



EIGHT MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO ACCOBAMS
THE HILTON MALTA
St Julian's, Malta
29th November - 2nd December 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF MALTA

Malta is an island country located in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, approximately 90 km south of the island of Sicily (Italy) and approximately 290 km north of the African Continent. The Maltese Archipelago consists of a number of islands, the three main ones being Malta, Gozo (Għawdex) and Comino (Kemmuna). It has a population of about 516,000 over a surface area of 316 km², which makes Malta the world's tenth-smallest country in area and the fourth most densely populated sovereign country. Its capital city is Valletta, which is the smallest national capital by area and population in the European Union, with Malta having become a Member State in 2004.

ACCESS TO MALTA

Malta can be reached by plane, with the only airport in Malta being the Malta International Airport (MLA): <https://www.maltairport.com/>.

TIME ZONE

Central European Time: GMT +2 hours

Time Zone Abbreviation CET - Central European Time

WEATHER

In November and December, the average temperature in Malta varies from 22° during the day to 11°C at night. For more information: <https://www.maltairport.com/weather/>.

PASSPORT CONTROL AND VISAS

Upon arriving in Malta, one may be subject to passport control depending on the country of origin.

For more information, reference is made to the following:

- <https://www.maltairport.com/passenger/security-passport-control/passport-control/#schengen>
- <https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/#Schengen-Visa>

Regarding Visa requirements, reference is made to the following:

- <https://www.identitymalta.com/visa-application/>
- <https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/>

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Participants are advised to obtain a private insurance against possible loss, accidents, or damages occurring during their stay. The Government of the Republic of Malta cannot be held responsible.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Malta operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. The Type G (three-pin rectangular) plug system is used, similar to the UK. Travel adapters can be used, and they are easy to find.



OFFICIAL LANGUAGE & CURRENCY

The official languages in Malta are Maltese and English, although a number of the current Maltese population is at least conversational in the Italian language.

The official currency of Malta is the EURO (€). Information on exchange rates can be found here: <https://www.centralbankmalta.org/exchange-rates>.

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards which are most commonly accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops are Visa, American Express and Mastercard.

SECRETARIAT CONTACTS

During travelling, if you experience any kind of trouble, please contact:

- Mrs. Camille Montiglio: 00 33 6 07 93 60 43
- Mrs. Susana Salvador: 00 33 6 07 93 27 18

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

The emergency number in Malta to reach medical, fire and police emergency services is **112**.

This Pan-European emergency number 112 can be called from any telephone (landline, pay phone or mobile cellular phone even without a SIM card). Calls are free. It can be used for any life-threatening situation, including:

- serious medical problems (accident, unconscious person, severe injuries, chest pain, seizure);
- any type of fire (house, car);
- life-threatening situations (crimes).

This number should be reserved for emergency cases only. Once through to an operator, the caller should provide their telephone number, address and the location where help is needed, as well as any details about the emergency and the number of people involved.

MEETING VENUE



The Hilton Malta

Vjal Portomaso, St Julian's

PTM 01, Malta

Tel: +356 2138 3383

info.malta@hilton.com

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mlahitw-hilton-malta/>

Virtual Tour: https://www.maltastreetwalkinto.in/tour/Wk-7fbfM0XZJeZ7zZzfRX/Hilton_Malta

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be available for the Meeting in the following languages: French, English.

DOCUMENTS

All Meeting Documents will be available on the ACCOBAMS MOP8 dedicated webpage: www.accobams.org

OTHER INFORMATION

- The hotel location is St Julian's in English, which is referred to as *San Ġiljan* in Maltese.
- The plenary sessions shall be held in Portomaso Suite on Level 3. The other meeting rooms will be on Level 2, just above the Portomaso Suite. There will be signs indicating the location of the registration desk and meeting rooms.
- Free WIFI access is available everywhere in the Hotel.
- Malta is kindly offering lunch to all participants between the 29th November and 2nd December. The Maltese Government will kindly host a gala dinner on Tuesday 29th November, evening. Dress code for the gala dinner is business casual, and further information will be provided meanwhile. A cultural tour will be organised on Friday 2nd December (morning), and more information will be provided in due course.

