

WHO HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL MEETING
HEALTH SYSTEMS RESPOND TO NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES:
EXPERIENCE OF THE EUROPEAN REGION
16–18 April 2018, Sitges, Spain

Accommodation and venue

Hotel Melià Sitges

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The meeting will take place in the hotel.

Participants should have made their booking by now. Please contact the hotel regarding accommodation, dates of stay or additional services. Participants should pay the hotel bill on departure.

Arrival in Sitges

The closest airport to Sitges is Barcelona International Airport.

Shuttle transportation

A shuttle transportation will be available from the airport to the meeting venue on Sunday, 15 April 2018 from 9.30 h to 23.30 h, and back to the airport from the meeting venue on Wednesday, 18 April 2018, after the closure of the meeting from 13.30 h to 20 h.

On arrival, personnel will be waiting at both Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2B (T2B). Assistants with a sign for the *WHO Regional Office for Europe, High-level Regional Meeting* will meet and guide you to the shuttle transportation that will run approximately every 40 minutes. In order to facilitate this process, please indicate flight details on online registration.

If traveling outside the arranged shuttle transportation schedules, please take local transportation or arrange your own transport. In case of doubt please do not hesitate to contact us.

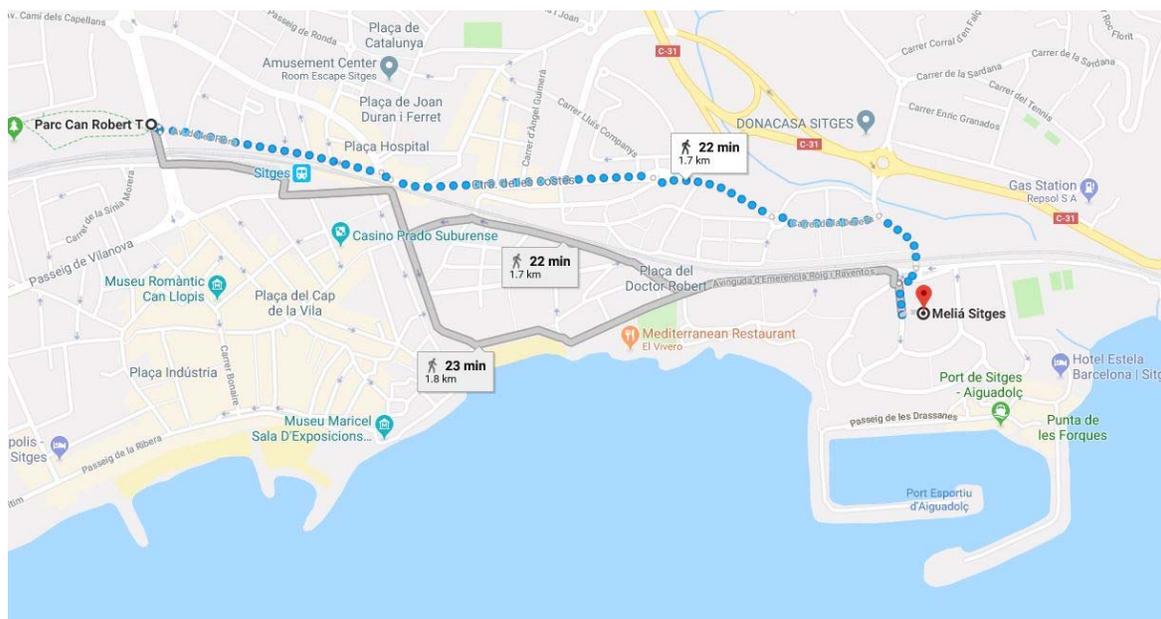
Bus

Local buses to Sitges (the MonBus) are available outside T1 at the airport. For flights arriving at T2, please take the free airport shuttle bus from T2 to T1. The MonBus runs once an hour on

weekends from 8:50 to 22:50, and every 30 minutes on weekdays from 6:50 to 23:50. The price for a one-way ticket is €7.10. Travel time to Sitges is about 30 minutes.

The bus schedule is available at: <http://www.monbus.cat/en/>.

You may wish to exit the bus at the first bus stop (Parc Can Robert), as this is closest to the venue. From the bus stop to the venue is either a 25 minute walk or a 5–10 minute taxi ride (Taxi Sitges, tel.: +34 93 894 29 13).



Airport taxis

Taxis are outside the main exit of the airport and operate all night.

The journey to the venue takes about 25 minutes, depending on road traffic conditions.

