



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. PLACE AND DATE OF THE MEETING

ALIDE Forty-Nine Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly will be held at Casa de America, located at Marqués del Duero Street No. 2, Madrid, Spain, from Monday, May 20th to Wednesday, May 22nd 2019. There will take place the Inaugural Session, Plenary Sessions and Closing Session, as indicated in the Program of Activities.



2. PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

Participants will be registered and credential will be handed out at the entrance of the Amphitheater of Casa de America on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st from 8:00 to 17:00 hours.

3. DOCUMENTS

Upon registration, the participants will receive a bag with a set of the general documents for the meeting. During the event, no documents will be distributed. The presentations of the speakers, the final list of participants and the report containing the conclusions of the meeting will be available in the website of ALIDE www.alide.org

4. PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The meeting program of activities, including official and social schedule, is presented separately.

The opening ceremony will take place at 9:15 hours on Monday, May 20th at the "Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral" of Casa de America. The closing session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd, at 13:15 hours.

5. MEETING OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS

The Meeting of ALIDE National Coordinators will be held on Sunday, May 19th, at 10:30 hours at "Sala de Consejo" at the headquarters of the Instituto de Credito Oficial (ICO) in Paseo del Prado, 4.

A lunch will be offered in honor of the National Coordinators at the Restaurant "PARADÍS"

6. WORKSHOPS

Within the framework of ALIDE 49, the following Workshops will be held at Casa de America. The Workshops agendas are presented separately. You can download them from the official application event “Convener” and from www.alide.org

Important: Seating places will be limited.

Monday, May 20th		Saloon
- The role of development banks in the financing of PPPs	14:30 – 16:00 hours 16:15 – 17:30 hours	Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral (Ground Floor)
- Climate Related Financial Risks	16:15 – 17:30 hours	Saloon Miguel de Cervantes (First Floor)
Tuesday, May 21st		Saloon
- Where is the national promotional banking sector going? Business models facing the challenges of the global economy	9:45 – 11:15 hours	Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral (Ground Floor)
- Supporting sustainable projects with environmental & social impact: Clean Oceans Initiative	9:45 – 11:15 hours	Saloon Miguel de Cervantes (First Floor)
- Local Currency Lending	14:30 – 16:15 hours	Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral (Ground Floor)
- Sustainability Awareness Bonds	14:30 – 16:15 hours	Saloon Miguel de Cervantes (First Floor)

7. SESSION OF INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

ALIDE institutional Affairs Session will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 9:00 hours at “Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral”. All participants to the meeting may attend this session. Representatives of the institutions members of ALIDE will state on the 2018 Annual Report and the Balance Sheet, the 2019-2020 Working Program and Budget for 2019 and the venue for the 2020 ALIDE General Assembly.

8. ENTREVISTAS BILATERALES

Arrangements have been made for interested participants to be able to hold bilateral meetings at the Saloon “Roa Bastos” and “Oscar Niemeyer” (First Floor).

If you need any assistance to schedule your interviews, please use the “interview request form” that you will receive with the materials. Fill it in and leave it at the Saloon “Roa Bastos” and “Oscar Niemeyer” or at the Participant Registration Inn. The Meeting Secretarial Staff will help you scheduling your meetings.

9. INTERPRETACIÓN SIMULTÁNEA

Activities and the acts celebrated at “Amphitheater Gabriela Mistral” will have simultaneous translation services in Spanish and English.

10. LUNCHES

Lunches will be offered for the participants, Monday, May 20th, Tuesday, May 21st and Wednesday, May 22nd at the Terrace of Casa de America.

11. SOCIAL ACTS

The Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO) and sponsors, invite the participants of the Assembly to the Welcome Cocktail at the Prado Museum, Paseo del Prado s/n, on Tuesday, May 21 at 20:00 hours and guided tour of the Museum. The arrival at the museum is by the participant's own account. Dress Code: Formal.

Closing Cocktail: Terrace of Casa de America, Wednesday, May 22nd, 13:15 hours.

12. PRESS

The accredited press will have the necessary facilities to cover the meeting, with a Press Room located in the Saloon "Borges" (Ground Floor).

13. DRESS CODE

Formal wear is required for the plenary, opening and closing sessions.
Welcome Cocktail at Prado Museum: Formal

14. CURRENCY AND CLIMATE

Spain official currency is the Euro (€). At April 23rd 2019, the exchange rate was €0.89 euros per US\$ Dollar.