REGISTRATION OF THE DELEGATES

Delegates are kindly invited to register themselves as soon as they arrive at the Meeting venue.

The registration desk is located next to the plenary meeting room, and will be available as follows:

Monday 28 th November:	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm (registration)
Tuesday 29 th November:	8.00 am - 9.00 am (registration)

Should you require any assistance during your stay please contact the Secretariat.

BADGES

Badges will be issued to delegates upon registration. For security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badge at all times during MOP8 sessions and during organised events and activities planned to take place outside of the main venue.

TRANSPORTATION IN MALTA

The main options to travel in Malta are by bus or car/taxi. There are no train and metro services in Malta.

TAXI

The white taxi service can pick up passengers from anywhere, except bus stops. Taxi services from Malta International Airport to all localities in Malta are based on a fixed tariff. A taxi from Malta International Airport to The Hilton Malta (St. Julian's) will cost approximately €20.

Participants may wish to download the official taxi Service application in Malta: <https://www.maltataxi.mt/>.

HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICES

Participants may prefer a shuttle service from The Hilton Malta, which can be done by contacting the hotel's concierge directly mlahi_concierge@hilton.com.

For more information: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mlahitw-hilton-malta/hotel-location/>.

BUS

TICKETS AND FARES

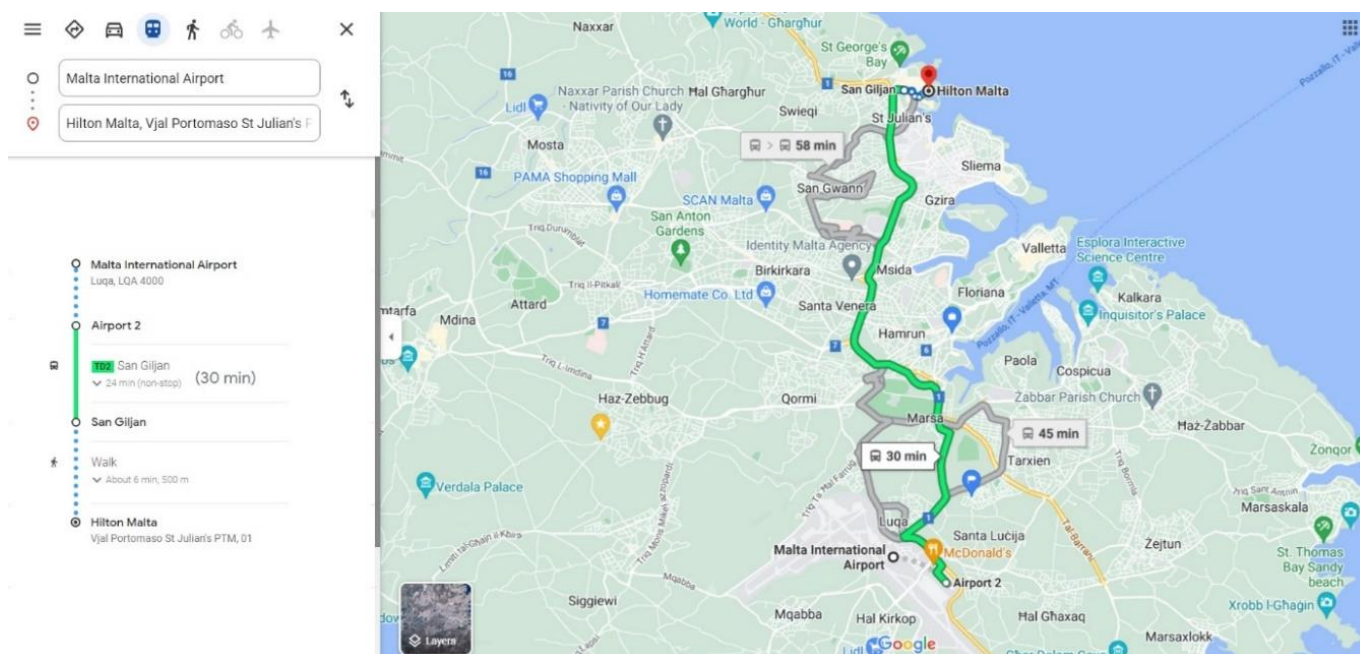
Single Journey tickets (€1.50) can be purchased from the Bus Driver on the bus to get to any destination. These are valid for a two hours duration, including interchanging.

