Travel, Accommodation, Social Events and Other Information 26th INFERAC 2024 & 5th CESUST2024

Please visit our conference website occasionally, where we upload the latest updates on travel, accommodation offers and social events information (<u>https://5th.circulareconomy2050.eu/other-information</u>)

1. Conference Venue

The Conference Center of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania is located 3 km south-east of Chania city centre, 13 km from the Chania International Airport(CHQ) and 1 km from the port of Souda http://confer.maich.gr/info/travel.html.

The city centre of Chania can be reached by local bus. Buses leave every 20min and the bus stop is located outside the MAICh premises on the main street (Souda Avenue). Tickets purchased at any kiosk downtown cost $1,10 \in$ one way.

Tickets purchased on the bus cost $2 \in$.

Taxis to the city centre cost about 8-10€.

On MAICH's facebook page are uploaded plenty of photos with conferences organized in its premises

http://www.facebook.com/MAICh.Conference.Center.official.

MAICh provides to **all participants/residents**:

- a special code for dialing local phone numbers free of charge
- Free wireless internet.
- Athletic installations: basketball, tennis court, table tennis.

We kindly ask you to visit MAICH's website for other info: <u>confer.maich.gr</u>

2. Travel Instructions

Crete has 2 international airports (CHQ, HER) that are connected by low-cost airlines with direct flights to many European cities.

Chania has its own airport "Ioannis Daskalogiannis" (coded as CHQ). It is around 15 minutes from Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania. For further information please visit the <u>website</u>.

Heraklio has its own airport "Nikos Kazantzakis" (coded as HER). It is around 2 hours from Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania and it is also connected with low cost flights. Airport is served by local buses. The stop is in front of the terminal building. Alternative ways are by taxi or by car. For further information please visit the <u>website</u>.

Participants who have selected accommodation in Chania city center can reach the symposium venue **MAI.Chania** by bus **No13-Souda Bay** (every 20' bus

stop **74183: MAICH** located on Karamanli Avenue) or bus **No 22-Tsikalaria** (only 5 routes per day passes by bus stop **74235: MAICh – KEGE** located on Str. Makedonias). More details can be found at the timetable of city bus.

There are different bus stops located in the city center (live map of bus stations <u>https://chania.citybus.gr/en/stops</u>):

- Bus stops of Line 13: 74443-CHAMBER OF CHANIA-OLD MARKET, 74036-CHATZIMICHALI GIANNARI, 74004-TS_PLATEIA_1866, 74154-APOKORONOU
- Base station of Line 22 is on 74153-Square of Machi Kritis sited in Chania center (35.520467454067266, 24.01930679544782)

3. Gala Dinner

On Tuesday **18th of June 2023**, we will organize the **Gala Dinner** at the Conference Venue Mediterranean (the Gala Dinner is included in the registration fee) and is common for both conferences.

For accompanying persons, the cost is $50 \in$. You can pay your extra tickets at the registration desk of the conference. Let us know, using this <u>Google Form</u>, if small kids accompany you, as we have special arrangements.

4. Accommodation

Please note that June starts the hot season in Crete. Although we have arranged a variety of reservations at the Symposium Venue (MAICH) and hotels in the city center of Chania, participants should take care to book travel tickets and room as soon as possible. Please find the different hotel arrangement and decreased prices we have obtained for our conferences:

4.1. Available room options at Symposium Venue (<u>MAICh</u>) (please send the completed form to the email <u>confer@maich.gr</u>):

a) the **student dormitories** of Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (Venue of the conferences) can accommodate participants in single or double rooms (bunk bed) with private facilities in the price of **40€ and 52€ per day** (**breakfast included**). There are approximately 26 available rooms.

b) Approximately **7 attics** in the student dormitories building are also available. The attic is a two level room with a double mattress in the upper level and a single bed, refrigerator and T.V. in the lower level (private facilities). The price per attic is **60 € per day (breakfast included)**. Upgraded rooms (4 in total) are available in the same price.

c) some limited **luxurious stonehouses onsite MAICh Campus** (1-2 min walk from the presentation rooms) could host families with kids in the price of $120 \in$ per stonehouse per day. Each stonehouse consists of a two level traditional apartment with a double bed in the upper level and a lounge with one or two single beds in the lower level (sofa beds). They are fully equipped with a Kitchenette and T. V.

Please visit the MAI.Ch website for a photo gallery (<u>https://confer.maich.gr/facilities/accommodation.html</u>).

