Expert Group on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (MST):
4th Meeting
Andalusia Lab, Marbella, Spain
19-20 September 2023

INFORMATION NOTE

1. **Venue and dates**

The fourth meeting of the Expert Group on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism will be held at the *Andalusia Lab*, Marbella, Spain, from 19 to 20 September 2023.

2. **Registration**

Registration for meeting will be carried out online until **20 August 2023, at the latest**. The registration form is available at: [https://forms.office.com/e/A4MP0itDVR](https://forms.office.com/e/A4MP0itDVR)

3. **How to get to Marbella** *(The address for Andalusia Lab is: N-340, Km 189, 6, 29604 Marbella, Málaga)*

![Map of Marbella area](map.png)
From Málaga Airport

a. By taxi:
   - Taxi fare from the Malaga airport to Marbella: between 65-80 Euros (depending on your destination and on traffic).

b. By bus:
   - Direct Bus Málaga Airport to Marbella: Portillo bus from Avanza Group linking Malaga airport with Marbella without stops. It is a direct bus and the trip takes approximately 45 minutes.
     - Itinerary: Direct from the airport
     - Journey time: 45 minutes approximately
     - Price: 7€ - 10€ (depending on the selected timetable)
     - Online booking: https://www.avanzabus.com (Can be purchased at the desk).

From Málaga Train Station

a. By taxi:
   - Taxi fare from the Malaga train station to Marbella: between 65-80 Euros (depending on your destination and on traffic).

b. By bus:
   - Bus Málaga Train Station to Marbella: The train station in Malaga has connections with Marbella and many other destinations from the close by Bus Station. Portillo bus from Avanza Group linking Malaga with Marbella without stops. It is a direct bus and the trip takes approximately 45 minutes.
     - Journey time: 45 minutes approximately
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4. Travel arrangements

Each participant/entity is responsible for their own travel arrangements, including booking international flights, arranging local transportation, and securing accommodation. To find a reasonably priced, we suggest that you start as early as possible with the travel arrangements. A credit card will normally be required for reservations.

*A list of recommended hotels will be provided very soon.
5. **Working languages**

The working language of the meeting will be English.

6. **Working documents**

In light of the United Nations mandate to promote sustainability, UNWTO is strengthening its efforts towards environmental sustainability by implementing paperless events and conferences. Participants are kindly requested to take note that the working documents will not be distributed on paper at the venue of the event. Participants are encouraged to bring their own electronic devices to access the working documents during the session. All the documents will be posted online at the event website: [https://www.unwto.org/events/4th-meeting-eg-mst](https://www.unwto.org/events/4th-meeting-eg-mst)

(You will be notified by email of the posting of the documents)

7. **Practical information**

- **Local currency and rate of exchange:**
  Spain’s official currency is the Euro (€). The rate of exchange applicable as of July 2023 is 0.902€ to 1 US dollar.
- **Climate:** The average temperature in Marbella in September is 22.2ºC (Max 25.5ºC, Min 18.9 ºC)
- **Local time:** GMT +1 +DST
- **Electricity:** The electric current in Spain is 220 volts.
- **Emergency number:** 112

8. **Other information**

A technical visit will be offered by the Tourism Authority of Andalusia on the 20 September (more information about the schedule will be provided later)

9. **Tourism information**

Andalusia tourism websites:

- Marbella city: [https://turismo.marbella.es/en/](https://turismo.marbella.es/en/)
- Málaga city: [https://visita.malaga.eu/es/](https://visita.malaga.eu/es/)