



GENEVA GROUP INTERNATIONAL

**Geneva Group International European Conference
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To all participants

In order to get well prepared for your journey to Madrid, Spain, you can already find following some general and useful information for your stay:

∇ **Arrivals and departures**

Hotel InterContinental Madrid is located in the heart of the city. It is approximately 20 minutes by car from the city's airport, Barajas Airport.

Barajas Airport – Madrid (MAD)

Distance: 11 km to the hotel

Taxi Charge (one way): approximately 20.00 EUR

Time by taxi: approximately 20 minutes

We recommend you to take a taxi for your travel needs. Please find herewith a link to an essential guide to Madrid taxi services:

<http://www.madrid-tourist-guide.com/en/transport/madrid-taxi-service.html>

Train

Station name: Chamartin Renfe Train Station

Distance: 3 km

Time by train: 15 minutes

Taxi fee from train station: approximately 8.00 EUR

Subway

Subway name: Gregorio Marañon

Distance from the station to hotel: 0.1 km

∇ **Bar**

We will enjoy our evenings (after dinner) in "Bar 49" which borrows its name from the hotel's famous street address. Specialty cocktails, local wines and a fine selection of cigars are served amid the bar's chic environs. If you need a cocktail suggestion, you might try the "Rossini", made with champagne and smashed strawberries. The bar is located at the main lobby.

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∇ **Charity**

For the Gala Dinner we have organized a raffle. The proceeds will be donated to the registered charity project of the LUCAS KOCH foundation. It supports families with disabled children. Donations can be accepted only in cash.

∇ **Check in / Check out**

Check in time is 15:00 hrs. Check out time is 12:00 hrs.

∇ **Currency**

The official currency is the EUR (EUR).

Monetary unit: 1 Euro = 100 cents

1.00 Euro = 1.33 USD 1.00 USD = 0.74 EUR
(Source: UBS AG, 08 April 2010)

Credit cards are accepted widely at most locations. You can get cash from ATM machines or banks. Banks open early in the morning, around 08:30 hrs, but close for the day at 14:00 hrs. Some branches open on Thursday evening (e.g. Caja Madrid) or Saturday morning. Each bank normally has a small plaque outside its offices indicating any special opening hours.
(Source: <http://www.gomadrid.com>)

∇ **Dates and places**

Official program starts on Thursday, 22 April with the welcome reception and ends with Gala dinner on Saturday night, 24 April 2010. Practice Group Meetings (optional), except International Taxation, will take place on Friday afternoon according to the program.

Conference Hotel

Hotel InterContinental Madrid
Paseo de la Castellana 49
28046 Madrid, Spain

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/overview/madrid>

Phone: +34 91 700 73 00

Fax: +34 91 319 58 53

Main Conference Room:

Room Albeniz (for details refer to the delegate program)

Welcome Reception will be in the lobby of the **Hotel InterContinental** on Thursday, 22 April 2010, from 19:30 hrs. The **welcome dinner** will follow the welcome reception starting at 20:30 hrs in the **Hotel InterContinental**, Room Albeniz.

Dinner outside on Friday, 23 April 2010

Restaurant "Corral de la Pachea"
C/ Juan Ramón Jiménez, 26
28036 Madrid
Phone: +34 91 353 01 00

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Gala dinner on Saturday, 24 April 2010

Casino de Madrid
Calle de Alcalá, 15
28014 Madrid
Phone: +34 91 521 87 00

Please note a dress code of **jacket and tie is mandatory for men** for the Gala dinner. Access will be denied to anyone who does not respect this requirement.

∇ **Event Agency**

For sightseeing options prior to and/or after the conference, please contact our local event agency, Creatur Madrid, who is pleased to provide you with a wide variety of programs during your stay in Madrid.

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Avda. de la Victoria, 134, 2º
28023 Madrid
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lmendez@creatur.com / <http://www.creatur.com>

∇ **Electricity**

The voltage is 220 Volts (V), 50 Hertz (Hz) AC. Please be advised to bring a power converter and an adapter - Spain uses the standard European two-pin plug and socket. You will require a voltage converter if you are carrying a device that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hz.

