



**OECD Program on Innovation, Higher Education,
Research and Development (IHERD)
and
L'Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)**

1-2 July 2013, Marseille, France

About the Conference

Venue

Hotel Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port

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Procedural arrangements

Please note that the Expert Meeting will begin at 9.30 am on Monday 1st July 2013. Participants are requested to arrive by 9.00 am on the first day of the meeting for registration. A welcome coffee will be organised.

Working language

The working language of the Expert Meeting will be English.

If you have been asked to contribute a paper or presentation to the conference or wish to submit any relevant background materials

Please email (Word, pdf or PPT) **Elodie PIERRE** (Elodie.pierre@oecd.org) **by 25th June 2013 in order to meet production deadlines.**

Documents, website

You will receive a set of documents (USB key) when you register for the Expert Meeting.

Documents will be posted on the OECD website at <http://www.oecd.org/IHERD> (check around 20th June).

Meals and Social Events

All participants are invited to the social events described below:

- Sunday 30th June 2013: Cocktail in the Salon Tartane of the Sofitel.
- Monday 1st July 2013: Buffet lunch in the Salon Felouque of the Sofitel Hotel and dinner in the restaurant La Nautique, on the Port of Marseille.
- Tuesday 2nd, July 2013: Buffet lunch in the Salon Felouque of the Sofitel Hotel.

Travel arrangements and hotel booking

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, including hotel bookings and transfers.

Rooms have been reserved for participants at a **negotiated price** at the hotel where the conference will take place. To book a room in the conference hotel at the negotiated price, please complete the attached form and **return it to the hotel directly asap** (send back the form for email at emmanuelle.rannou@sofitel.com). Prices include buffet breakfast but not tax.

Single Classic Room with Courtyard view breakfast included	190€ /night
Single Superior room with harbour view breakfast included	250€ /night
Extra for double room	15€ / day

Visa for France and Insurance

You are advised to contact your local French embassy or consulate to verify if you require a visa to enter France.

Participants are advised to have adequate medical and travel insurance to cover their visit to France.

Airport and Train Station transfers to and from the hotel

Hotel Transfer

The hotel offers an option **Airport/Station Transfer** (one or two way ticket). The prices are as follow:

- Airport/Hotel : 65€
- Train Station/Hotel : 35€

Please make the **reservation directly on the Hotel Booking Form**. The transfer charge will be added to your hotel bill.

Airport Shuttle

There is a direct shuttle between **Marseille Airport** and the **City Center/St Charles Train Station**; the service hours are 04.30am-11.30pm from the Airport and 05.10am-12.10pm from the Station, every 15-20 minutes. Single ticket are 8€ and Round-trip ticket are 12,80 EUR. You can collect your ticket from the Airport and Station Ticket Offices or online (www.navettemarseilleaeroport.com).

At the St Charles Train Station you can take the **Metro line 1** until Marseille Vieux Port stop; **bus n° 83** (Metro Rond Point du Prado direction) will guide you to Fort St Nicolas, close to Boulevard Livon and the hotel.

Taxi

An official taxi service (24h/7) is available at the Airport and at the St Charles Station.

General information

- The currency unit in France is the EURO.
- Automatic cash dispensers are available twenty-four hours a day.
- The following major credit cards are accepted by most shops in France: Visa and MasterCard are generally accepted everywhere, American Express and Diners Club cards are not accepted everywhere, but tend to be OK in touristic areas.
- Banks are usually open between 9am until 5pm, Monday to Friday. Some French Banks are opened on Saturday. All banks will exchange currency when open for business. The major Travellers cheques are also accepted.
- Electricity in France is 230V/50Hz. Plugs are the normal 2-pin round continental type.
- In case of emergency, please call 112 for the police.

Other information and contacts

- To have more information, the following website lists the major restaurants, attractions, events and curiosities: www.marseille-tourisme.com
- If you need any help or information during your city visit you can contact directly the Tourism Office:

Marseille Tourism Office : info@marseille-tourisme.com
4, La Canebière
13001 Marseille
Tel. 0826 500 500

