

For its 2019 Annual Conference, ESPO is taking you to Livorno. You will find below some practical information that might be useful to organise your stay in Livorno. The conference fee is 550 € (outside the scope of V.A.T.).

ABOUT THE VENUE

The 2019 Annual ESPO Conference is taking place at the *Goldoni Theatre*.

Built in the 19th century, the *Goldoni Theatre* is Livorno's best and most loved theatre. It was designed and built with a glass roof in an effort to capture the essence of both night and day, as desired by the architects who conceptualised it. The building has recently been restored. More than just an architectural landmark and a musical venue, the Theatre also stands out as museum dedicated to the great Livornese composer Pietro Mascagni (Livorno, 1863 - Rome, 1945).

A bit off the beaten track, the Goldoni Theater stands south of the city center, less than 300 meters after crossing the Fosso Reale. A shuttle will bring you from a meeting point near your hotel to Piazza Cavour, which is at 3 minute walk from the conference venue.

ABOUT THE PORT OF LIVORNO – Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea

Livorno is the main port of the Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea.

The ports of the Northern Tyrrhenian Sea – Livorno, Piombino, Portoferraio, Rio Marina, Cavo and Capraia Island – make one of the largest systems of Italian ports for the total traffic handled with over 42 million tonnes of goods and 9 million passengers every year. This particular network of six ports comprising the Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea, established after the passing of Legal Decree n. 169 of 4th August 2016, accounts for over 14% of various types of Italian Port traffic (Ro-Ro, Containers and General Cargo) and holds the national record for tonnage of vehicle traffic and number of commercial vehicles handled.

It is the leading node not only for vehicle traffic but also for forestry goods and new cars. The Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea is located in the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian seas (also known as the North Tyrrhenian range) and is the most important Italian node for traffic handled as well as a natural logistics node for Tuscany.

The ports' proximity to the rich markets of central and northern Italy is their unquestionable strength, while being on the Scandinavian-Mediterranean TEN-T motorway guarantees prime trans-European and international connections. As a result, the port system has a twofold axis, one reaching into core European inland markets and, through north-eastern Italy, into new Central-European production areas; while the other is more Euro-Mediterranean reaching the major islands and the countries on the sea's southern shores.

More information on the official [website](#).

HOW TO REACH LIVORNO?

The 2019 Annual ESPO Conference is taking place in Livorno, Tuscany, Italy.

The easiest way to reach Livorno would be to fly to Pisa or to Firenze and then take a transfer from the airport to Livorno.

- From Pisa: take a taxi (30 minutes' drive) or a train connection from Pisa Centrale to Livorno Centrale (15 minutes). Please note that there is no direct train connection from Pisa airport.
- From Firenze: take a taxi (1h10 drive) or a train connection from Firenze Centrale to Livorno Centrale (1h15 ride). Please note that there is no direct train connection from Firenze airport to Livorno, you should use the shuttle service (about 20 minutes) between the airport terminal and the centre of Firenze (<http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it/en/the-passengers/transport/bus.html>).

For the trains, check the official website of Italian railways: <https://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

TRANSFERS HOTEL – CONFERENCE VENUES

As the recommended hotels are spread around the city, bus transfers will be organized from some hotels to the conference venue (*Goldoni Theatre*) and to the dinner venue (*Livorno's Old Fortress*).

Participants are kindly requested to have a look at the overview of the bus transfers at www.espo-conference.com under 'practical information'.

ABOUT THE HOTELS

We are glad to offer our guests special prices for hotel accommodation. Please note that the conference registration does not automatically imply hotel reservation. To book a room, please contact the hotel of your choice directly. Quote **ESPO2019** to get the negotiated price. The prices include breakfast, unless otherwise specified in the notes.

Make sure you are aware of the cancellation policy for hotels booking, which are the same as for the registration procedure:

- Free of charge up to 30th April
- Between 1st May and 15th May: 50% of the fee will be reimbursed
- From 16th May or no-show: no reimbursement.

The hotel's list is available online at www.espo-conference.com under 'practical information'.

HOW TO CONTACT US?

Please refer to the list below in function of the topic of your question:

- Questions related to your hotel booking: contact the hotel directly.
- Questions related to your registration: espo2019@aracongressi.com
- Questions related to the programme: Helene.vancompennolle@espo.be