For more information, please consult:

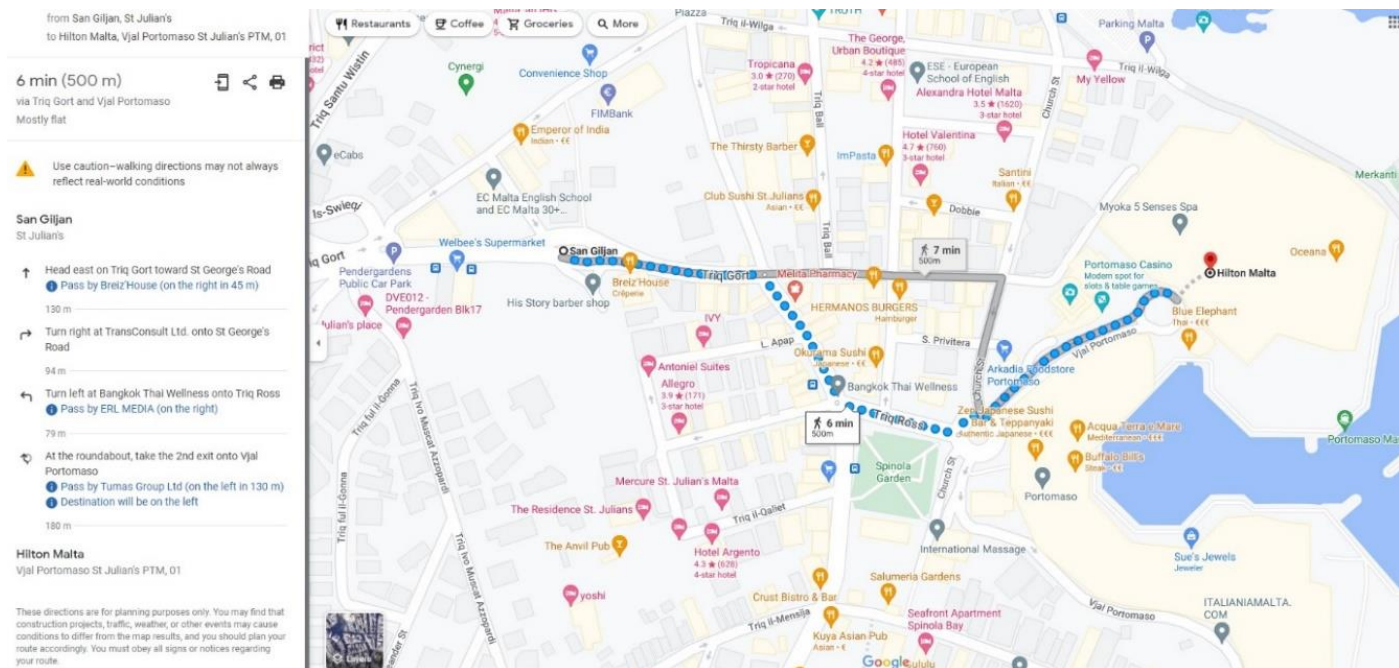
- <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/tickets-and-fares>
- <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/bus-card-and-ticketing>

➤ **Bus from airport to ACCOBAMS MOP8 venue**

Route TD2 (direction: 'San Ġiljan') can be used by participants arriving at Malta International Airport. The destination is 'San Ġiljan' Bus Stop. The journey time is approximately 30 minutes.