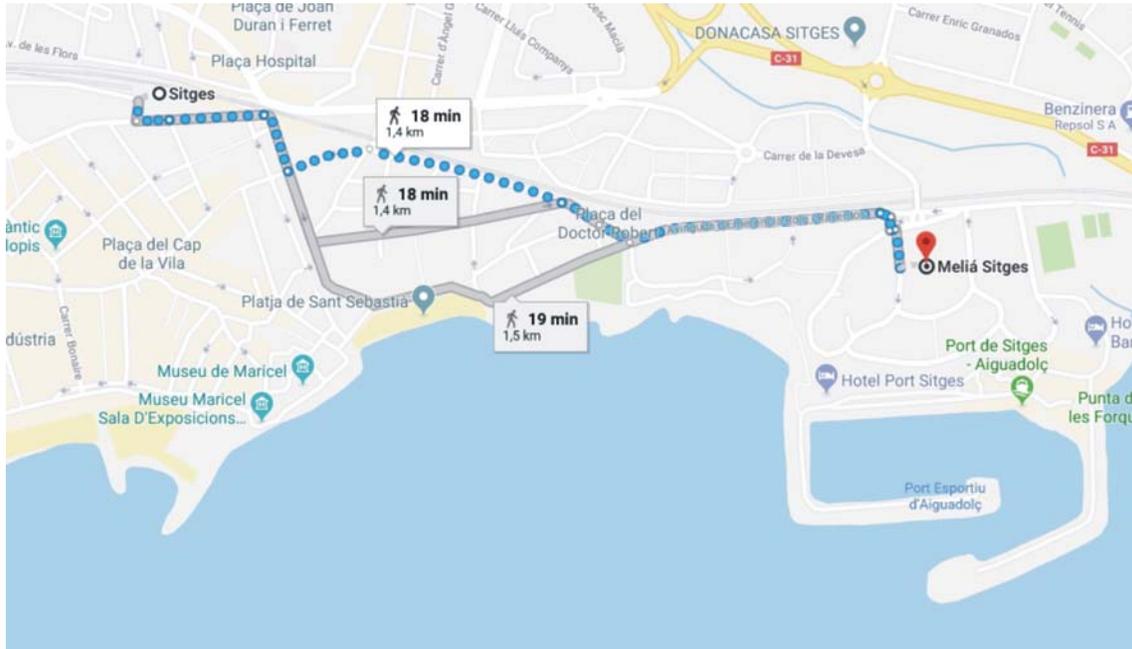
Expect to pay around €90 for the journey to the venue. All official Barcelona taxis are black and yellow, and are only allowed to charge the value on the meter (plus additional surcharges: supplement for each bag or for travelling to/from the airport), and for tolls if the toll road is taken between the airport and Sitges. Rates are displayed inside the cab.

Train

Trains run every 30 minutes from T2 at the airport to Sitges. For flights arriving at T1, please take the free airport shuttle bus from T1 to T2. Take RENFE train R2 Nord from the airport and change trains at the first stop, El Prat de Llobregat. The trip takes between 45 and 65 minutes, depending on the time you arrive.

See the train schedule at: <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/cercanias/barcelona/>.

From Sitges train station to the venue is either a 20 minute walk or a 5–10 minute taxi ride (Taxi Sitges, tel.: 34 93 894 29 13).



Taxis in Sitges

Taxi Sitges provides taxi service, tel: 34 93 894 29 13.

The following companies offer private taxi services.

Name	Contact person	Telephone number/email
Taxi Salvador Sitges	Salvador	+ 34 659 940 342 info@taxisalvadorsitges.com
AutoLux	Elisa	+ 34 902 10 50 52 + 34 650 42 85 77 (24 hours) reservas@autolux.cat

Climate and clothing

April is generally sunny with an average daytime temperature of 18°C. Night-time temperatures might drop down to 9°C. The average amount of sunshine predicted in April is seven hours per day with 12 hours of daylight.

Contact information

For any query about the meeting, please contact eubar@who.int.

Currency and credit cards

The currency in Spain is the Euro (€).

All major credit cards are accepted in hotels and shopping centres.

Electricity supply

The main electricity voltage is 220 V and 50 Hz. The central European-type wall socket (two-pin plug) is standard in Spain.

Insurance

WHO cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants and accompanying persons, directly or indirectly arising from attendance at the meeting. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Lunches and breaks

Lunch will be served at the venue on Monday and Tuesday, 16–17 April. There will also be two refreshment breaks (morning and afternoon) each day.

Please note that lunch is not scheduled for Wednesday, 18 April. Light refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

Mobile app

A mobile app will be available to registered participants for easy access to the programme, the participant list and relevant practical information. The app can also be used to register for the parallel sessions and during some sessions for voting and polling purposes. After registering online, participants will receive information a few weeks prior to the meeting on how to download and use the app.

Onsite registration

Participants will need to register at the venue and collect their meeting badges.

The registration desk will be open:

- on 15 April 2018 from 16:00 to 19:00
- on 16–17 April 2018 starting at 08:00 (the conference will start at 09:00 on 16 April).

To make the registration process smoother, please download the meeting mobile app prior to onsite registration.

Personal security

Although Sitges is generally a safe city, participants should maintain personal security awareness, be vigilant of pickpockets and watch their belongings at all times, even in the hotel.

In case of emergency, please call 112.

Social events

On Monday, 16 April, participants are invited to a dinner reception at the venue at 20:00, hosted by the WHO Regional Director for Europe.

Participants are welcome at optional sports activities taking place on Monday evening after the meeting, and on Tuesday and Wednesday morning before the meeting starts.

Time difference

Spain is in the Central European Time zone, which is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

Wifi at the meeting venue

To access wifi at the venue please follow these steps:

1. Make sure your device is configured to obtain an IP address
2. Connect to wireless network: **Melia**
3. Run your Web Browser and go to www.melia.com
4. Credentials:
 - Username: **WHO18**
 - Password: **WHO18**

Working hours and language

The working hours of the meeting will be from 09:00 to 17:30 on Monday, 16 April, from 09:00 to 17:30 on Tuesday, 17 April, and from 09:00 to 13:15 on Wednesday, 18 April.

The meeting will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.