

**Information on the
13th Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch
(WPEB13) 4 - 8 September 2017
and the
15th Working Party on Billfish
(WPB15) 10 - 14 September 2017
San Sebastian, Spain**

1. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The 13th Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB13) and 15th Working Party on Billfish (WPB15) will meet from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

The venue for both meetings will be

Name: AZTI Pasaia
Address: Herrera Kaia, Portualde z/g, 20110 Pasaia (Gipuzkoa)
Tel: +34 94 657 40 00
Web: www.azti.es; <http://www.azti.es/es/el-centro-tecnologico/localizacion-de-sedes/>

<https://www.google.es/maps/place/AZTI/@43.321763,-1.9600062,13z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0xd4e3c1ff4f66297:0x5099a5ebbb7987f9!8m2!3d43.321763!4d-1.931548>



2. CONTACTS

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The contact in Spain for these meetings is:

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3. REGISTRATION

Please pre-register online at:

<http://iotc.org/meetings/13th-working-party-ecosystems-and-bycatch-wpeb13>
<http://iotc.org/meetings/15th-working-party-billfish-wpb15>

4. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION

Participants are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

Nearest airports:

- **San Sebastian airport (Spain) (22 km)**
Operating Iberia, Air Nostrum and Vueling (only to and from Madrid and Barcelona)
Taxi to San Sebastian 30€ approx. Bus stop in front of the airport. Buses run every 30 min and take another 30 min to San Sebastian.
- **Biarritz airport (France) (49 km)**
Operating Ryanair, Air France, Hop!, Flybe, EasyJet, Finnair, etc., to many destinations
Taxi to San Sebastian 75€ approx. No bus to San Sebastian.
- **Bilbao Loiu airport (Spain) (103 km)**
Main Airlines: Iberia, British, Aer Lingus, Air Berlin, Air France, Alitalia, Brussels Airlines, KLM, Lufthansa, EasyJet, Norwegian, TAP, Turkish Airlines, etc., flying to main destinations all around Europe.
Taxi 120 € approx.
Bus every hour. Bus stop just outside arrival terminal of the airport (on the right). The journey to San Sebastian takes 1 hour: www.pesa.net

Information on possible accommodation in San Sebastian is provided below.

Hotel MONTE ULIA (Donostia – San Sebastian)

Booking.com single room rate: +/- 110 €

Distance to AZTI: 3.5 Km.

How to arrive: *BUS LINE E09 every 15 minutes + 15 minutes journey + 5 minutes walking*

Hotel ARRIZUL CENTER (Donostia – San Sebastian)

Booking.com single room rate: +/- 170 €

Distance to AZTI: 5 Km.

How to arrive: *BUS LINE E09 every 15 minutes + 15 minutes journey + 10 minutes walking*

TIMETABLE-> <http://ekialdebus.eus/es/e09-pasaisanpedro-donostia/>

BUS STOP LOCATIONS -> <http://ekialdebus.eus/es/e09-pasaisanpedro-donostia/>-> ITINERARIOS Y PARADAS

PENSION ALEMANA (Donostia – San Sebastian)

Booking.com single room rate: +/- 110 €

Distance to AZTI: 7 Km.

How to arrive: *BUS LINE E09/E33 every 20 minutes + 15 minutes journey + 5 minutes walking*

In addition to the above list, you can find more accommodation options at the link below:

www.sansebastianturismo.com/en/

5. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

No special needs

6. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES

Participants are required to make their own VISA arrangements. More information available on <http://www.whatsansebastian.com/spain-visa.html>

