p>visible to EU citizens. This is possible by highlighting its benefits thanks to evidence-based lessons and stories of projects successfully funded and implemented. The workshop digs into some examples from the regions who participate in the AER-led communication campaign YOUTHopia, with a particular focus on youth employment and empowerment, and sets the basis with new interested regions for a YOUTHopia 2.0 in 2024.</p> <p>As part of the workshop the AER Project Unit will present the services provided to the regions on how to access EU funding opportunities, design new projects and build partnerships.</p>
17:15 - 18:45	Room A4	Meeting of the Summer Academy Organising Committee (SAOC)
19:30 - 21:30		<p>YOUTHopia Evening Reception Hotel Miramar</p> <p>Networking dinner reception with some highlights from the project YOUTHopia</p>
30 June 2023		
9:00 - 9:15		Welcome
Morning Sessions		
09:30 - 11:00	Room A2+3 (Plenary)	<p>High-level Debate on Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>This high-level debate will discuss the role of regions as drivers of European efforts towards more ethical, innovative and responsible tourism models. To set out overarching priorities and challenges, the opening will feature keynote addresses from European and regional institutional representatives, before moving to the perspectives of practitioners.</p>
11:00 - 13:30	Room A2+3 (Plenary)	AER General Assembly
Departures		



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