

ECOOP 2002 Survival Guide

Some interesting and useful things to know

Conference venue

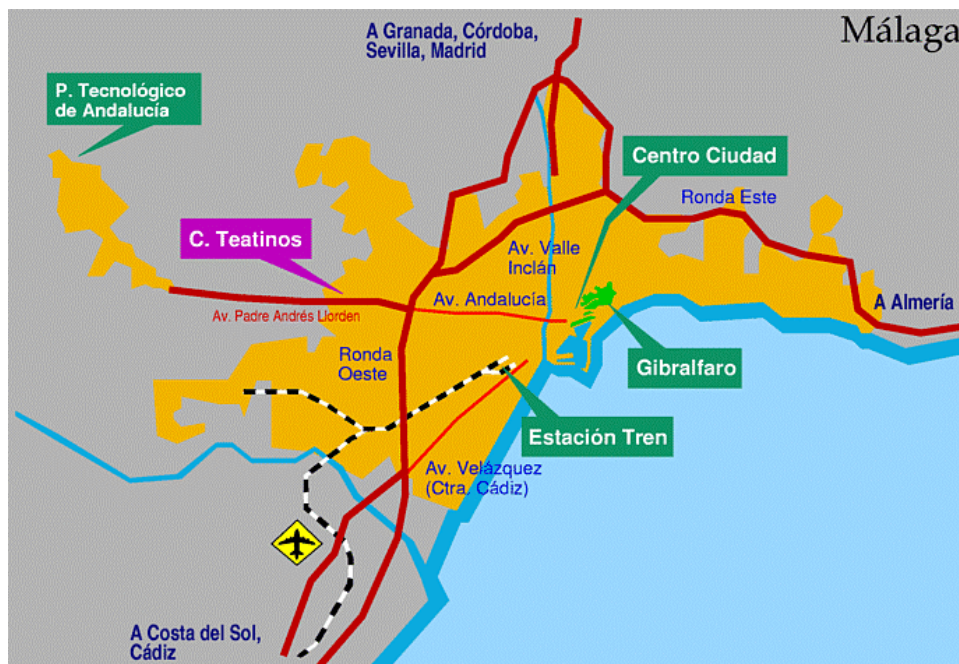
ECOOP 2002 will be hosted by the School of Informatics (ETSI Informática) of the University of Málaga. All events will happen at the School premises.



Located in the "Campus de Teatinos", it has an easy access from Málaga downtown by bus or taxi (see the map page for details on how to get here). In addition, buses will be provided by the organization in the morning and evenings to take ECOOP participants to and from the hotels to the conference place.

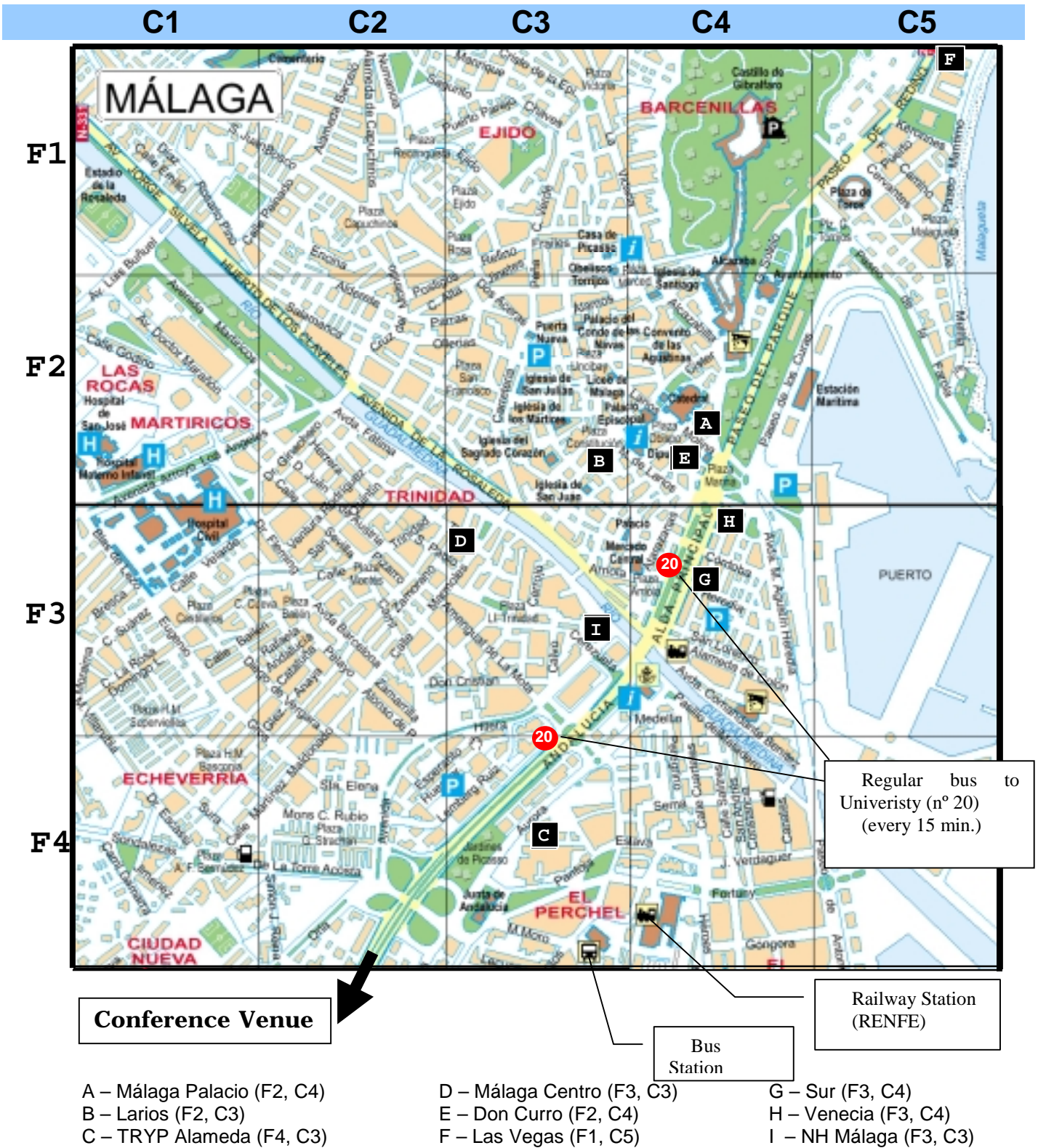
Once you arrive to the School of Informatics (ETSI Informática) of the University of Málaga you will find indications to the conference.