Other information regarding Uniform Schengen Visa is available on

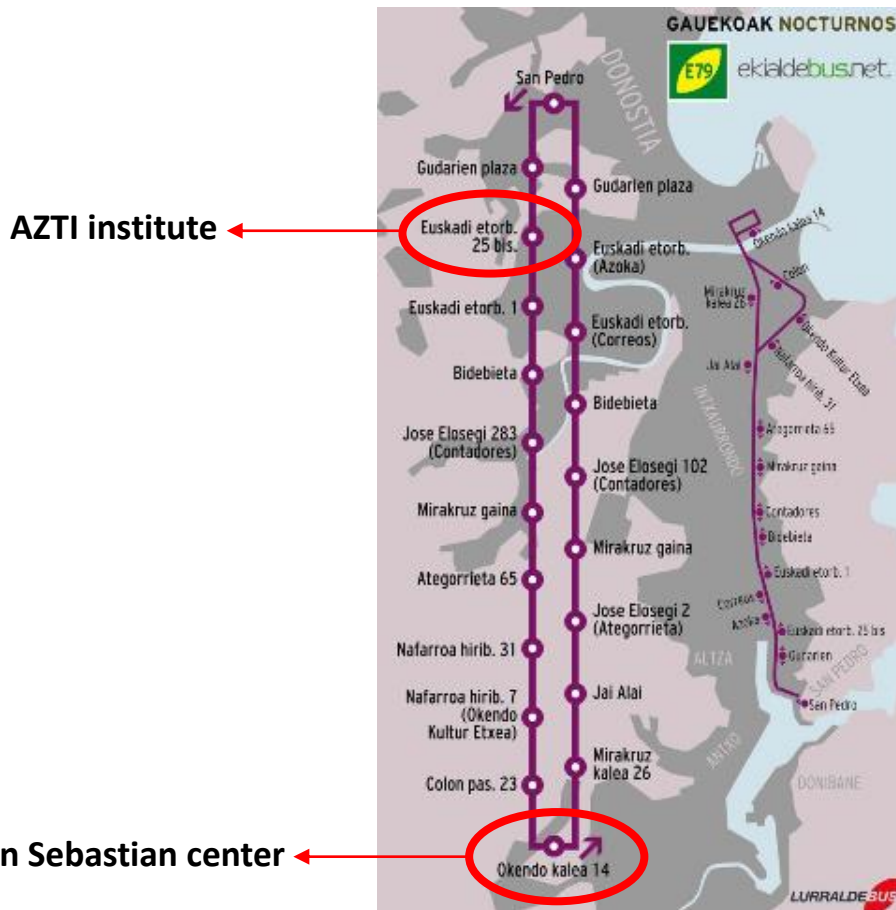
<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/VisadosUniformeSchengen.aspx>

7. TRANSPORTATION

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from the meeting venue. Information on buses to and from the centre of San Sebastian is provide below.

BUS LINE E09 every 15 minutes + 5 minutes walking

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	15:25	15:40	15:55	16:10	16:25	16:40	16:55	17:10	17:25	17:40	
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8. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

9. DELEGATES KIT

Documents for the working parties (in pdf format) will be accessible through a local network during the meeting. However, it is advised for the participants to download all the documents available from the IOTC website prior to arriving.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

San Sebastian is a lively city of around 185,000 inhabitants, some 16,500 of whom are university students. As the cultural capital of the Basque country, it has a wide range of cultural offerings.

Few cities can offer so many alternatives in a single area: internationally renowned cuisine, major music and film festivals as well as countless other festivities - the "Semana Grande", Carnival, the "Caldereros" or Tinkers' Festival, San Sebastian Day and so on - folklore, remarkable customs and traditions, marvellous scenery, beaches, mountains, with skiing in the Pyrenees just two hours away.

San Sebastian has mild weather all year round, never too cold (winter average 8°C) or too hot (summer average 22°C)

11. ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Spain is 230 Volts, Hertz. Sockets and plugs are dual design type



12. TELEPHONE SERVICE

International dialling code

The International dialling code for Spain is +34

13. INTERNET

Wi-Fi and Internet facilities will be available in the meeting room during the meeting hours. Internet service outside the meeting will be at participant's own expense.

14. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information available at <http://www.sansebastianturismo.com/en/>