

This note contains essential information about the Orientgate Final Conference to be held in Lecce on 2-3 December 2014 and which will be hosted by the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change.

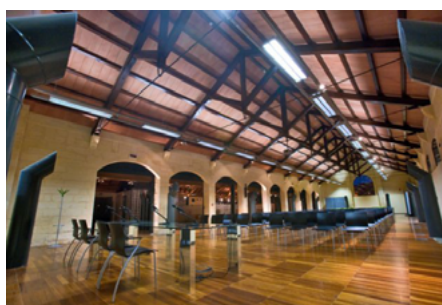
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## MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held in a recently restored building which is an example of adaptive reuse of an old industrial structure in Lecce, “Officine Cantelmo”.

Address: Viale Di Pietro, Lecce – Website: <http://www.officinecantelmo.it>

Free wireless Internet access is available within the Venue.



[See the conference venue on map](#)

## About Lecce

Lecce, a province in South-Eastern Italy, is the most important city in the Salentine Peninsula and one of the most important in Puglia. The city was founded around 2,000 years ago and by the 15th century had become one of the most important cities in southern Italy. Over this period Lecce was decorated with important Baroque monuments and under threat from an Ottoman invasion, Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, rebuilt the defenses of the city along with a new castle.

Rich in history, architecture, art and culture, Lecce has been called ‘The Florence of the South’. The ‘Lecce Stone’, from which much of the city is built, is an important export for the area. Lecce is also a leading agricultural producer particularly for olive oil and wine and the area around Lecce also specialises in the production of ceramics.

[List of places you can see in Lecce](#)  
[www.viaggiareinpuglia.it](http://www.viaggiareinpuglia.it)

## Climate

Lecce has a Mediterranean climate with dry hot summers and mild winters. The month of December is characterised by daily highs decreasing from 15°C to 6°C over the course of the month. The most common forms of precipitation are light and moderate rain.

## TIMING

The meeting will start at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 2 December and will finish at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 3 December.

## TRANSPORT

### How to get to Lecce

The closest airports to Lecce are:

[Brindisi Papola Casale Airport](#) (39 km)

[Bari Palese Airport](#) (159 km)

[See the map](#)

From Brindisi airport it is possible to choose one of these options:

[Puglia Airbus](#) – Public Service Bus (Ticket Price 7,50 €)

[Air Shuttle](#) – Private Service Shuttle (Cost 20 €)

Taxi - It is possible to take a taxi/shuttle directly from the airport (Cost 55 €)

From Bari Airport:

[Bus or train from Bari Airport](#) to Bari Train Station (and then a [train from Bari to Lecce](#))

[Air Shuttle](#) – Private Service Shuttle (Cost 170 €)

Taxi - It is possible to take a taxi/shuttle directly from the airport (Cost 170 €)

## ACCOMMODATION

Whether you are a participant looking for a convenient location to stay in Lecce, click on the following link to download a file containing a list of hotels and B&Bs located in the historical center or in close proximity to the meeting venue.

[Download the Accommodation list \(pdf\)](#)

Before booking your room, don't forget to mention the keyword "ORIENTGATE" to receive a reduced fee.

## CONTACTS

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**We look forward to seeing you in Lecce!**