

# Annual ECVET Forum 2018 Using ECVET for long-duration mobility of VET learners

# 14 and 15 June 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

#### **Practical information**

#### **Meeting venue**

The Annual ECVET Forum will take place in the <u>Hotel Marinela</u>, <u>Sofia</u>., 100 James Bourchier Blvd, Sofia 1407, Bulgaria. Tel: +359 2 969 2222. The hotel is located in the green area of Sofia, close to the center of town. Hotel Marinela is one of the landmarks of the city.



# **Meeting schedule**

The Annual ECVET Forum will be held in the Sofia III meeting room on 14 and 15 June.

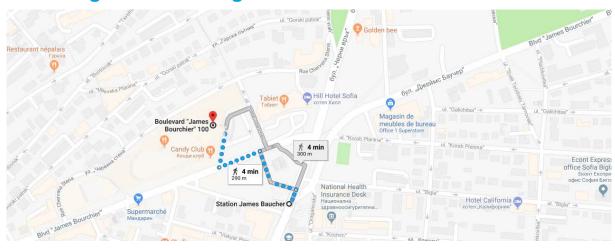
On Day 1, the Forum will commence at 09:00 am, please aim to arrive by 08:30 am at the latest to allow sufficient time to register for the event. If you are attending the *ECVET for Beginners* session please arrive by 08:00 am at the latest to allow sufficient time to register. Day 1 will finish at approximately 18:00 am. You are welcome to stay and attend a networking dinner. All of those wishing to attend the dinner will be transferred by bus to an amusement restaurant well known for its Bulgarian natural cuisine.

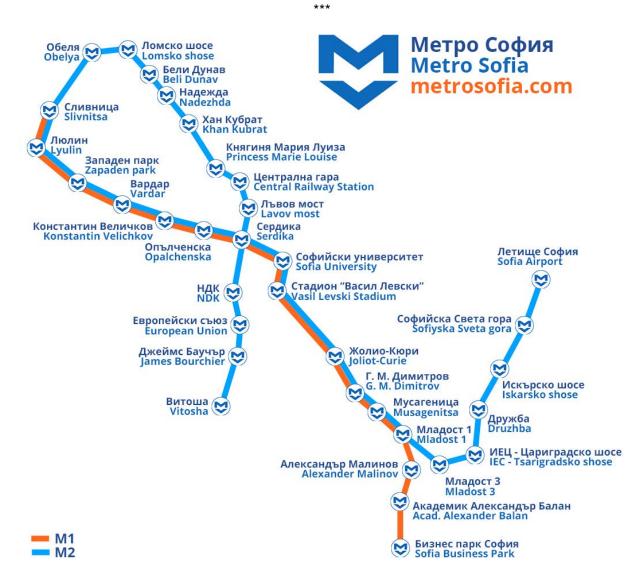
On Day 2, the Forum will commence at 09:30 am, please aim to arrive by 09:00 am to allow time to register for the event. Day 2 will finish with a lunch at approximately 13:00 pm.

The working language will be English in the plenary sessions and in the workshop sessions.



### Travelling to the meeting venue







#### Directions from Sofia Airport - the meeting venue is at 12 km from Sofia Airport

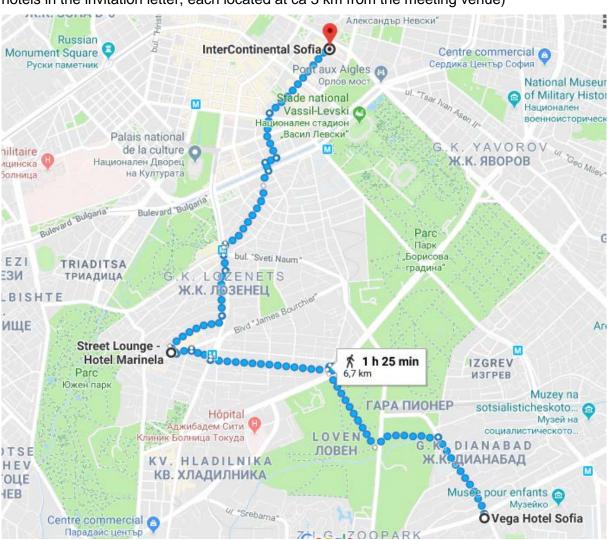
#### By taxi:

