# CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES (CCGP)

# THIRTIETH SESSION

### INTRODUCTION

This information note provides practical information to conference participants.

### **VENUE AND DATES**

The French Government is hosting this meeting, which will be held at the Centre de Conférences Pierre Mendès France at Bercy from 11 April to 16 April 2016. This is located in the 12th district of Paris.

Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et du Numérique 139 rue de Bercy 75012 PARIS (France)



The official opening ceremony will take place on Monday 11 April 2016 at 10:00 hours. The closest metro stop to the Conference Centre is "Bercy" (lines 6 and 14) but also the station "Gare de Lyon" (lines 1 and 14).

#### **REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES**

Registration of participants will take place at the Centre de Conférences Pierre Mendès France on Monday 11 April 2016 at 8:00 hours

Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Delegates are requested to wear name badges visibly in order to gain admittance to the Ministry.

#### FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO FRANCE

Participants are advised to contact the consular authorities of France well in advance, in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of visa applications (if necessary).

# **ACCESS TO FRANCE / ARRIVAL DETAILS**

In France (Paris) you have two internationals airports

- Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport
- Orly Airport

Within Paris there is an extensive system of public transport <u>(see below)</u>. For more information you can consult the website of the RATP <u>www.ratp.fr</u>

Make sure to buy a travel ticket before taking the subway because it is not possible to buy one on the train.



Taxis are also available.

### **VISA INFORMATION**

Participants requiring a Schengen visa to enter France are advised to contact the competent embassies and consulates of France in the relevant applicant's country of residence as soon as possible to apply for their visa.

A Schengen visa is valid for 90 days. Here you can find out whether you need a Schengen visa for your visit <u>http://www.visa-schengen.info/visa-schengen-pays.html</u>

Please visit the Ministry Foreign website for further information <u>http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaires-et-adresses-du-maedi/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/</u>

In case of problems with visa applications or if you need a personalized invitation, please contact us by e-mail at <a href="mailto:geneviewe.raoux@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr">geneviewe.raoux@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr</a>

# HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGATES

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. It is highly recommended that you make a hotel reservation as soon as possible as March/April are very busy months in Paris.

The Ministry of Economy, Industry and Digital economy has negotiated some special rates with some hotels located close to the conference. Ask for this special rate at the time you make a reservation.

Name/adress/phone number	Website	<b>Price per night</b> Negotiated price for 2015*
Hôtel Claret 44 Boulevard de Bercy 75012 Paris +33 (0)1-49-28-09-29	http://hotel-claret.com/	Standard room (breakfast included) : 109€
Novotel Paris-Bercy 12 rue de Bercy 75012 Paris +33 (0) 1-43-42-30-00	http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel- 0941-ibis-styles-paris- bercy/index.shtml	Standard room : 158€ (breakfast is not included and costs 16.50€)

Hôtel Kyriad	http://www.bercykyriad.com/	Standard room (breakfast
12 rue Baron le Roy		included) : 109€
75012 Paris		
+33(0)1-44-67-75-75		
Ibis styles	http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-	While making you
77 rue de Bercy	0935-novotel-paris-bercy/index.shtml	reservation (by telephone
75012 Paris		or via the website),
+33 (0)1-53-46-50-60		mention the special
		code : CD1

\*The prices will be renegotiated for 2016. Those prices are indicative and might change.

For the hotel reservations the French Secretariat can also suggest to go through online booking at one of the following websites.

http://www.cybevasion.fr/hotels/france/75/paris\_hotels\_metro.html http://reservation.parisinfo.com/z6401\_fr-hotels-paris.aspx http://www.booking.com

# INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during the meeting.

# DOCUMENTATION

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting. These are available in English, French and Spanish on <u>www.codexalimentarius.net</u>. Conference Room Documents and any additional documentation will be available in their original language in the conference room.

# WI-FI

Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting venue so working documents and other information can also be downloaded during the meeting.

# SIDE EVENTS

Monday 11 April	Reception for all delegates
Wednesday 13 April	Reception

# **BANKING FACILITIES**

Banks and cash dispenser machines are available near the Ministry. They are in operation 24/7.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Les Monnaies de Lyon (outside the map) 6 rue de Lyon - 75012 Paris Tél. : 01 43 44 13 64 - Métro : Gare de Lyon - Site : <u>http://www.monnaiesdelyon.com</u> Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### CURRENCY

Only the Euro will be accepted in France. Major credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels and stores.

#### **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language of France is French. (English is spoken in a lot of hotels, restaurants and shops).

### CLIMATE

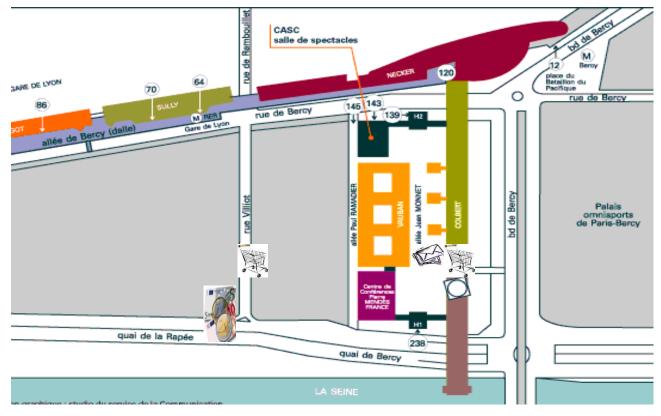
The average temperatures in April are 10-14 degrees Celsius.

As rain is not uncommon at any time of the year, so we advise participants to bring a raincoat or an umbrella.

#### ELECTRICITY

230 Volts, 50 Hertz

#### MAP OF THE DISTRICT



#### SUPERMARKET

-There is a shop located within the Ministry building selling food and drinks

-La Supérette de Bercy (outside the map)12 rue Henri Desgrange75012 Paris

#### PHARMACIES

Pharmacie Lannois (outside the map) 30 quai de la Rapée – 75012 Paris Tél : 01 43 43 19 48

Pharmacie Gamma (outside the map) 193 rue de Bercy - 75012 Paris Tél. : 01 43 40 89 52

Pharmacie du Parc (outside the map) 21 rue de Pommard - 75012 Paris Tél. : 01 53 33 01 02 **POST OFFICE** 193, rue de Bercy (outside the map) 75012 Paris Tél. : 01 43 44 31 88

SHOPPING CENTER Bercy Village (outside the map) Cour Saint-Emilion 75012 Paris Métro : Cour Saint-Emilion (ligne 14) Site : www.bercyvillage.com



### **INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding logistics should be directed to the Codex Contact Point by E-mail: codexfr@sgae.gouv.fr