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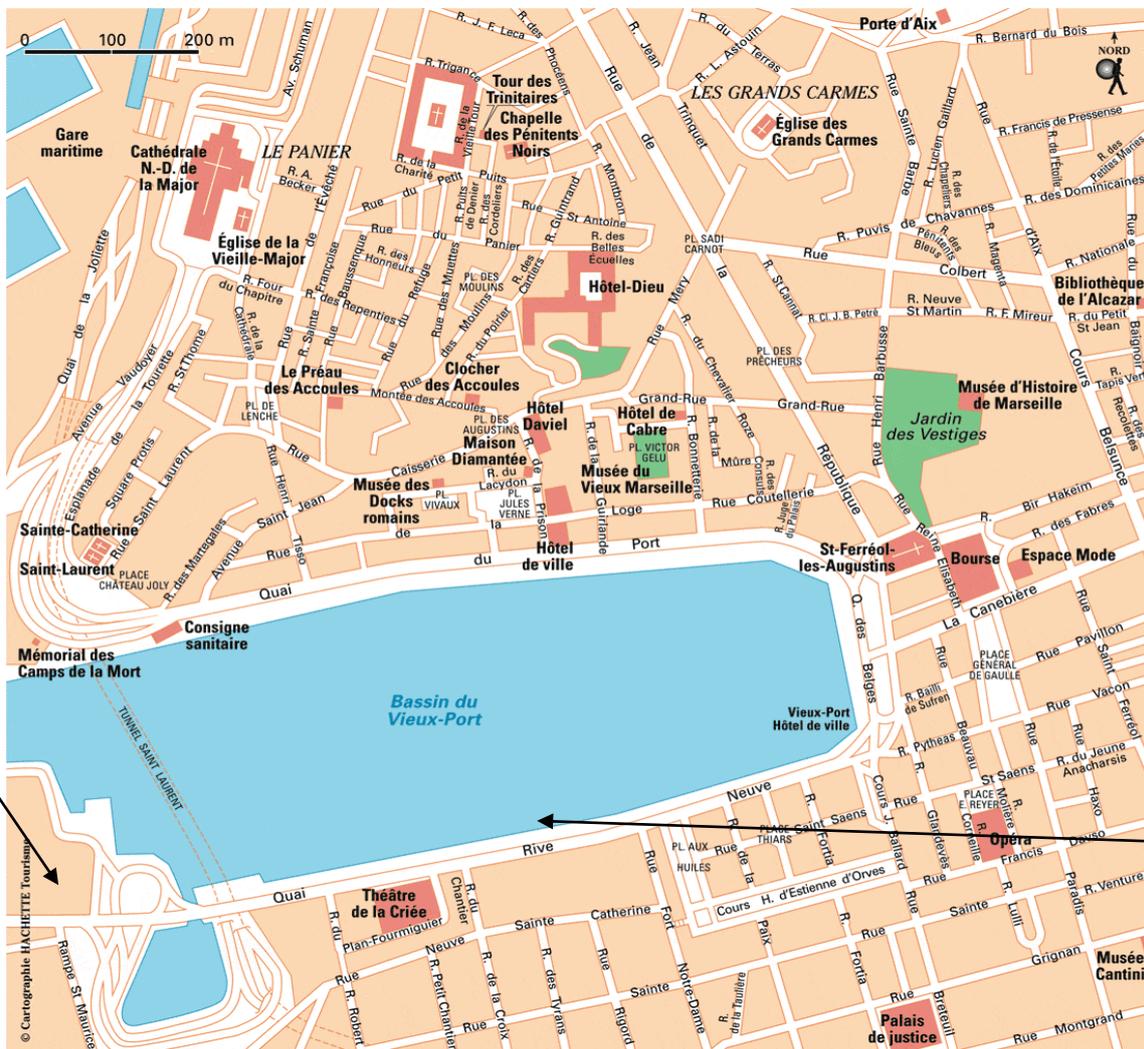
More about Marseille

Marseille is a major emblematic city with 26 centuries of history and traditions and a spirit of transformation and development. Marseille has been selected to be 2013’s European Capital of Culture. The town centre, especially the Old Port is the host of a lot of popular and festive events.

Restaurant, Shopping and Entertainment Zones

- **Cours d’Estienne d’Orves:** a pedestrian district with many restaurants, cafés, galleries shops and night clubs.
- **“Rue de la mode” – Opéra Davso Grignan:** the most celebrated fashion shops in Marseille are concentrated in this area. It is also possible to find other trendy areas and shops, tea rooms and traditional cafés, representing local culture and life.

Old Port Area



- **Veille and Nouvelle Major Cathedrals:** the **Veille Major Cathedral** is a fine example of Provençal Romanesque architecture in pink stone, dating from the middle of the 12th century. The new cathedral, the **Nouvelle Major**, has built in the 19th century after demographic and economic expansion. From 1852, three architects (Vaudoyer, Espérandieu and Revoil) succeeded each other in the construction in the Roman-Byzantine style. The cathedral is the point of departure for the great procession on 15th August for Sainte-Marie Majeure whose statue is carried around the Panier district.
- **Hôtel de Ville:** The City Hall was built by the most famous architect from Marseille, Pierre Puget. Completed in 1673 in the Genoan Baroque style and built from Couronne pink stone, it is notable for its bust of king Louis XIV on the façade, symbol of royal power.
- **The Panier district:** On the northern end of the Old Port, this district is the historic heart of Marseille, the site where the Greeks founded the city. It is called “Le Panier” (basket) from the sign of the inn called “Le Logis du panier” installed in the 17th century in the present rue du Panier. It has been renovated over the years and today you will find crafts shops, museums and restaurants.