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Inception and Training Workshop of the Project Minamata Initial Assessment

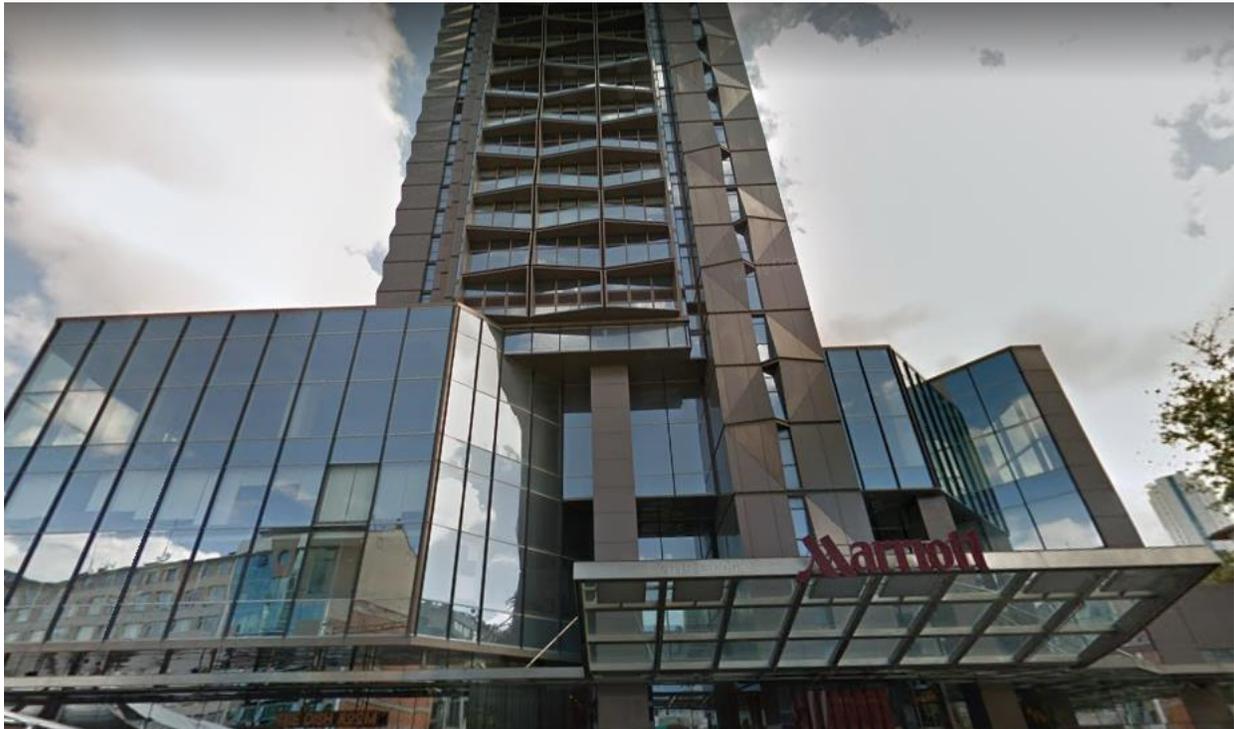
**Istanbul – Turkey,
26th - 27th March 2019**

Venue

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Istanbul Marriott Hotel Sisli

Abide-i Hurriyet Caddesi No.142 , Sisli Istanbul, 34381 Turkey



ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

Accommodation options:

1. **Marriott Sisli Hotel** (Venue of the workshop) Single room rate of 90 EUR/double room rate 100 EUR + 8 % VAT includes breakfast

Contact: Ms. Kerim Bahtigul at bahtigul.kerim@marriotthotels.com
reservation.marriottsisli@marriott.com

Note: Please indicate that you are a participant of the Global MIA workshop on 26 and 27 March 2019 so that you can benefit from the special rate.

2. **Radisson Blu Sisli** (5 minutes walking distance): 90 € - room rates are per night, inclusive of breakfast, excluding %8 VAT

Contacts: Kubra Colakel kubra.colakel@radissonblu.com
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3. **Hilton Bomonti** (10-15 minutes walking distance): 90 € - room rates are per night, inclusive of breakfast, excluding %8 VAT.

Contact: Nursu Ozgenc Nursu.Ozgenc@hilton.com

LUNCHES, RECEPTION, COFFEE BREAKS AND RESTAURANTS

The coffee breaks for the workshop will be offered by the organizers and served at the countries representatives next to the meeting room.

Lunches will be at the expense and discretion of the participants. The express lunch menu at the Marriott hotel (workshop venue) is 45 TRY.

Airport transfer and way to the meeting venue

Please note that Istanbul has 2 airports. TAV Istanbul Ataturk Airport is located on the European side where the event will take place, while Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW) is located in the Asian side of the city. Ataturk Airport is considerably more convenient. Various transportation options for transfers to and from the airport are provided below:

1st option: Havabus shuttle provides a bus service to and from both airports to Taksim. Buses leave at

30 minute intervals. Please check the website for details <http://www.havabus.com/>. Taksim is approximately 3km from the Istanbul Marriot Sisli Hotel. Passangers can take either metro (M2 line) and get off at Sisli/Mecidiyekoy" station, or take a taxi.

2dn option: The Istanbul metro (M1 line) runs from the Ataturk Airport into the city centre. The "Sisli/Mecidiyekoy" metro stop on the M2 green metro line can be used to reach the Istanbul Marriot Sisli Hotel. (change from the M1 to the M2 metro lines is at the Yenikapi metro station) Link to public <http://www.metro.istanbul>

3rd option: Taking a taxi from the airport. Please make sure the taxi meter is on. A taxi from Ataturk Airport to the Istanbul Marriot Sisli Hotel hotel will cost approximately 70-80 TRY. Payment will be in cash in Turkish lira.

Currency

Official currency is Turkish Lira (TRY). The current exchange rate is 1 USD = 5,26 TRY approximately. One Lira is made up of 100 kuruş. ATMs generally accept MasterCard, Visa, Cirrus and Maestro cards. There are also small money-exchange offices; they usually take US dollars and Euros.

Climate

According to the Köppen–Geiger classification system, Istanbul has a borderline Mediterranean climate (Csa), humid subtropical climate (Cfa) and oceanic climate (Cfb), due to its location in a transitional climatic zone. The average high temperature from 25-28 March is 13°C and the average low is 4°C.

Electricity

Mainly 220 volts AC. Plugs are usually the two-pronged cylindrical European style. (Please, refer to <https://turkeytravelplanner.com/details/Electricity.html> for more details)

Visa requirements

Visas are required for entry into Turkey. It is therefore strongly recommended to check with the local Turkish Embassy or Consulate before traveling. Participants are responsible to secure their entry visa in advance. Please do not hesitate to contact us (contacts below) should you require any supporting document for the request of your visa.

Security

The UN Department of Safety and Security currently classifies the security situation in Istanbul as Level 2.

Time zone

Time zone for Istanbul is: UTC +3 hours, no daylight saving time

Communications

The country code is +90 and the area codes for Istanbul are 212 (for European Continent) and 216 (for Asian Continent). Turkish mobile operators (Turkcell, Vodafone and Avea) cover almost the whole territory of the country.

For any further information, please contact:

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