

## COST-IRACON Meetings in Podgorica (Montenegro), Oct. 01 – Oct. 03

# Local Information

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### Reaching Podgorica

The easiest way to get to Podgorica is by plane. There are two airports in Montenegro, in Podgorica and in Tivat, at the seaside, about 85km from Podgorica.

Podgorica airport is an international airport situated 12km from the city center. Besides the national carrier company, Montenegro airlines, other major companies flying to Podgorica include Turkish Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Air Serbia, Alitalia and Adria Airways. Moreover, two low-cost companies are flying to Podgorica, so it is pretty well connected to major European capitals and airport hubs. For more info visit the airport website

(<http://www.montenegroairports.com/eng/index2.php?a=2&m=2&o=0&ms=2>).

From Podgorica airport you can use **taxi** services. In front of the exit for incoming travelers, in the lobby of the passenger building, a dispatch desk is located where all necessary information and order of a ride can be obtained.

After leaving the passenger terminal, the stop for the taxi vehicles is located immediately on the left. The price with Royal taxi is EUR 12,00.

It is also possible to call one of the city taxi cars with a cheaper service <http://podgorica.me/taxislužbe/>

After the passage of customs control in arrivals, or in the southern part of the central hall of the passenger terminal, in the section "Arrivals" a number of representative offices for **car rental companies**, can be found with a wide range of available vehicles.

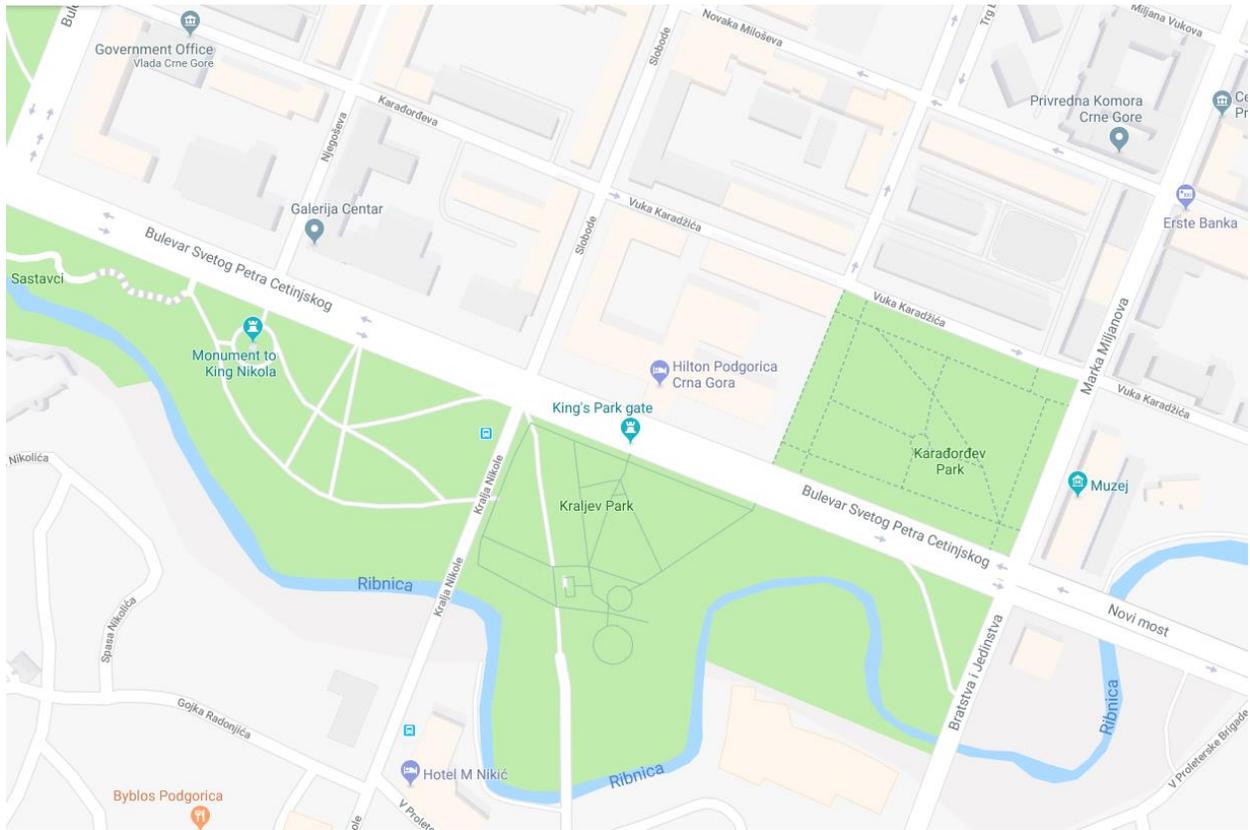
### Venue

The meeting will be held at the **hotel Hilton Podgorica**

(<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/montenegro/hilton-podgorica-crna-gora-TGDPMHI/index.html>).

