

**PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS FOR THE
EUR-OCEANS HOT TOPICS CONFERENCE – A CHANGING OCEAN**
Wednesday 06 (starting at 09:00) to Friday 08 February 2013 (ending at 13:00)
[www.eur-oceans.eu/hot_topics_conf
conference2013@eur-oceans.eu](http://www.eur-oceans.eu/hot_topics_conf_conference2013@eur-oceans.eu)

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VENUE AND CONTACTS

Host & venue:

PLATAFORMA OCEANICA DE CANARIAS (PLOCAN)
Ctra. de Taliarte, s/n .
35200 Telde, Gran Canaria, Spain
website: www.plocan.eu/en
map: <http://bit.ly/YGjnMb>

Contact information:

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- Email: conference2013@eur-oceans.eu



INVITED SPEAKERS, CHAIRS & OTHER INVITEES

Please refer to the instructions contained in the invitation message that you have or will receive. In short, EUR-OCEANS will cover your participation through PLOCAN and/or IRD. We will book rooms for you at **Hotel Reina Isabel** (see hotel list below). We offer you two coverage options:

1. **Option 1** (Simplest & fastest; allowing us to cover airplane tickets, hotel rooms, as well as lunches and dinners during the conference) — Hotel booking at Hotel Reina Isabel and purchase of airplane tickets must be arranged through PLOCAN; preferred itinerary and dates of stay must be communicated at your earliest convenience.
2. **Option 2** (Implying a cumbersome procedure; but allowing us to also cover other possible expenses) — This option should be used: in case you prefer us to also cover expenses such as local transport, parking, stopovers; in case you prefer to purchase your flight yourself; or in case you prefer to stay in another hotel. We will need in such cases to rely on IRD for purchases and reimbursements. This option implies paperwork (travel form; letter from your organization certifying it will not cover expenses; official single bank document showing bank and bank address / bank owner name / bank account information – this is not readily available in some countries and might imply ad hoc document production, or the use of a bank statement...–, bills and boarding cards). IRD will purchase the flight tickets following your instructions (reimbursement of tickets purchased personally is possible under some conditions). Reimbursement delays (beyond our control) might be long at this time of the year.

If Option 1 is acceptable to you (e.g. if your organisation can cover remaining expenses), we encourage you to choose it; it will spare your time and ours. Whatever the chosen option,

please contact conference2013@eur-oceans.eu at your earliest convenience sending itinerary information so we can book your hotel and purchase your flight.

FLYING TO GRAN CANARIA

Airport: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (LPA) -

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Gran-Canaria/en/Gran-Canaria.html>

List of companies that operate at LPA:

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Gran-Canaria/en/Page/1048858940244/>

There are direct flights (approx. 3 to 4.5 hour long) connecting several European cities to LPA. Please see list at:

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Gran-Canaria/en/Page/1056634680346/>

Count approximately a 6-hour travel time or more with a connecting flight.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

FROM AIRPORT TO LAS PALMAS HOTELS

Bus route 60 connects the airport to Las Palmas:

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Gran-Canaria/en/Page/1237554499845/>

Tickets can be purchased onboard. In Las Palmas:

- Stop at **Santa Catalina Park** for Hotel Reina Isabel, Hotel Cristina, Hotel Cantur and apartment
- Stop at **San Telmo** for Hotel Parque and Hotel Santa Catalina

There is a **taxi station** outside the airport. A ride from the airport to the hotel area costs 35-40 € approximately. Taxi information on the airport website:

<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Gran-Canaria/en/Page/1237554499856//Taxi.html>

FROM HOTELS TO PLOCAN AND BACK

Buses will be rented for the conference. They will pick up conference participants 45 minutes before registration opens on Day 1 (6 Nov.) and 30 minutes before the conference starts on subsequent days.

If you miss these buses, you can use a taxi (25-30 € from the hotel area to PLOCAN).

Alternatively, you can use one of the following buses from Las Palmas to Melenara, then take a taxi (just beside the bus stop) to PLOCAN (total cost \approx 6 €).

[Line 1 \(LAS PALMAS - PUERTO DE MOGAN\)](#) from LAS PALMAS (SAN TELMO) to CRUCE DE MELENARA

[Line 4 \(LAS PALMAS - EL TABLERO\)](#) from LAS PALMAS (SAN TELMO) to CRUCE DE MELENARA

[Line 5 \(LAS PALMAS - FARO \(NOCTURNO\)\)](#) from LAS PALMAS (SAN TELMO) to CRUCE DE MELENARA

[Line 15 \(LAS PALMAS - REMUDAS - LAS PALMAS\)](#) from LAS PALMAS (SANTA CATALINA) to CRUCE DE MELENARA

FROM AIRPORT TO PLOCAN

There is a **taxi station** outside the airport. A ride from the airport to PLOCAN will cost 12-15 € approximately.

