

Pilot projects on development of prevention activities for Halting desertification in Europe

2nd Coordination Meeting

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Cartagena – Spain

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dear Partners,

We are very pleased to welcome you all at the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena, for the Coordination and hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Below you will find some information on

- Accommodation
- How to get to Cartagena
- The city
- The university

which we hope you find useful for the preparation of your visit.

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ACCOMMODATION

We recommend you one of the following options:



[Los Habaneros](#) ★★★★★

[Show map](#), distance to venue: 500m

Around € 60

Located in the very center of the coastal town Cartagena, this delightful hotel and its welcoming rooms are set just 330 yards from the port.



[NH Cartagena](#) ★★★★★

Calle Real, 2 [Show map](#), distance to venue: 1000m
Around € 90

Located in the historic center of Cartagena, a short walk from the port and 650 ft from the Roman amphitheater. Btw, there is another NH hotel in Cartagena which is less nice, but cheaper

<http://www.nh-hoteles.es/nh/es/hoteles/espana/cartagena/nh-cartagena.html> , nhcartagena@nh-hotels.com

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[Sercotel Best Western Alfonso XIII](#)

Distance to venue: 500m

Around € 70

The classic-style Sercotel Best Western Alfonso XIII is located in the commercial and financial heart of Cartagena, just 550 yards from the city's historic center.

Phone number: 34 968 520 000/ Fax: 34 968 500 502

<http://www.bestwesternalfonsoxiii.com/correo@hotelalfonsoxiii.com>



[Sercotel Carlos III](#) ★★★★★

Carlos III, 49, Cartagena [Show map](#) Distance to venue: 500m

Around € 55

Near the Regional Assembly of Murcia, Sercotel Carlos III is just 1700 ft from the historic center of Cartagena.



[Husa Hotel Cartagonova & Spa](#) ★★★★★

Marcos Redondo, 3 [Show map](#) Distance to venue: 1200m

Around € 70

Set in the historic center of Cartagena, Husa Cartagonova & Spa is just 550 yards from the Roman Theatre.

Phone number: 34 968 504 200/ Fax: 34 968 505 966

<http://www.hotelcartagonova.com/hcartagonova@husa.es>



Another option is to use university accommodation. Check this link for info on facilities, etc: <http://www.upct.es/~ruac/> Distance to venue: 700m

Costs are 25 euros for single room, and 38 euros for double.

You will have to fill in this document in order to apply:

[http://www.upct.es/~ruac/documentos/solicitudhabitacionprofesor es\(INGLES\).pdf](http://www.upct.es/~ruac/documentos/solicitudhabitacionprofesor es(INGLES).pdf) in order to apply.

- We also recommend you to have a look at
- <http://www.ayto-cartagena.es/ofi-turismo.htm>
- <http://www.booking.com/city/es/cartagena.en-us.html>
to check these and other hotel options and prices.

HOW TO GET TO CARTAGENA

Cartagena is best reached by flying to one of the two closest airports:

- Murcia – San Javier (MJV)
- Alicante – El Altet (ALC).

Check for flight options for example: www.skyscanner.net or www.aena.es



MURCIA-SAN JAVIER Airport

A small airport about 20 minutes by car from Cartagena, with regular flights from Madrid and a few European cities.

- A TAXI is the easiest way to get from the airport to Cartagena (distance: 32 km. /price: about 30-35 €)
- No public transport

ALICANTE-EL ALTET Airport

A bigger airport, about 1h15min by car from Cartagena, with many connections from Madrid and Barcelona, and also from many cities across Europe.

- A TAXI is also the easiest way to get from the airport to Cartagena (distance: 100 km. /price: about 130-145 €)
- Unfortunately there are no direct bus connections from this airport to Cartagena. With one stop-over in Murcia or in Alicante it is possible though. Let us know by email if you want more information
- You may consider renting a car, which is generally quite cheap, check f.e. <http://www.autoeurope.com/> or check [this page](#) for other options.

MADRID

Should you have to fly to **Madrid** and wish to take a train from Madrid to Cartagena, you will need to check the following website in order to get a ticket: <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html>

THE CITY

Geography

- Cartagena lies on the south-east coast of Spain, in the region of Murcia.
- Its climate is Mediterranean, with little rainfall, hot summers and mild winters.
- Temperatures range between 12°C in January and 30°C in July. **In October average temperature is 18°C.**
- With a population of approximately 200,000 inhabitants, Cartagena is the second largest city in the region of Murcia.
- Cartagena is one of the main ports on the Mediterranean Sea.

History

Cartagena boasts a very rich history which dates back to 227 B.C., when it was founded by the Carthaginians. However, the Carthaginian presence did not last long since the city was soon conquered by the Romans. Under the Roman domination, this city reached its zenith thanks to its thriving mining industry and its outstanding geographical location. The end of the Roman Empire marked the beginning of a period of decline, during which the city fell into the hands of different groups of people: the Visigoths, the Byzantines and the Muslims.



Tourism

Cartagena has a valuable historical and cultural heritage that is reflected in the numerous museums, monuments and other tourist

attractions throughout the city: the Archaeological Museum, the City Walls, the Roman Theatre, the Cathedral and the City Hall, to mention just a few.

Modern Cartagena also offers plenty of opportunities for recreation and entertainment: cinemas, theatre, art galleries, pubs, music festivals, etc. Cartagena, like its University, is a welcoming city open to change and innovation. Many beaches are at 15 minutes drive.

More

Check this website for a nice impression of the city:

<http://www.cartagenaturismo.es/>

THE UNIVERSITY

The Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT) was created in 1998, being the most recent of the 4 Technical Universities in Spain. As a Technical University, it focuses on scientific and technical degrees (roughly 500 teaching staff and 6500 students).

The exact location of the meeting is currently being arranged, but will be most probably in the Campus Alfonso XII, the building of the Agricultural Engineering Department. You will receive more precise information soon on how to get there, etc.

To get an impression of the university campus and its location within the city, please have a look here:

<http://www.upct.es/english/content/tour/university/index.php>