The participants should bear in mind about the following MAICH's Reservations notifications:

- Please complete (typed not by hand) the word file <u>ACCOMMODATION</u> <u>FORM 26th INFER & 5th CIRCULAR ECONOMY & SUSTAINABILITY</u> and send it to **confer@maich.gr** (attention to: Mrs Argyro Zervou, Mrs Katerina Karapataki).
- A deposit for the 1st night's stay must be paid as a guarantee.
- Cancellations of reservations 10 days prior to participant's arrival: a full refund will apply.
- Cancellations of reservations up to 3 days prior to participant's arrival: a cancellation fee equivalent to the cost of one night's accommodation will apply.
- No refund will apply for cancellations of reservations made less than 3 days from the check in date.
- All cancellations must be done in written through E-mail: <u>confer@maich.gr</u>
- There is no deadline for room reservations. Rooms are booked and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

4.2. Hotel options in the city center of Chania (contact directly the hotel and mention the conference INFER or send email to info@circulareconomy2050.eu)

The Symposium Organizational Committee has brebooked some rooms in various hotels in the city center of Chania, which they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to ask us for hotel options (HALEPA HOTEL, Creta Elena, mcity Hotel, Balance Hotel):

CRETA ELENA (2*) Square of Dikastirion (10' walking distance from the city center) (stylish apartments and studios with a central pool and garden). We have prebooked 7 rooms breakfast is included at the price of $130 \in$ the single room and $145 \in$ the double room.

HALEPA HOTEL (<u>https://www.halepa.com/</u>) Traditional boutique hotel, no city tax, available around 50 rooms (with bouffet breakfast, free parking, fitness center and Jacuzzi). 15' walking distance to old harbour and city center beside the new archaeological museum and Eleftherios Venizelos House. Offered prices per type of room per night (breakfast included):

- 85€ single room
- 120€ double room

<u>M City HOTEL</u> (3*) <u>https://mcityhotel.reserve-online.net/?checkin=2024-06-16&rooms=1&nights=1&adults=2</u> (New Hotel in the city center, nearby the old harbour and 2' walking distance from the Souda bus stop, which passes in front of the Conference Venue MAICH). Mattresses, bed linen, and towels are all Cocomat, which are 100% organic and made of natural

materials.

The prices are per room (same price for 1 or 2 persons)+3 euro tax/person, includes Cretan exceptional breakfast (with fresh juice and local products), which are offered at cheaper price than the official shown at the website:

- 2 rooms Standard 98,00€
- 3 rooms Superior 104,00 €
- 3 rooms Premium 115,00€
- 1 room Superior plus 107,00€
- 1 room Suite 130,00€

4.3. Hotel options in the city center of Chania (the booking is based on request contact directly to hotels using the **code:** <u>infer@maich.gr</u> for checking the availability)

<u>CIVITEL AKALI HOTEL</u> (4*) Offered prices per type of room per night (breakfast included) in Euro:

- Standard Single Room
 Standard Double/Twin Room
 Superio Double for Single use
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- Superio Double Room 196

<u>KYDON HOTEL</u> (4*) Offered prices per type of room per night (breakfast included) in Euro:

- CLASSIC DBL 147
- COMFORT SGL USE 145
- COMFORT DBL/TWIN 160
- SUP. SGL USE old town view 158
- SUP. DBL old town view 175

PORTO VENEZIANO (3*) is located in the old harbour in front of the sea 10' min walking distance from the city center and the Souda Port Bus stop. Offered prices per type of room per night in Euro (buffet cretan breakfast included):

- Economy Single Room 110
- Classic Double Room for 1 person
 123
- Classic Double Room for 2 persons
 144
- Classic Double Sea View for 1 person 146
- Classic Double Sea View for 2 persons 169

- Classic Triple for 2 adults + 1 child 166
- Classic Triple for 3 adults
- Junior Seaview Suite for 1 person 225
- Junior Seaview Suite for 2 persons 245
- Superior Seaview Suite for 1 person 260
- Superior Seaview Suite for 2 persons 281
- Open Bath Seaview Suite for 1 person 283
- Open Bath Seaview Suite for 2 persons 306

BALANCE HOTEL is located 10' walking distance from old harbor of Chania and the Souda Port Bus stop. Offered prices per type of room per night (only Bed not breakfast-Breakfast is offered additional 25€ per double room) in Euro:

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- 2 rooms Queen size Bed DBL 120
- 3 rooms Deluxe with Balcony DBL 125
- 2 rooms Deluxe Suite with Jaguzzi DBL 140

NEFELI HOTEL (2*) is opposite the KTEL (intercity bus station) 5' walking distance from old harbor of Chania and the Souda Port Bus stop. Offered prices (only Bed not breakfast) per type of room per night in Euro:

- 62€ single room
- 85€ double room

There are also plenty of apartments or villa options. You can find further accommodation deals here:

- <u>www.booking.com</u>
- <u>www.airbnb.com</u>
- <u>www.kayak.com</u>

5. Accompanying Persons

We have arranged social events dedicated to accompanying persons. Beyond Symposium Gala Dinner, we are planning many other activities for accompanying persons (such as Cretan Cooking Lessons given at MAICH premises, guided tours to Archaeological Museum and/or the old harbour of Chania, etc.).

If your children (3-11 years old) accompany you, there will be special sessions organized for them on the site, at no extra expense, while you will be giving or attending presentations (3 hours in the morning sessions and 3 hours in the afternoon sessions, including the Gala Diner).