

# **MARBEFES 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly**

**22-24 October 2024  
Dublin, Ireland**

**Venue: Hilton Charlemont Dublin**  
Charlemont Pl, Saint Kevin's, Dublin, D02 A893



Dear Participants,

We are delighted to welcome the MARBEFES General Assembly 2024 to Dublin. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share insights and drive our project forward. Inside this document, you will find all the essential information, including venue details, outline agenda, and local highlights.

See you in October!



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## 1. Outline agenda

All GA meetings will take place at the **Hilton Dublin Charlemont Hotel**, except for the Steering Committee meeting (Monday 21st, 14:00-17:00) and WP6 workshop (Monday 21st, 9:00-12:00), which will both take place on the University College Dublin campus in Belfield (details to be confirmed).

### Tuesday 22nd October

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome

9:15 - 14:00 Sessions (including coffee breaks and lunch)

14:00 - 18:00 Excursion to Bull Island in Dublin Bay, including a cultural valuation exercise

### Wednesday 23rd October

9:00 - 17:30 Sessions (including coffee breaks and lunch)

19:30 Project dinner and ceilidh dance (venue: Hilton Dublin Charlemont Hotel)

### Thursday 24th October

9:00 - 13:00 Sessions and close of the GA (lunch **not** included)

## 2. Travel to Dublin

Participants are asked to self-organise their travel to and from Dublin. The main travel options are plane and ferry.

**Plane** – Dublin airport (DUB) has connections with 189 destinations in 42 countries. It is located in the north part of Dublin, about 13 km north from the city centre/main GA venue and 20 km from UCD (SC meeting venue).

Travel from the airport to the city centre:

- The most popular options are [Aircoach](#) or [Dublin Express](#); they pick up passengers outside Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Tickets are on sale at small booths outside the terminals or online. There are several routes, so make sure you get on the right bus – ask the ticket seller or driver for advice if necessary.
- The AirCoach 700 route to Sandyford/Leopardstown stops at several places in the city centre. It runs every 30 minutes, except between 01:25



and 05:55 when it does not run; it takes about 40 mins to get to the city centre, 1 hour to UCD.

- Taxis are available from the forecourts directly outside Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Passengers arriving by taxi will be dropped off on the forecourt directly outside either Terminal 1 or Terminal 2. Cost to the city centre: approximately 40 euros. Taxis can also be booked through apps (FreeNOW or Uber).
- For car rental from the airport, please check the website: [Car Rental | Car Hire at the Airport | Dublin Airport](#)

**Ferry** – Dublin Port is the main port of Ireland. There is a limited number of passenger ferries, mostly coming from Holyhead (2.5 h) and Cherbourg (19 h). Public transport to the port is ensured by a [shuttle bus](#), Luas Red Line – tram (stop name: The Point), or bus line 53. There are also taxi ranks outside main terminals in Dublin Port.

Depending on where you depart from, taking a ferry to Rosslare or Belfast may also be an option, as travel from either of those to Dublin is about 2h long. For more information about getting to Ireland by ferry, please visit: [Ferries to Dublin | These are the crossings to Dublin](#)

### 3. Accommodation

Around October, the prices for 3 nights in a hotel within the city centre are between 500-700 EUR. We encourage you to choose a hotel with sustainability certifications, found for instance here: [Green Travel Accommodation](#)

Nearest hotels:

- [Hilton Dublin](#) (main event venue)
- [Iveagh Garden Hotel](#)
- [Clayton Hotel Charlemont](#)
- [NYX Hotel Dublin Portobello](#)
- [Wren Urban Nest](#)

### 4. Getting around Dublin

- Dublin is served by an extensive bus service, an overground light tram service (Luas; two lines called Red and Green), and a light train service (DART – one line, along the coast). It's best to use Google Maps or TFI App ([TFI Live App - Transport for Ireland](#)).



- Bus tickets cost ~3 euros and can be purchased from the driver (paid only in cash, with no change given); tram tickets cost ~2 euros and are available for purchase from ticket machines located at every tram stop (but not in the trams). Light train (DART) tickets can be bought on each DART station; cost depends on the distance and selection of one-way/return ticket (e.g., Howth-Greystones return ticket: ~ 9 euros).
- Travel pass is called Leap Visitor Card, which can make things much easier, particularly for bus journeys. More details on purchase and use are available here: [Leap Visitor Card](#)
- In Dublin, all bus stops are on request – if you're waiting at a stop, wave at the driver from afar, and if you're on the bus, press the red "stop" button.
- Taxis are quite expensive, but are reasonably plentiful at most times if accessed through the FreeNOW or Uber apps. It can be hard to flag a taxi on the street as most are booked through these apps.

## 5. Free time in Dublin – our recommendations

[Temple Bar](#) - it is known as the cultural quarter of Dublin, with its many pubs and vibrant nightlife (and overpriced pints). Definitely worth a visit, although for a better cultural and culinary experience we recommend visiting [Camden Street](#) (about 10 minutes on foot from the Hilton hotel).

[Guinness Storehouse](#) - one of most popular tourist attractions in Ireland, it explains the history and popularity of Guinness. Tour usually concludes with degustation in the Gravity Bar, with a spectacular (on a sunny day) view of Dublin.

[Museum of Literature Ireland \(MoLi\)](#) - a must-visit for literature enthusiasts, it is located in the historic Newman House. Museum highlights include Copy #1 of Joyce's "Ulysses" and an engaging exhibit on ancient Irish texts.

[Chester Beatty Library](#) - a free of charge museum which holds a collection of artefacts and antiquities donated to the city of Dublin by Sir Alfred Chester Beatty.

[National Museum of Ireland](#) - There are four locations under the National Museum of Ireland umbrella, three of which can be found in Dublin: Natural History on Merrion Street, Decorative Arts and History on Benburb Street, and Archaeology on Kildare Street. Admission is free.

[St. Stephen's Green](#) - Located just down the road from the Hilton Hotel and at the top of Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green is a 27 acre green space in the heart of Dublin. With accessible walking paths and historical plaques

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along the way, it's a nice way to get a coffee and seemingly “step out of the city” for a moment.

## 6. Practical tips

- Road safety: in Ireland, we drive on the left side of the road.
- In Ireland, power plugs and sockets of type G are used (see image on the right). The standard voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. We advise you to bring your adapter or get one at the airport, in a hardware store or in tourist stores in the city centre.
- **Childcare:** We recognize the importance of accommodating the needs of working parents. If you are travelling with children, please come forward and we can suggest a few creches in the area.
- **Field trip:** One of the afternoons will be dedicated to a 3h field trip to Bull Island in Dublin Bay. Average temperature in Dublin in October is between 8-14°C. Autumn can be quite humid and rainy, so don't forget to bring your raincoat.
- **Sustainability considerations:** We are trying to reduce waste as much as possible. We encourage you to bring your own lanyard and stationery. During the GA, we are planning to display materials on screens rather than have them printed, so if you have any material to present, please send us an e-mail (see last section).



## 7. Contact information

More detailed programme will be available **in September**. For any questions you may have, please contact Tasman Crowe ([tasman.crowe@ucd.ie](mailto:tasman.crowe@ucd.ie)) or Dorota Kolbuk ([dorota.kolbuk@ucd.ie](mailto:dorota.kolbuk@ucd.ie)).



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