∇ **Golf**

The round of Golf will take place on **Thursday, 22 April 2010**, at the "Club of Golf La Herrería" (http://www.golflaherreria.com/web_ingles/frameset2.php).

Meeting point will be at 08:20 hrs in the hotel lobby for **departure at 08:30 hrs sharp**.

∇ **Hospitality Desk**

In the lobby corridor of the Hotel InterContinental Madrid – please ensure to **sign up** for the **workshop and practice group meeting(s) of your choice** upon check in at the hospitality desk, if you have not yet registered!

Here you also can check which Saturday afternoon sightseeing tour you have registered for.

∇ **Internet Access**

We have arranged for you complimentary Wifi in the hotel from 22 – 25 April 2010:
User name: ggi / Password: ggi

∇ **Meeting point**

For all transfers and excursions meeting point will be the lobby of the hotel.

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∇ **Parking**

The hotel offers as well a parking area. The rate is 30.00 EUR per day. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations.

∇ **Practice Group Meetings**

On Friday afternoon most of the practice group meetings will take place, directly organized by the practice group chairperson. If you have contributions for the agenda you still have time to contact the chairperson of the group concerned!

Thursday, 14:30 – 18:00 hrs:

§ **International Taxation**

Oliver Biernat, o.biernat@benefitax.de
Room Madrid

Friday, 14:00 – 17:30 hrs:

§ **Auditing**

Dr. Thomas Geiger, t.geiger@munkert-kugler.de
Room Segovia

§ **Enhanced Business Opportunities**

Elisabeth Heller, e.heller@hellerconsult.com
Room Escorial Norte

§ **Restructuring & Insolvency ***

Dr. Attila Kovács, kovacs.attila@krs.hu
Room Albeniz

§ **Cross Border Debt Collection ***

Johan F. Langelaar, langelaar@tklaw.nl
Room Albeniz

** Please note the Practice Groups Restructuring & Insolvency and Cross Border Debt Collection will have separate meetings for the first hour and then they join forces in one meeting room.*

§ **International Executive & Immigration Services**

Ionut Catalin Zeche, izeche@mirus-group.eu
Room Zarzuela

§ **IT & IP**

Dr. Bernd Tremml, btremml@law-wt.de
Dr. Michael Karger, mkarger@law-wt.de
Room Toledo

§ **M&A – International Taxation, Joint Meeting**

Marco G. Walser, marco.walser@walserpartner.ch
Oliver Biernat, o.biernat@benefitax.de
Room Escorial Centro

§ **Real Estate**

Dr. Reinhard Nacke, nacke@fps-law.de
Room Escorial Sur

§ **Task force: financial crisis**

Claudio Cocca, cocca@ggi.com
Room Madrid

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∇ **Shopping**

Like any modern metropolis, Madrid has several shopping centres or malls to choose from, dotted about the city. But Madrid is also a historical city, and small family-run shops selling traditional goods are still to be seen. Most shops open between 09:30 hrs and 13:30 hrs in the morning and 17:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs in the afternoon on weekdays.

On Saturday opening hours are restricted to the morning shift and Sunday is literally the day of rest. Larger establishments, department stores and supermarkets will stay open all day, Saturday included. In the centre of the city, closer to the more popular tourist areas, you can find small food or souvenir shops open all day, every day, even on holidays and Sundays.

∇ **Time**

The Spanish time is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT); GMT +1.

∇ **Weather**

We suggest you to check the weather forecast some days prior the conference on the following link:

<http://www.accuweather.com/world-index-forecast.asp?partner=netweather&traveler=0&loccode=EUR|ES|SP013|Madrid>

If you have any dietary requirements or special requests (e.g. vegetarian meals, food allergies), please let us know as soon as possible. We want your stay in Madrid to be a memorable experience.

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