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## **ICAO Regional Seminar – EURNAT Regions**

**Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2023**

### **General Information**

#### **1. Place of venue and dates**

The 2023 ICAO Regional Seminar in the EURNAT Region will take place in a monumental building called “Het Wereldmuseum” nicely located on the banks of the river De Maas (Meuse) right in the heart of the buzzing city of Rotterdam.

The address is: Willemskade 25, 3016 DM Rotterdam

Ph. +31-(0)10 - 270 7172, <https://www.wereldmuseum.nl/>



The Wereldmuseum is a museum about people and offers a mirror of 160 years of collecting all kinds of things by Rotterdammers (as people from Rotterdam are called) for Rotterdammers. The Wereldmuseum in Rotterdam is a museum about cultures in the present and the past.

Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/hz7uJfRhArrdQt2P9>

See map ATTACHMENT A



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## **2. Meeting working hours**

The meeting will run from 09:00 to 17:00, with coffee and lunch breaks. Registration will open at 08:00 on the first day.

## **3. How to get there**

Rotterdam is very easy to reach by public transport and has a direct connection to all major cities in the Netherlands (Amsterdam, The Hague and Utrecht) as well as a direct connection to Brussels.

**Flights:** most people flying in will use Schiphol Airport, but there are limited options to fly to Rotterdam/The Hague Airport. From there local public transport takes you into the city center.

From Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam Central Station: departure every 30 min without surcharge (50 min travel time), every 15 min with a surcharge of €2,90 (25 min travel time), all trains leave from Platform 5-6.

**Train tickets:** can be purchased at the ticket machines at Schiphol Plaza, but the easiest way is to order a ticket via internet on [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl). Mind the surcharge for the fastest connection.

From Brussels/Paris: there is a direct connection to Rotterdam Central Station with Thalys service (tickets via [www.thalys.com](http://www.thalys.com))

From London (St-Pancras Station): a direct connection takes you to Rotterdam Central Station in approximately 4 hours ([www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com))

From Frankfurt/Bonn/Cologne: for anyone not arriving by air from Germany, but using rail taking the ICE, for Rotterdam Central you will have to change at Utrecht Central Station. Most fast trains to Rotterdam leave from Platform 8-9. For reservations see: [https://www.bahn.com/p\\_en/view/index.shtml](https://www.bahn.com/p_en/view/index.shtml)

## **4. Local transport in Rotterdam**

Although many hotels are within walking distance (15-20 min) of the place venue, metro and tramway lines are the easiest way to travel through the city of Rotterdam. For actual timetables and routes for tram and metro see

[RET - Openbaar vervoer in de regio Rotterdam.](#)

Specifically for reaching the "De Wereldmuseum"

## **5. Accommodation**



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It is a very busy time in the Netherlands with Easter holidays and the start of the tourist season. Therefore, a block reservation has been made in hotels Intel Hotels Rotterdam Centre (4-stars, 75 rooms), Mainport hotel (5-stars, 75 rooms) and Nhow Rotterdam (4 stars, 15 rooms)

Intel Hotels and Mainport Hotel are both located nearby metro station Leuvehaven and at 10 minutes walking distance of the Wereldmuseum.

Reservations can be made via this link: <https://www.mainporthotel.com/icao/>

Nhow Rotterdam is located at the other side of the Erasmus Bridge nearby metro station Wilhelminaplein and at 15 minutes walking distance of the Wereldmuseum.

Reservations can be made via this link: <https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/icao>

See for the list of accommodations also attachment C.

## **6. Participants registration**

The registration of participants will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, from 08:00 to 09:00 hours. There are no specific security requirements, but for identification, it is required that participants carry their badge, that will be provided at registration.

At the venue there are facilities to store your coats and limited lockers are available

## **7. Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 09:00 hours.

## **8. Side events proposed by the host State (the Netherlands):**

### **1. Informal invitation for Heads of Delegation on Wednesday 12 April**

If there's anywhere in the Netherlands where the energy transition is taking shape, it's in Rotterdam's port and industrial area. With its ambition of being the most sustainable port in the world, the port of Rotterdam aims to achieve about 55 per cent carbon reduction by 2030 and to become completely carbon-neutral by 2050. The most striking example of innovation and sustainable port development in Rotterdam is Maasvlakte 2. Here you'll encounter two of the



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world's most modern container terminals and where innovations are being tested in practice, new technologies are being implemented, and existing companies are starting to collaborate with new ones.

The Port of Rotterdam would like to invite **heads of delegation** to the EUR/NAT ICAO Environmental Regional Seminar on **Wednesday April 12** to board the New Maze to take a closer look at the Maasvlakte 2 from the riverside and to witness the energy transition in the port. The bus transfer to the port will depart from Rotterdam city centre at 16H.00. Further information will be shared in due course.