ACCOMODATION







Invited speakers, chairs and other invitees: Please read the specific section above that concerns you (and make arrangements through conference2013@eur-oceans.eu).

Participants who have applied for financial support: Please wait for funding decisions (by 24 July) to make arrangements.

Other participants: Please make early travel and stay arrangements (Gran Canaria is a popular touristic destination).

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

PLOCAN recommends the following hotels, with which preferential rates have been negotiated. Please mention the booking reference indicated for each hotel (or “PLOCAN” when no reference is indicated) to benefit from these rates.

<p><u>Hotel Santa Catalina</u> (Cat.5*)</p>		<p>ROOM RATES/night</p> <p>112.00€Double (single use) Std. 129.00€Double Std 130.00€Double (single use) Sup 147.00€Double Sup 192.00€Junior Suite (1-2 pax) Free Services included: Wifi, Spa & Fitness Center, Safety box, Shuttle bus to Las Canteras beach, Parking and Buffet Breakfast from 5.00 am to 11.00 am (7% TAX not included) Información extendida Hotel Santa Catalina 2012.pdf</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>HOTEL SANTA CATALINA (5*) c/ Leon y Castillo, 227 35005 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Gran Canaria. Canary Islands. Spain. Phone: +34 928 295445 o +34 928 24 30 40 Mail: reservas@hotelsantacatalina.com Contact: Mrs Patricia Rodríguez Booking Ref: PLOCAN</p>
<p><u>Hotel Cristina</u> (Cat. 5*)</p>		<p>ROOM RATES/night:</p> <p>116.00€Double City view 100.00 €Double (single use) City view 138.00€Double Sea view 122.00€Double (single use)Sea view</p> <p>Breakfast included (7% TAX not included)</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>HOTEL CRISTINA (5*) c/ Gomera, 6 35008 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Gran Canaria. Canary Islands. Spain. Phone: +34 928 274 095 Fax : +34 928 268411 Mail: reservas@hotelcristinalaspalmas.com Contact: Booking Ref: 2013-0126</p>
<p><u>Hotel Reina Isabel</u> (Cat.4*)</p>		<p>ROOM RATES/night:</p> <p>76.00€Single City view 98.25€Single Sea view 108.00€Double City view 152.50 €Double Sea view</p> <p>Breakfast and tax included Less than 3 nights 10% extra charge</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>HOTEL REINA ISABEL(4*) c/ Alfredo L. Jones, 40 35008 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Gran Canaria. Canary Islands. Spain. Phone: +34 928 260110 Mail: mcabrera@bullhotels.com Contact: Mrs M Carmen Cabrera</p>
<p><u>Hotel Cantur</u> (Cat.4*)</p>		<p>ROOM RATES/night:</p> <p>75.00€Double (single use) 80.00€Double</p> <p>Breakfast included (7% TAX included)</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>HOTEL CANTUR(4*) c/ Sagasta, 28 35008 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Gran Canaria. Canary Islands. Spain. Phone: +34 928 273000 Mail: direccion@hotelcantur.com Contact: Mrs.Esther Echeave Vega</p>
<p><u>Hotel Parque</u> (Cat.4*)</p>		<p>ROOM RATES/night:</p> <p>59.00€Double (single use) 64.00€Double 71.00€Double Sup 88.00€Trp</p> <p>Buffet Breakfast included (7% TAX included)</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>HOTEL PARQUE(4*) c/ Muelle Las Palmas, 2 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Gran Canaria. Canary Islands. Spain. Phone: +34 928 368000 Mail: reservas@hparque.com Contact: Mrs. Joana López</p>
<p><u>Apartaments Colón Playa</u></p>		<p>Check availability & rates online</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS:</p> <p>APARTAMENTS COLON PLAYA C/ Alfredo L. Jones, 45 35007 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Phone: +34 928 265 954 Fax: +34 928 265 958 Mail: reservas@colonplaya.com Web:www.colonplaya.com</p>

OTHER HOTELS

If you book a room in another hotel than those indicated, please keep in mind that buses will leave for the conference from (1) *C/ Eduardo Benot*, 3-5 in front of *AC Gran Canaria Hotel*, and from (2) *San Telmo Park* (see situation maps at the end of this document).