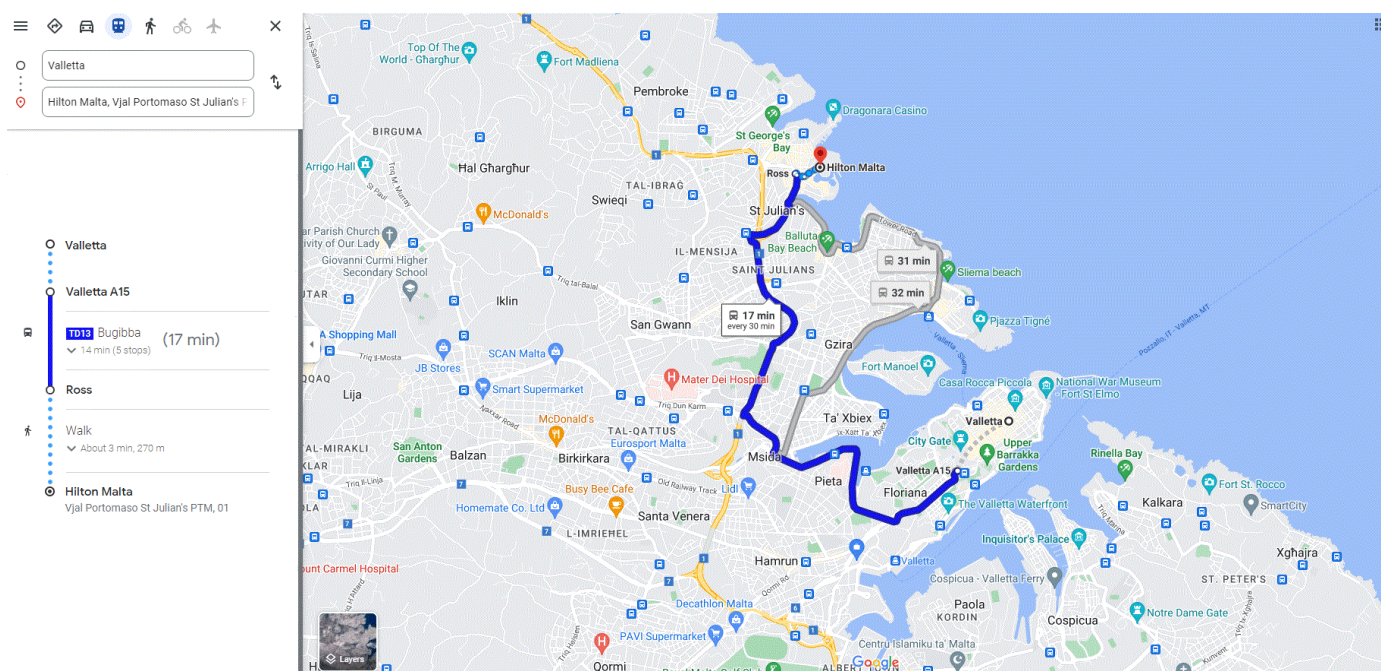
Once at 'San Ġiljan' Bus Stop, on foot head east on Triq Gort towards St George's Road and turn right. Continue walking along St George's Road towards Triq Ross and turn left. Once you reach the roundabout at the end of Triq Ross, take the second exit onto Vjal Portomaso and you will reach your destination.



For more information: <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/>

➤ Bus from Valletta to ACCOBAMS MOP8 venue

Route TD13 (direction: *'Buġibba'*) can be used by Participants catching the bus from Valletta Bus Terminus (Bus Bay A15). The destination is *'Ross'* Bus Stop in St Julian's. The journey time is approximately 17 minutes.



ACCOMODATION IN MALTA

The information below is for Participants NOT financially supported by ACCOBAMS.

Accommodation is to be arranged by the Participants themselves.

A batch of 25 rooms with a preferential rate is available at The Hilton Malta until 31st October 2022, as follows:

- Room rate for a single room (including breakfast and taxes): €135 per room per night
- Room rate for a twin/double room (including breakfast and taxes): €160 per room per night

Booking at The Hilton Malta can be done through the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MLAHITW&groupCode=GACCA&arrivaldate=2022-11-28&departuredate=2022-12-02&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

The period of November is very much on demand in terms of accommodation. It is therefore recommended to book accommodation well in advance. Various hotels are available at St Julian's, some of which within walking distances to the meeting venue.