Due to capacity constraints registration for this event will take place on a first come, first serve basis.

Please register by sending an e-mail to [trudy.baptiste@minienw.nl](mailto:trudy.baptiste@minienw.nl).

## **2. Host Country Dinner on Thursday 13 April**

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management would like to invite all attendees of the EUR/NAT ICAO REGIONAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENT to an informal reception on Thursday evening. The event will be held in the Euromast in Rotterdam, the highest observation tower in the Netherlands with an amazing 360° view over the city and the Port of Rotterdam.

**When:** Thursday 13 April

**Time:** Arrival from 19H.00, buffet opens at 19H.30

**Where:** Euromast, Parkhaven 20, 3016 GM Rotterdam

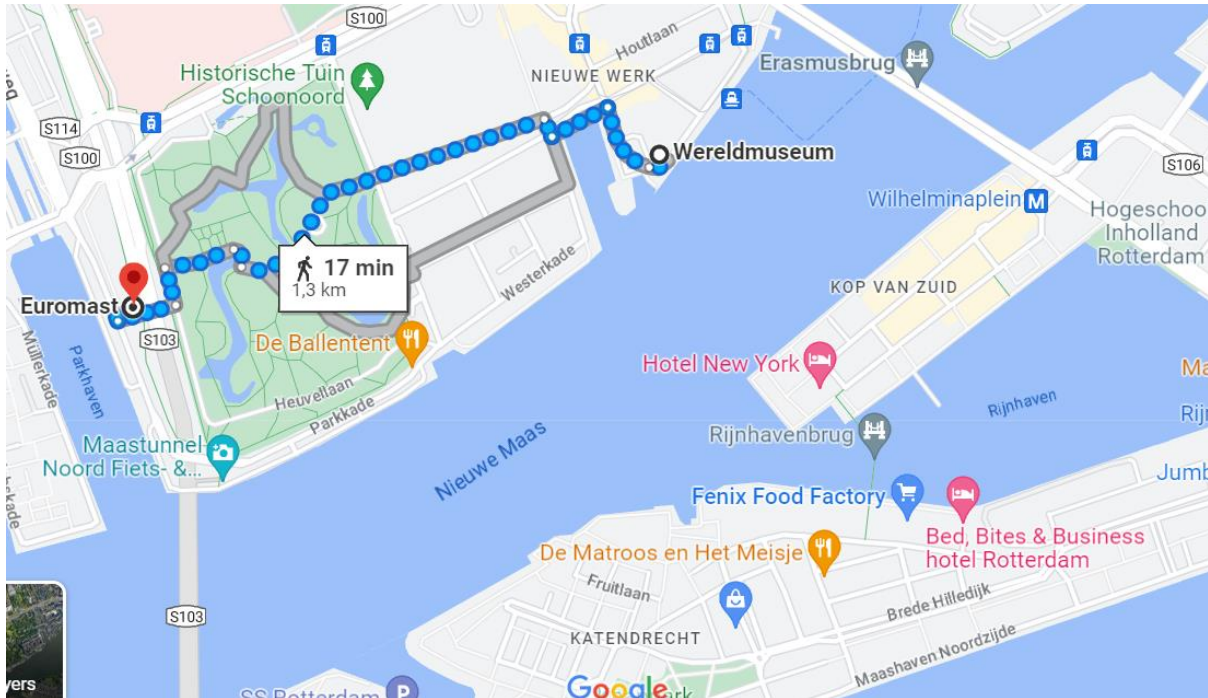
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## Route directions World Museum -> Euromast



## 9. General information

### a) **City of Rotterdam**

Rotterdam is a major European port and the second largest city of the Netherlands. The city lies along both banks of the New Meuse (Nieuwe Maas) River, which is a northern tributary of the Rhine River. The name Rotterdam was first mentioned in 1283, when a small tract of reclaimed land was created by draining the mouth of another river called the Rotte River that runs at the north-west side of the city.

Before World War II Rotterdam with canals and historical buildings resembled the current city centre of Amsterdam. After the bombing in May 1940 most of the city centre and part of the harbour was destroyed. After the war Rotterdam used this situation to resurrect as a modern city applying new architecture and laying out the first metro system in the Netherlands. The use of developments in architecture is still commonly applied in current projects.

The most important feature of Rotterdam is its harbour, Port of Rotterdam, responsible for most of the economic activities. Rotterdam forms a major gateway to the European inland connected to both the North Sea and important inland waterways. This geographical location made Rotterdam develop into a



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crucial player in the European fuel market and a key part of the fuel infrastructure with large refinery installations and strategic oil storage capacity.