For your comfort and safety, the airport recommends the services of the taxi operator OK Supertrans as contractual partner of Sofia Airport. You can request the service at the offices of OK Supertrans in the Arrivals of Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, by phone: +359 2 973 2121 or via their website: <a href="www.oktaxi.net">www.oktaxi.net</a>. The floor markings in yellow will lead you to the taxi stand area. IMPORTANT: Sofia Airport recommends that you do not use taxi services offered outside the office of the taxi operator or in front of the terminal to avoid the risk of abuse. The costs is ca. 15-20 LEV (10 EUR) and the ride lasts ca. 20-30 minutes with traffic.

#### By metro:

The closet Subway station (James Bourchier – Metro line 2) is located 0.20 km from the meeting venue. The metro station at Sofia Airport is located in the eastern part of Terminal 2. You can reach it by following the floor markings in blue at the public area of Terminal 2. Sofia Airport provides free-of-charge transportation between the two terminal buildings. The costs is ca. 2 LEV (1 EUR) and the ride lasts ca. 30-40 minutes.

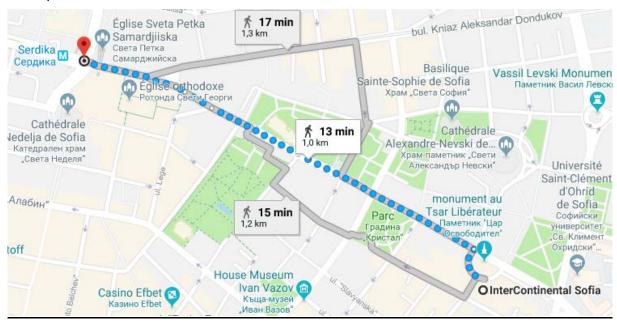
# **Directions from Hotel Vega or Hotel InterContinental to the meeting venue** (suggested hotels in the invitation letter, each located at ca 3 km from the meeting venue)





<u>From Hotel Vega Sofia</u> (address: 75 D-r G.M. Dimitrov Bvld., 1700 Sofia, Bulgaria): please walk to the metro station G.M Dimitrov located 10 minutes away from the hotel, on the same street. Take metro line 1 or 2 up to station Serdika and change metro line up to station James Bourchier.

<u>From Hotel InterContinental Sofia</u> (address: 4 Narodno Sabranie Sq, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria): please walk to metro station Serdika, located ca. 12 minutes away from the hotel (. Take metro line 2 p to station James Bourchier.



#### **Additional information**

Check in to rooms booked at the meeting venue is from 14:00 pm., check out is until 12:00 noon.

The hotel provides free wi-fi in all hotel areas.

In Bulgaria the power sockets are of type F (like in most countries on the European continent). The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. If needed, please take a travel adaptor with you.

The local currency is Lev (BGN). Approximate exchange rate for 1 EUR is 1.95 BGN. Most credit cards are accepted.

The local time is Eastern European Summer Time: UTC / GMT+3

## **Emergency Contact details**

If you have an emergency and need to contact the ECVET Secretariat you can contact Anette Curth (mobile: +32 471 23 86 26 and email: <a href="mailto:anette.curth@icf.com">anette.curth@icf.com</a>) or Emmanuelle Meens (mobile: +32 499 341 787 and email: <a href="mailto:emmanuelle.meens@icf.com">emmanuelle.meens@icf.com</a>).

We look forward to meeting you in Bulgaria!

Best regards,

The ECVET Secretariat