The address is: Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 2, Podgorica 81000, Montenegro

These maps show the location of the hotel:



## Hotel information

A block reservation has been made in **Hotel Hilton** for the period 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct., and the prices are:

- Single room (breakfast included) – **90,00€ per person/** per night + 0,90€ city tax per person/per day
- Double room (breakfast included) – **100,00€ per room/** per night + 0,90€ city tax per person/per day

The link for room reservation is:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/T/TGDPMHI-GETFA-20180930/index.jhtml>

and the booking code is: **GETFA**. The link will be valid **till 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.**, and the number of rooms with these prices is limited. The payment will be completed at the hotel, so no prepayment is needed.

Another option is **Hotel Podgorica** (<http://www.hotelpodgorica.co.me/en/>), which is less than 10 min. Walk from Hotel Hilton. They offered 20 single rooms for IRACON attendees. The price for single room (breakfast included) is **73,00€ + 1,90€ per person/per day**.

All the reservations have to be made directly on mail address [hotelpodgorica@t-com.me](mailto:hotelpodgorica@t-com.me), with subject **IRACON MEETING**. This block reservation is valid till **14<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

## About Montenegro and Podgorica

Montenegro is located in South-eastern Europe. It has a coast on the Adriatic Sea to the south-west and is bordered by Croatia to the west, Bosnia and Herzegovina to the northwest, Serbia to the northeast, Kosovo to the east and Albania to the southeast. Its capital and largest city is Podgorica, while Cetinje is designated as the Prijestonica, meaning the former Royal Capital City.

Montenegro has both a picturesque coast and a mountainous northern region. It is one of the top 10 world tourist destinations, one of the few countries with so many natural and historical beauties, one of the European countries with the richest culture and tradition, one of the countries that will leave you breathless.

Podgorica is the capital and the largest city of Montenegro with a population of more than 200 000 people. It is the administrative centre of Montenegro and its economic, cultural and educational focus. It is located in central Montenegro, in a mainly flat area at an elevation of 40 m. It is known as a city that lies on five rivers.

It is characterized by the harmony of traditional and modern architectural styles and harmony in a mix of old and new. Both Montenegrin coastal cities and its mountain resorts are within one hour's drive from Podgorica, so it is an excellent starting point for day trips to anywhere in Montenegro. For leisure and sightseeing activities in the city, please check here (<http://www.podgorica.travel/en/meet-podgorica/welcome>).

In the capital Podgorica, located in the plains but at some distance from the sea, the climate is still quite mild, but a little more continental than on the coast, so that winter is a bit cold, while summer is hot and sunny, often with torrid days; heavy rains are possible from October to March.

## Currency

The official currency of Montenegro is the Euro. International credit and debit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express and Maestro are accepted, but cash may be necessary for some payments, especially in small restaurants and shops in remotes areas. ATMs accept all the main international debit cards. ATMs are widely available in all main towns and resorts.

## Visa procedure

The holders of travel documents issued by the Member States of the European Union, the United States of America, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation, Canada, the State Union of Australia, New Zealand and Japan, under the 1951 Convention on the Legal Status of Refugees or the Convention on Legal the status of a stateless person from 1954, as well as travel documents for foreigners, can enter, cross the territory and stay in Montenegro for up to 30 days without a visa.

Travelers with a valid Schengen visa, a valid visa from the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, or a residence permit in those countries may enter and stay, or cross the territory of Montenegro for up to 30 days, and the longest until the expiry of the visa, if the visa validity period is shorter than 30 days.

Detailed information on the visa regime for foreign citizens, the visa application form and the explanation of the entire procedure for obtaining the visa can be found at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.mvp.gov.me/en/sections/consular-affairs/visa-regimes-for-foreign-citizens/>)

## Program

## Registration

The contribution to the local expenses is EUR 160,00 for all meeting days. It will cover coffee breaks, lunches, and dinner on Oct. 02. Accompanying persons may attend dinner, upon seating availability, by paying EUR 40,00. Registration deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Further details will be provided soon.

## Social Events

A dinner will be organized in Hotel Ramada (<http://seemice.com/Hotel/hotel-ramada-podgorica> ) at the room Lesandro, on Oct. 02. The Hotel is situated close to city center, less than 15 minutes by walk (about 1,1 km) from Hotel Hilton, where the meeting is held.