Although very different in character in comparison with Amsterdam, Rotterdam has become a modern lively city hosting many big events and offering the visitor many interesting places to visit as well as a wide international choice of restaurants. Due to its international character, Rotterdam nowadays has a population representing a very large number of different nationalities. Still, the mentality of 'the Rotterdammer' is generally described as tough, hard-working and never giving-up with a good sense of humour, which is well represented by the football club Feyenoord, the biggest and most famous of the city's three professional football teams playing in the first league. Other famous events are the annually organized Rotterdam Marathon in (15-16 April) and the North Sea Jazz festival (7-9 July 2023).

### **b) Climate**

The climate conditions around this time of the year are variable and difficult to forecast. Usually the nights are still relatively cold (5°C ), but during the day it can be sunny and more comfortable (11-13 °C) and in recent years we have experienced unusually high temperatures as well. Still rain is never far away.

For more information: <http://www.knmi.nl/home>

### **c) Local time**

CET: GMT + 1:00, Amsterdam

### **d) Currency**

The official currency of The Netherlands is the euro (€). For the daily exchange rates: <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/nl/>

International credit cards are accepted in many places (hotels and restaurants). In some smaller shops the use of credit cards may be limited. In a limited number of places, no coins or bills are accepted and card only payment applies.

### **e) Local transport**

In the city of Rotterdam, all can be done by foot. Not only are the distances relatively small, also the center is pedestrian area and only accessible by car with a specific permit.

### **f) Banks and commercial schedule**



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The commercial schedule officially is from Monday to Friday 09:30 to 18:00. Sunday opening nowadays commonly is from 11:00 till 17:00. Most supermarkets are open until from 08:00 till 20:00 every weekday.

Service hours of banks are usually from 10:00 till 16:00 hrs.

ATMs are available 24/7 and can be found everywhere.

### **g) Taxes and gratuities**

All purchases in the Netherlands include tax (21%). International travelers may recover the tax paid, but you will need to ask for it at the airport.

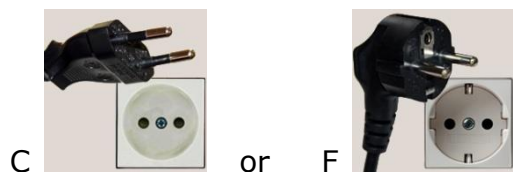
In most cases service is included. However, to tip in taxis and restaurants is not uncommon, in case you are very happy with the service. Formally a minimum nor a maximum exists, but about 10% of the total sum is commonly applied.

### **10. Health Coverage**

The health care system in The Netherlands is considered to be good, but it is always better not to test it. Participants shall have medical insurance or other type of medical coverage in case of illness or medical emergency. None of the organizations (Government, place of venue) involved in the hosting of this event will take any responsibility for medical expenses incurred by a participant.

### **11. Electricity**

Power is 220-230V /50Hz. Most used plug type:



### **12. Airport taxes**

The Netherlands currently does not apply additional departure taxes to be paid on top of your ticket.

### **13. Passport and visa requirements**



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A valid passport is required and for some countries a visa. If needed, request a visa as soon as you can. For further information:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom>

#### **14. Contact**

For any further questions or inquiries, please send an e-mail to:

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#### **15. Emergency number**

