PRACTICAL INFORMATION

AER GENERAL ASSEMBLY & BUREAU MEETING

Summer Symposium

27-30 JUNE 2023

WORLD TRADE CENTER, BARCELONA

1ª planta Edif. Este, Moll de Barcelona, s/n, 08039

Generalitat de Catalunya

AER Assembly of European Regions

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 regional R12

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.

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28-30 June 2023

AGENDA		
27 June 2023		
Travel day		
28 June 2023		
9:00-9:15 **Welcome & Registration**		
Morning sessions		
9:30-11:30	**Room A1**	**Eurodyssey Steering Committee Meeting** *(for members of the Committee only)*
9:30-11:30	**Room A4**	**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		
16:00-17:30	**Room A1**	**AER Focus Group on Ukraine**

		The AER Focus Group on Ukraine brings our members together to **coordinate support** towards **our twelve Ukrainian members**.
15:30 - 17:00		**AER Working Group on Green Hydrogen** (members of the WG only) To join the Working Group, register here The AER Working Group on Green Hydrogen facilitates peer learning on: • 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 A2+3 (Plenary)**	**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 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. 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.
15:00 - 17:00	**Room A1**	Executive Board meeting

19:30 - 21:30		**YOUTHopia Evening Reception | Hotel Miramar** Networking dinner reception with some highlights from the project YOUTHopia
		30 June 2023
9:00 - 9:15		Welcome
Morning sessions		
09:30 - 11:00	**Room A2+3 (Plenary)**	**High-level Debate on Sustainable Tourism** 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.
11:00 - 13:30	**Room A2+3 (Plenary)**	**AER General Assembly**
Departures		