The weather in Madrid during the dates when the Congress will be conducted will be that of spring, therefore shifting between sunny and rainy days. In May, temperatures rise close to 22°C and it starts to become warm, although at night it will be cooler (around 11°C). Humidity increases (at night, it reaches 65%) and the likelihood of rain also rises to almost 90%.

To know in detail the weather forecast, visit the website of the State Meteorological Agency: <http://www.aemet.es>

15. CONVENE APP

The 49th ALIDE General Assembly invites their participants to download and register in the official application of the event, "Convене", where they will find updated information in real time about the program of activities, speakers, assistants, notifications, etc.

For Android: [Download here](#)

For iOS: [Download here](#)

Access code to enter the event in the application: **ALIDE49**

16. USEFUL INFORMATION

[Airport Adolfo Suárez-Madrid Barajas / Madrid Center](#)

- Taxi: The taxi fare to go from the airport to downtown Madrid is set to 30 Euros. There is no extra charge for luggage. If you wish, you may also book a private ride directly [here](#).

- **Metro:** In order to leave the metro station at the airport, as well as to enter into it, you must pay a supplement of 3 Euros, on top of the price of the metro ticket, which ranges between 1.50 and 2 Euros, depending on the metro station where you get off. You must take the 8 line, which is shown on the map designated in pink, in the direction of the Nuevos Ministerios station, and there, if necessary, make a transfer to the destination of your choice



Important: The metro service is closed from 1.30 a.m. to 6.00 a.m.

- **Bus:** You may ride the Airport-Express line that takes you from the various terminals of the airport to the Atocha Station 24 hours a day. The bus also makes stops at Plaza Cibeles and O'Donell. The price of the ticket is 5 Euros. You may check out [here](#) the timetable to go from the airport to downtown Madrid.
- **Bus 2:** You may also ride the 200 line that departs from the airport and arrives at Avenida de América, which is advisable if you are staying in this area. This ride may take longer from the airport to downtown, but it is much cheaper (1.50 Euros). Its frequency is somewhat lower than the Airport-Express bus. You may check out [here](#) the bus timetable.
- **Other options:** The Cabify or Uber taxi services

There are personal tourist cards, without limitation on the number of travels, for one, two, three, five and seven days. This card also includes the airport supplement and all buses. [Further information here.](#)



To check out the metro stations, [look here.](#)

17. TOURIST INFORMATION

Madrid is a city with great tourist attractions to be enjoyed: Art, culture, leisure, sports, gastronomy, shopping, etc.

It is the central capital of Spain, with elegant boulevards and ample parks, such as Buen Retiro. It is famous for its rich collections of European art, with works by Goya, Velázquez and other Spanish masters at the Prado Museum. The heart of the old Madrid of the Habsbourgs is Plaza Mayor, surrounded by arcades, close to the Royal Palace and the Armería, which displays historic arsenals.



In the decade of the 1970s, Madrid became the epicenter of the La Movida, an outburst of arts.

El Prado forms a golden triangle along with the Museum of Queen Sofía (which hosts Picasso's "Guernica") and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum. The Sunday flea market "El Rastro" is located in the medieval quarter La Latina and is popular for its night life, its theater and the *bares de tapas*. The central plaza Puerta del Sol hosts the statue of the Bear and the Arbutus (*el Oso y el Madroño*, in Spanish) of the coat of arms of the city, while the National Archaeological Museum exhibits an ample collection of historic artifacts.

For further information, [click here.](#)

Stores

Although they tend to be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., most establishments in the city center don't close for lunch and stay open until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. Shopping centers and large businesses generally operate every day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Museums

Madrid museums are usually open to the public from Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Although as a rule most are closed on Mondays, there are always exceptions that can be visited any day of the week.

For more information on what to see and do in Madrid, [click here](#).

18. ASSISTANCE PHONES IN MADRID

- Madrid Emergency 112
- National Police Madrid 091
- Local Police Madrid 092
- Ambulances Madrid 061 / 91 479 93 61
- Firefighters Madrid 080 - 085 - 092

For any question about Embassies and Consulates in Madrid, [click here](#).

19. INFORMATIONS/CONTACT

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