The single number for emergency in The Netherlands is: **112**





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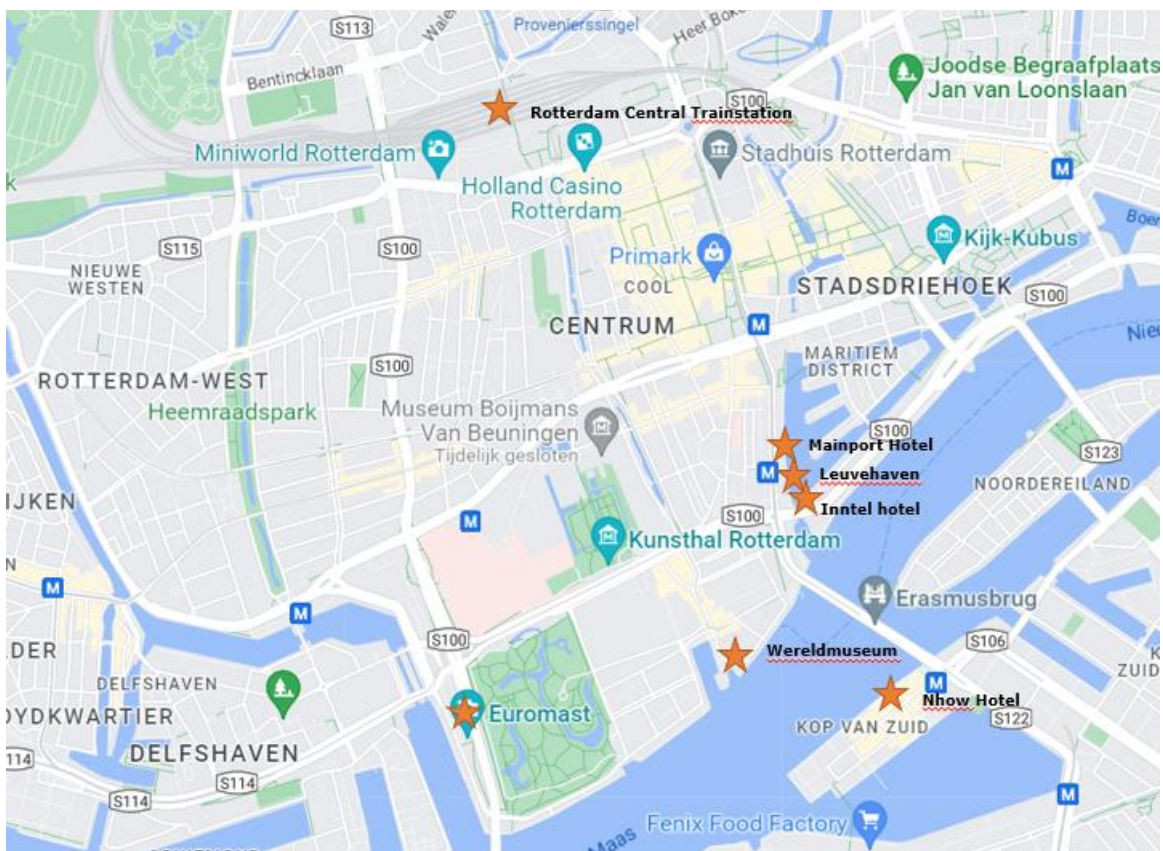


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Location of the 'Wereldmuseum'

Address: Willemskade 25, 3016 DM Rotterdam

Ph. +31-(0)10 - 270 7172, <https://www.wereldmuseum.nl/>





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## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **TRAVEL Information**

#### **Travel information Regional Seminar in Rotterdam arriving by AIR**

Arriving at Schiphol may give some confusion, despite the quite accurate indications/signs/etc.

- Leaving the baggage claim area you will somehow reach an area called Plaza by following the signs, Schiphol Plaza. For further information:

<http://www.schiphol.nl/Travellers/AtSchiphol/Maps/ArrivalsAndSchipholPlaza1.htm>

- In Schiphol Plaza you will have access to the railway platforms below.
- To obtain a ticket (if you have not booked a ticket on the internet already), there are yellow ticket machines around, but they take only bank cards.
- Train:
  - for those staying in Amsterdam: look for a train to Amsterdam Centraal, some of the indicators state Amsterdam, but there are various stations.
  - For those going to Rotterdam: see above.
- Taxi's: taxi's are expensive. DO NOT accept any offers made by people approaching you in the main hall (Plaza), they are usually not trustworthy etc.
- Disturbances in public transport: in case of sudden delays or interruptions, alternative transport (buses) will be offered to Amsterdam and Rotterdam main station. Be alert on the announcements.

#### **Travel information for Rotterdam city**

After arriving at Rotterdam Central Station (see instructions in the main document):

- Go to the exit at side of the city centre
- Access to the Metro lines can be found straight ahead of the control gates
- Access to the Tramway lines can be found on the left hand side

The venue can be reached by Metro lines D/E (direction Slinge/De Akkers), every 6 min, duration 4 min, get off at stop Leuvehaven, 9 minutes' walk to Wereldmuseum



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The venue can be reached by Tram line 7 (direction Willemsplein) every 20 min, duration 11 min, get off at stop Stadscentrum/Willemskade, 2 minutes' walk to Wereldmuseum



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## Attachment C - Accommodation

Hotel	Address	Price (€)	Walking time to venue	Link
Inntel	Leuvehaven 80 3011 EA Rotterdam	€ 159 (breakfast included)	10 minutes	<a href="https://www.mainporthotel.com/icao/">https://www.mainporthotel.com/icao/</a>  (one and the same link for Inntel and Mainport hotel)
Mainport hotel	Leuvehaven 77 3011 EA Rotterdam	€ 179	10 minutes	<a href="https://www.mainporthotel.com/icao/">https://www.mainporthotel.com/icao/</a>  (one and the same link for Inntel and Mainport hotel)
Nhow	Wilhelminakade 137 3072 AP Rotterdam	€ 159	15 minutes	<a href="https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/icao">https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/icao</a>