How to get here



By bus

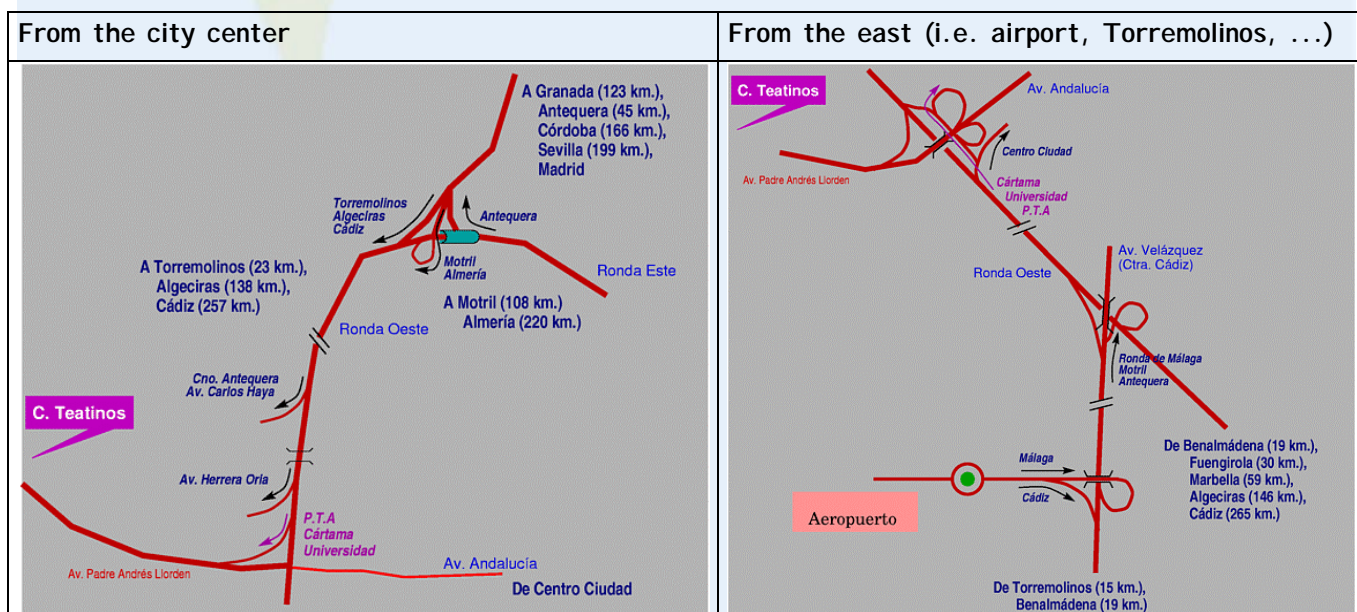
The campus can be easily reached by bus. Public buses from lines 8, 20 and 22 take you to the campus from the city center (main bus stop: "Alameda Principal"). We recommend you to take bus number 20. Average commuting time is about 20 minutes from the city center, and buses run every 15 minutes. Apart from the public transportation available all day, buses provided by the organization will run from the hotels to the University in the morning, and from the University to the hotels after the daily events. Bus timetables will be available at the conference and in the hotels. In addition, a bus card enabling you free access to public buses during your stay will be provided to all participants.



Buses are also available from Torremolinos to the city center, for those of you that decide to stay at any of the Torremolinos hotels. They usually take 30 minutes from the center of Torremolinos to Málaga downtown. There is also a very convenient train that connects Torremolinos and the city center of Málaga, that runs every 30 minutes and takes about 20 minutes.

