



Short Practical Guide for Participants of the 2nd BESTPRAC Thematic Group Meeting

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Sun Hall Hotel – Larnaca, Cyprus

Host:

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1. VENUE

The **Meeting** will take place at the **Sun Hall Hotel**, which is located in Larnaca.



Athens Ave 6, Larnaca 6302.



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<https://www.sunhallhotel.com.cy/>



Wireless Access: free Wi-Fi will be provided at the venue for all participants

2. ACCOMMODATION

Hotel bookings should be arranged and paid for by the participants.

The following Hotel is a **suggestion** and any **contacts and bookings must be made directly by you:**



SUN HALL HOTEL

<u>Type of Room</u>	<u>Special Price for BESTPRAC Thematic Group Participants</u>
Single room on Bed & Breakfast	€ 95
Double room on Bed & Breakfast	€ 104

PAYMENTS

Hotel accommodation is to be booked directly via the attached reservation form and returned back to the email: info@sunhallhotel.com.cy or fax +35724652717 before **14th February 2023**.

*****PLEASE proceed on your own to book and arrange payment.**

3. AIRPORT AND TRANSFERS

The legal points of entry to the Republic of Cyprus are the **Larnaca International Airport (LCA)** and the **Paphos International Airport (PFO)**.

Please note that as the venue of the Conference is in Larnaca, **it is recommended that participants arrive at Larnaca International Airport** and take a taxi or a bus to their hotels.

Paphos airport is very well connected to different European destinations by low-cost flights, but please be aware that you need to book transport to Larnaca. Buses / shuttles are available, you can consult the following pages:

- <https://www.paphosbus.com/paphos-airport-bus/paphos-airport-larnaca>
- <https://kpnosairportshuttle.com/home>

Taxis

Transportation from and to the Sun Hall hotel can be arranged by taxi. The Sun Hall Hotel is approx. 10 minutes from Larnaca airport, and 1hour 30 minutes from Paphos airport. The approx. cost of a taxi is €25 from Larnaca airport and €150 from Paphos airport. At Larnaca airport, taxis are available at the designated Taxi waiting area located in the forecourt, once you exit the Arrivals Hall at Larnaca Airport.

More info on taxis and public transport can be found at <https://www.hermesairports.com/prepare-your-journey/fly-in/public-transportation>

*****PLEASE proceed on your own to book your airplane tickets and airport transfer.**

4. THE CITY OF LARNACA (a town with a history of 10.000 years)

Larnaca (also spelt as Larnaka) is a port city located on the southern coast of Cyprus. It is the third largest town after Nicosia and Limassol and home to the second largest commercial port. Larnaca is geographically situated on the southern coast of Cyprus. The city is divided into two parts namely, an older city centre and a chain of hotels and restaurants along the beach, known as the 'Phinikoudes'.

Larnaca is considered to be Cyprus's oldest town, with a history of 10.000 years. From its traditional architecture, authentic taverns and local handicrafts to its cultural sites, museums and religious monuments, old Larnaca is an evocative glimpse into a Cyprus past.

The city also hosts a commercial port. The district of Larnaca is one of the six districts of Cyprus. Troodos is the biggest mountain range that stretches across this southern part of Cyprus. Larnaca with a metro population 144,200 (in 2015) is the third largest city of Cyprus.

The city which is built on the ruins of ancient Citium is endowed with numerous attractions such as Larnaca Castle, the Church of Saint Lazarus, Hala Sultan Tekke etc. Larnaca's waterfronts, scenic vistas, parks and beautiful beaches with leisure and sporting facilities enhance its beautiful coastline.

The city's International Airport is located on the fringe of the city with easy access to and from the city centre. The beautiful city of Larnaca has an added benefit of being closely located to the stunning coastline in Cyprus. The city

has its own unique importance with regards to history. Besides the famous attractions like St Lazarus Church and the Kamares Aqueduct, the city is also known for its wide variety of beaches beautifully surrounded by palm trees.

The climate of Larnaca is the same as the climate all over Cyprus. The climate is typically Mediterranean and has significant differences in the seasons. Summers are very joyful with warm and dry weather and the winters are rainy and mild.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CYPRUS

Languages

Greek and Turkish are the official languages of the Republic of Cyprus. English is widely spoken.

Local Time

Cyprus Time is GMT +2.

Climate & Weather

The island's climate is characterised by hot summers and mild winters. The climate in Larnaca during March can be summarized as mild and reasonably dry. March is in the spring in Larnaca and is typically the 4th coldest month of the year. Daytime maximum temperatures average around 19°C (66°F), whilst at night 8°C (47°F) is normal.

[Larnaca Weather in March 2023 | Cyprus Averages | Weather-2-Visit \(weather2visit.com\)](#)

Currency

The currency of Cyprus is the Euro.

Currency Exchange

All banks operating in Cyprus offer foreign currency exchange services and quote the exchange rates of the Euro against all major foreign currencies daily. Foreign currency can also be exchanged at hotels.

ATMs and Credit Cards

All major banks in Cyprus have automatic teller machines (ATMs) in most towns and in the majority of the large villages. All major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Electricity Supply

The electricity supply in Cyprus is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amp, with 3-point plugs, square pin. Many hotels provide adaptors upon request from the reception.



Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and night clubs.



Opening Hours

Shops normally open around 09:00 and close around 19:00 except Wednesday afternoon (up to 15:00 hrs). Shops in tourist areas, large shopping centres and department stores may stay open on weekends and public holidays as well. Banks are open on workdays (Monday to Friday) usually between 08.30 and 13.30. Banks are closed on weekends and public holidays. Some banks in central tourist areas are open in the afternoon specifically to provide services to tourists.

Restaurants and cafes have varying opening hours, but lunch is most often served between 12:00 and 15:00. Dinner is served from 19:00 until late in the evening.

Driving

Driving is on the **left-hand side of the road**. All the international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the left-hand side of roads and highways. On roundabouts, priority is given to the right side.

Emergency Number

Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire department and ambulance.

Dial Code for Cyprus: +357

Telephone Directory Assistance: 11892, 11822, 11800, 11833, 11811.

Pharmacies: 90 901 414 (Larnaca)

Tourist Information – Cyprus Tourism Organisation:



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Airports Information



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