MEALS

- **Lunches** and **coffee breaks** will be offered at PLOCAN on Nov. 6th, 7th and 8th.
- Group **dinners** in local restaurants of Las Palmas will be offered on Nov. 6th and 7th.
- **Please indicate in your registration form which lunches and dinners you will be able to attend.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

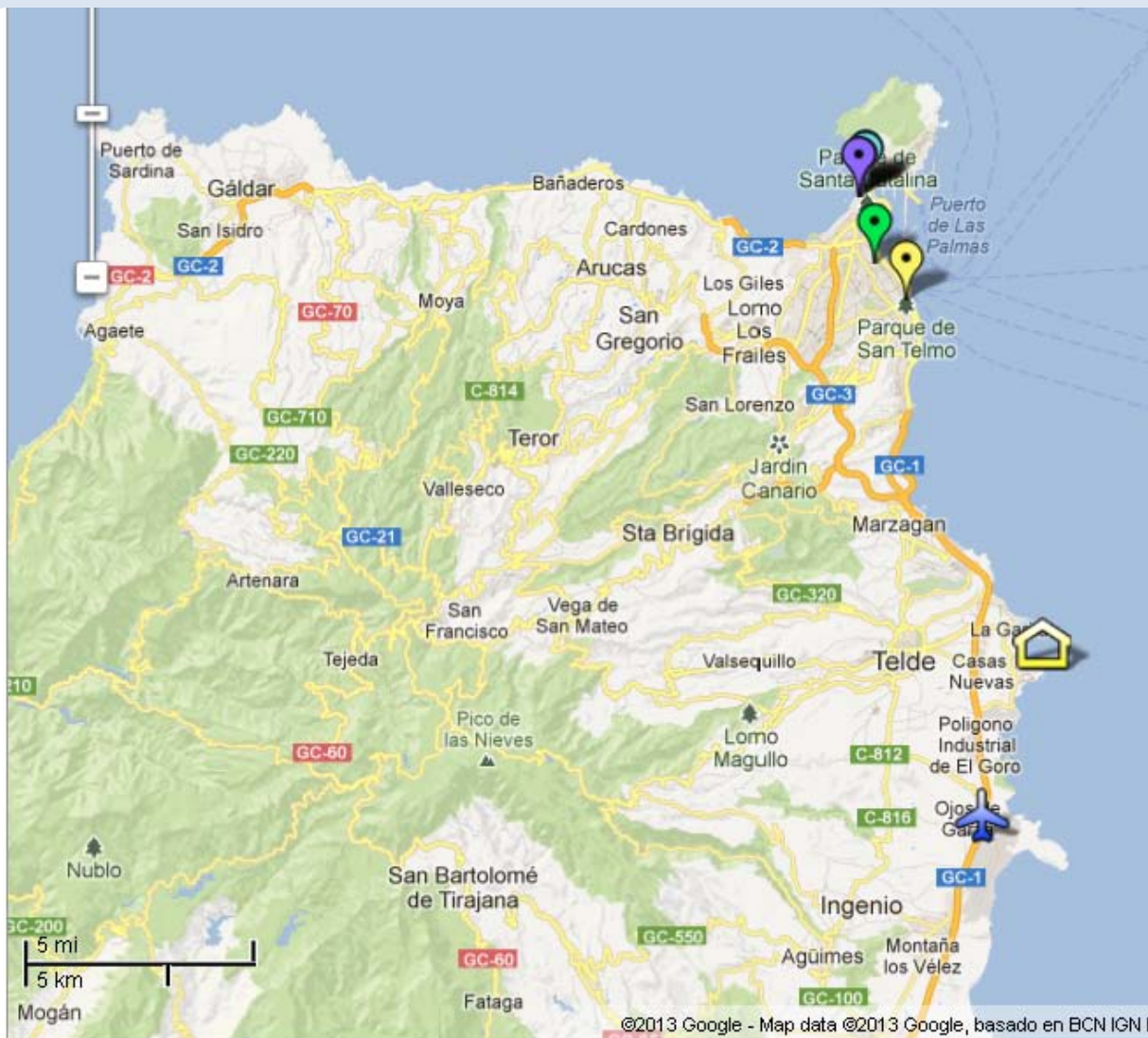
Conference registration is free. We kindly ask you (1) to register as soon as possible and before the deadline using the online registration form which is accessible from the [conference webpage](#); (2) to inform conference2013@eur-oceans.eu in case you would subsequently have to cancel your participation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Gran Canaria Tourist board:** http://www.grancanaria.com/patronato_turismo/283.0.html
- **Island tour:** Depending on the interest expressed in the registration forms, a short touristic tour (half-day or full-day) might be organized. Information will follow at a later stage.

SITUATION MAPS

GENERAL (AIRPORT, VENUE, HOTELS) - [HTTP://GOO.GL/MAPS/ISKWA](http://goo.gl/maps/ISKWA)



-  Sercotel Hotel Cristina Las Palmas
-  Best Western Plus Hotel Cantur
-  Reina Isabel
-  Colon Playa
-  Hotel Santa Catalina
-  Hotel Parque
-  Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands
Conference venue
-  Aeropuerto de Gran Canaria
Airport