By car

Taking your own car, or hiring one, is a sensible option if you plan to stay around before or after the conference, and visit the rest of Málaga province and Andalucía (Granada, Córdoba, Sevilla, ...).



By taxi

Taxis are not very expensive in Málaga, and they may become a good option to move around. Usual taxi fares for taking you from the city center to the University campus (or the other way round) are about €6 (the trip takes 15 min. aprox). To and from Torremolinos it becomes about €12 (20 min.).

Taxi considerations

Taxis are a very convenient way for moving around in Málaga, specially if you are in a hurry, or get lost. Taxi drivers are accustomed to tourists and you do not have to worry too much about them ripping you off (which happens very rarely, despite all negative publicity about this). However, some considerations must always be taken into account:

In the airport, please do not trust unofficial taxi drivers that unsolicitedly offer you their services. Use the taxis available outside the airport waiting in the normal taxi lines.

Taxis inside Málaga use taxi-meters for calculating the trip fare. However, trips to and from the Torremolinos have a fixed fare and do not use the taxi-meter. Please ask for the trip fare to the taxi driver before getting into the taxi, and ALWAYS ask for a receipt. All taxis should have a price list with the fares applicable to all trips, which should be clearly visible and must be explained to everybody upon request. Make clear with the taxi driver the amount of the fare before getting into

the taxi. Taxi-meters should be used between the city center of Málaga and the University or the airport, since they are all considered to be inside the city limits.

Important: Should you have any problems with taxis, do not worry. Simply ask for a receipt to the taxi driver that specifies its license number, the origin and destination of the trip, the car plate number, and the fare amount. Bring the receipt to the ECOOP registration desk. We'll deal with it.

Connections to the airport.

Málaga airport is one of the busiest in Europe. It moves more than 9 million people every year. There is a bus connecting the airport with the city center, that runs every hour. However, taxis are the easiest and most convenient transportation method. The fare from the airport to and from the city center is less than €12 (excluding extras: Sundays, late at night, extra baggage, etc). Taxis are also the recommended option for reaching Torremolinos (about €18).

Registration office

A registration office will be set up in the conference site. The office will be opened during all the conference from 8:30 to 17:30. It will also open on Sunday June 9, from 15:00 to 19:30 and at 17:00 buses will take everybody to the city center where we will enjoy a guided tour to the city.

Badges

You are kindly requested to wear your name badge at all times, as admittance to the sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, and the evening programme is not allowed without your badge, apart from the corresponding tickets.

Internet Electronic mail

Electronic mail facilities and Internet connection will be available for ECOOP participants during the conference.

Meals

Meals and coffee-breaks are included for those who handle a valid pass to the Conference. Special food (vegetarian and pork-free food) has also been arranged.

Social and Accompanying Programme

An extensive social program has been arranged during the conference for making people enjoy the visit to Málaga as much as possible. Free activities for accompanying persons are available as well, since we think that this is an excellent opportunity to bring your partner or family and enjoy the trip to Spain. Should you need further assistance on this matter, apart from the excursions and trips already organized, do not hesitate to contact us

Weather

Málaga is the capital of the Costa del Sol (Cost of Sun), so warm and nice temperatures are expected during the conference, ranging from 25C to 30C (77F-86F). Bring your swimming suit with you (for your spare days!), and do not forget some protection for the sun. The bus to the beaches of city is the number 11 and the bus stops are near the stops of bus number 20. Also you can go to Torremolinos, Marbella, or any seaside resort of our beautiful coast.

Health regulations

No vaccinations are required when entering Spain from any country.

Insurance

The conference organizers will not be able to take out any kind of insurance for participants or accompanying persons. Participants are required to make their own arrangements concerning insurance.

Currency

The Euro is the official currency in Spain.

Useful telephone numbers

General Information	Hotels
Local police: 092	Málaga Palacio: (+34) 952 22 51 85
National police: 091	Larios: (+34) 952 22 22 00
Health service: 061	Tryp Alameda: (+34) 952 36 80 20
Airports: 952 048 804 and Iberia 902 400 500	Málaga Centro: (+34) 952 65 23 63
RENFE (trains): 952 360 202	NH Málaga: (+34) 952 07 13 23
Taxis: 952 33 33 33 / 952 048 614	Don Curro: (+34) 952 22 72 00
Málaga Turism Office: 952 604 410	Las Vegas: (+34) 952 21 77 12
International calls prefix: 00	Sur: (+34) 952 22 48 05
Reversed charge (collect) calls: 1009	Venecia: (+34) 952 21 36 36
	Cervantes: (+34) 952 38 40 33
	Meliá Costa del Sol: (+34) 952 38 66 77
	Griego Mar: (+34) 952 38 54 55
	Flamingo: (+34) 952 38 38 55

Problems

Organizational details during the conference will be dealt with at the registration desk. Should you need further assistance, do not hesitate to contact any person of the organization, that will try to help in everything they can.

Outside the conference hours, or if you are away from the conference venue, please dial 619385603 for contacting somebody from the ECOOP organization.

Please do not hesitate to ring them in case of trouble. Málaga is a tourist resource used to deal with tourists and their problems, and normally very friendly to foreigners.