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**MEETING OF EQUALITY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS OF EU MEMBER STATES
PARLIAMENTS AND OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

Madrid, 29 April 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting venue

Senate
Sala Europa
Access through 3, Bailén St.
Madrid
Web: <http://www.senado.es>

Meeting secretariat

For any information regarding this meeting please write to the following address:

equality@cortesgenerales.es

or call: +34 91 538.13.06

Hotels

Hotel OCCIDENTAL MIGUEL ÁNGEL

Calle Miguel Ángel, 29-31
Madrid
Tel.: + 34 91 442 02 22
www.miguelangelhotel.com

Hotel HESPERIA MADRID

Paseo de la Castellana, 57
Madrid
Tel.: +34 91 210 88 00
www.hesperia-madrid.es

Hotel HESPERIA EMPERATRIZ

Calle López de Hoyos, 4
Madrid
Tel.: +34 91 563 80 88
www.hesperia-emperatriz.es

Hotel NH ABASCAL

Calle José Abascal, 47
Madrid
Tel.: +34 91 441 00 15
www.nh-hoteles.es

For hotel bookings, please use the form available on www.cortesgenerales.es

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The deadline for hotel bookings is **5 April**.

Transportation

Each delegation is kindly requested to organise its own transport to and from the airport (see Public Transport below).

Busses will be provided for transfers between the session hotels and the Senate, the cultural tour and the official dinner.

Busses shall depart from the various hotels at the following times:

Thursday 29 April

Hotel NH ABASCAL	08:15
Hotel OCCIDENTAL MIGUEL ANGEL	08:30

Hotel HESPERIA EMPERATRIZ	08:15
Hotel HESPERIA MADRID	08:30

Departure by bus for the cultural tour (Alcalá de Henares)

Hotel NH ABASCAL	19:15
Hotel OCCIDENTAL MIGUEL ANGEL	19:30

Hotel HESPERIA EMPERATRIZ	19:15
Hotel HESPERIA MADRID	19:30

Accreditations

All participants in the meeting shall be provided with an accreditation badge. It may be picked up on 28 April at the welcome desks in operation at session hotels between 15:00 and 23:00 (Hotel Occidental Miguel Ángel, Hotel Hesperia Madrid, Hotel Hesperia Emperatriz and Hotel NH Abascal), or on 29 April at the Senate (Bailén St. access).

Committee Chairs:	blue cord
Staff:	yellow cord
Interpreters:	green cord
Organisation:	burgundy cord

Participants must wear their accreditation badge at all times during the meeting and all social events.



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Interpretation

Working languages for the meeting are English, French and Spanish. Those delegations wishing to provide their own interpreters are kindly requested to point it out in their registration form so that a booth may be provided. Since the number of booths is limited, they shall be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

Registration

Please register online using the form available at the following address:

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All session documents shall be posted on this website.

Meeting rooms

A room equipped with computers, a photocopier, fax machine and telephone shall be open to participants.

All computers will have internet access and a wi-fi connection will also be made available.

Coffee service

An ongoing coffee service shall be provided throughout the meeting.

Cloakroom

Space in the cloakroom is limited. Delegations are kindly requested to leave their luggage at their hotels.

Non-smoking policy

Smoking is strictly prohibited throughout the Senate building.

Addresses:

Luncheon: Senate

Cultural visit: CASITA DEL PRÍNCIPE DE EL PARDO
Paseo del Pardo, s/n
28048 – El Pardo
(Madrid)

Dinner: RESTAURANTE EL TORREÓN
Carretera del Cristo de El Pardo, s/n
28048 – El Pardo (Madrid)



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Practical information:

Currency

Spain uses the Euro

For exchange rates: <http://www.ecb.int/stats/exchange/eurofxref/html/index.en.html>

Currency may be exchanged at the airport.

There is a Santander Bank branch at the Senate, open from 09.00 to 14.30 and 16.00 to 18.30 Monday to Friday.

There are also a number of bank branches along Gran Vía (Caja Madrid, Santander, BBVA).

Travel Agency:

There is a travel agency operated by Viajes El Corte Inglés at the Senate, open from 09.00 to 14.30 and 16.00 to 18.30 Monday to Thursday and 08.30 to 15.30 on Fridays.

Chemists

The 24-hour chemist's closest to the Senate is on Puerta del Sol, a 15-minute walk away.

Emergency phone number

Emergencies 112

Weather

For updated weather forecasts please see:

<http://www.aemet.es/es/el tiempo/prediccion/localidades?!=28001>

Tourist information

- www.munimadrid.es



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Public Transport

Taxis

A taxi from Terminal 4 to the Senate, costs approximately € 35, and slightly less from Terminal 2, depending on the traffic.

Taxis in Madrid are white with a diagonal red band on their front door bearing the emblem of the city. They have a green light that is on when they are free.

There are also several taxi ranks around the city, indicated by a blue sign with a white letter 'T'. At railway and bus stations and at the airport taxis must be taken from the corresponding ranks. Throughout the rest of the city they can easily be stopped in the street. Journeys are usually paid for in cash, though more and more taxis accept credit cards.

The following supplements apply:

- Departure from train or bus stations:** € 2,95 (does not include departures from Colon Square – Airport line)
- Trips to or from Barajas airport:** 5,50 €

Radio Taxis

There are several private companies that can be called to order a taxi. You should bear in mind that in these cases the taxi meter starts running at the point where the taxi driver is when (s)he picks up the call.

Radio taxi +34 91 447 32 32
Teletaxi +34 91 371 21 31

Metro

http://www.esmadrid.com/recursos/doc/es/Siempre/Guia/2095094756_26320098579.pdf

There is a Metro connection between the airport and Madrid (Nuevos Ministerios station). The ticket costs € 1 with a € 1 supplement for trips to and from the airport.

The Metro stations closest to the Senate are: **Plaza de España, Santo Domingo and Ópera.**

Buses

Bus line 200 runs between Barajas airport (T1, T2, T3) and Avenida de América. Line 204 runs between T4 and Avenida de América, at the price of a standard bus ticket (€ 1).



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At Avenida de América you can take the Metro to any of the stations above or catch a taxi.