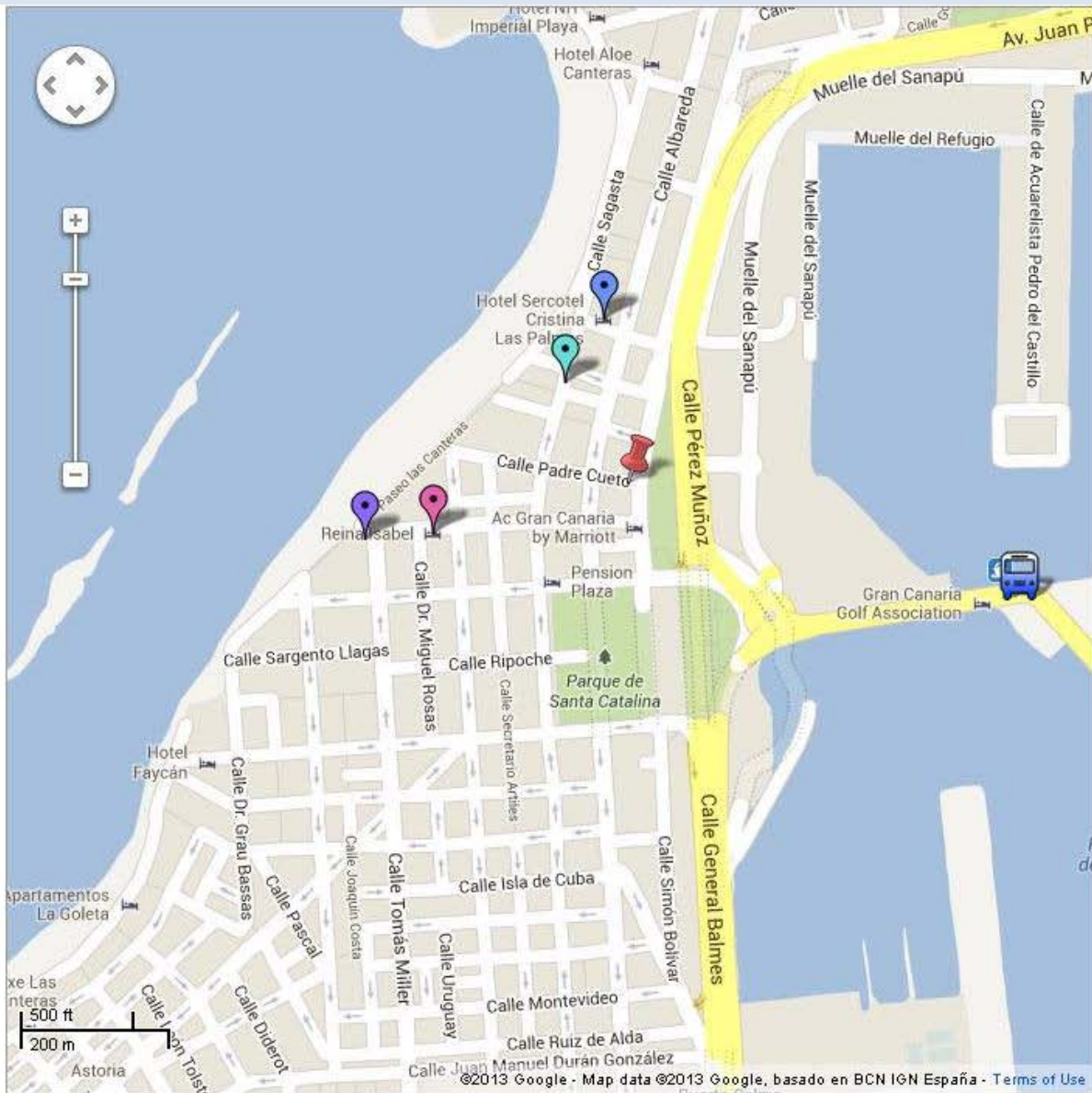
HOTELS, ALL – [HTTP://GOO.GL/MAPS/KQXQI](http://goo.gl/maps/kqxqi)



Hotels, all - EOC hot topics conference

-  Sercotel Hotel Cristina Las Palmas
-  Best Western Plus Hotel Cantur
-  Reina Isabel
-  Colon Playa
-  Hotel Santa Catalina
-  Hotel Parque
-  Bus to conference - Calle Eduardo Benot, 5
35007 Las Palmas, Spain
-  Bus to conference - San Telmo Park
-  Bus station - Santa Catalina
Salcai - Utinsa Muelle Santa Catalina - +34 928 26 02 66
-  Bus station - San Telmo

HOTELS IN LAS CANTERAS AREA – [HTTP://GOO.GL/MAPS/RQOEY](http://goo.gl/maps/RQOEY)



Hotels, Las Canteras area - EOC hot topics conference

-  Sercotel Hotel Cristina Las Palmas
-  Best Western Plus Hotel Cantur
-  Reina Isabel
-  Colon Playa
-  Bus to conference - Calle Eduardo Benot, 3-5
-  Bus station - Santa Catalina