

**Stop domestic
violence
against women**



Strasbourg, 26 October 2006

EG-VAW (2006) Info

**Council of Europe Campaign to Combat
Violence against Women, including
Domestic Violence**

**Launching Conference
Madrid, 27 November 2006**

General Information

LAUNCHING CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MADRID, NOVEMBER 2006 "SENADO DE ESPAÑA"

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Madrid is the capital of Spain. It has 5.145.000 inhabitants (UN 2005). The capital of Spain since 1562, is located on the geographic center of the Iberian Peninsula. Madrid is characterized by intense cultural and artistic activity. Among its highlights are the medieval center dating back to the Habsburg Empire and the Prado Museum. Over 6 million tourists visit Madrid each year.

The average temperature in November is 13°C.

FACTS ABOUT SPAIN

- Population: 40.8 million (UN 2006)
- Area: 504.780 sq km
- Life expectancy: 83 (women), 76 years (men)
- Internet domain: .es
- International dialling code: +34
- Emergency number 112

Banks	9 am to 2 pm, Monday-Friday and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday.
Foreign exchanges	This service is available at all bank offices, open to the public Monday through Saturday, from 8.30 am to 2 pm (except in the months of June through September, when they remain closed on Saturday). It is also available at currency exchange shops at all major cities, as well as selected hotels and travel agencies.
Currency	Euro
Hours of business	The majority of public services are open 9 am to 2 pm Monday to Friday. Most shops are open 9.30 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to 8 pm, Monday to Friday. On Saturday shops are open 9 am to 2 pm.
Smoking	Since January 1 st 2006 Spain has enforced a smoking ban in public places.
Credit Cards	Most major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express....) are widely accepted for payment throughout Spain.

TRANSPORT

To Senado de España (Senate of Spain)



From Madrid Barajas Airport to the city centre (Distance to central Madrid: 15km, 9 miles)

- By Car** For central Madrid take A-2 Barcelona route to M-30 highway. For M-40 highway take A-10 to Junction 3 or Junction 9. Journey time to central Madrid is 25-30 minutes depending on traffic.
- By Taxi** There are taxis outside each Terminal's Arrivals area. Journey time to central Madrid is around 25-30 minutes depending on traffic. Fare: Around €20 including airport supplements. Make sure you take a cab from the official stand and not from someone offering taxis inside the terminal.
- By train** The Madrid Metro subway system links the airport with the city. There is no direct link with the main Spanish rail network. Use the Metro network to connect with long distance trains. The airport Metro station is located in Terminal 2 on the connecting corridor to Parking area 2. More information is available [online \(http://www.metromadrid.es/\)](http://www.metromadrid.es/) Journey to central Madrid involves transferring at Mar de Cristal (Line 8) to your required destination. Trains run daily from 6 am to 2 am. Journey time to central Madrid, via Lines 4 and 6, is 40 minutes. Fare: €1.10.
- By bus** The Airport bus to the Plaza de Colon (Route 89) departs from the Arrivals level of each terminal from 04:45 am until 02:00 am. They operate every 15 minutes until 06:00, then every 10 minutes between 06:00 and 23:00. After 23:00 they operate every 16 minutes. Fare: €2.40. If you have more than two travel bags add €2.31 for each extra piece of luggage.

PASSPORTS/VISAS

Spain is a signatory to the 1985 Schengen Agreement. Citizens from countries signatory to the Schengen agreement do not require visas.

Citizens from the following countries require a visa when entering Spain. For further information on how to apply, please contact the Spanish Embassy in your country. The Spanish authorities will be invited to inform Spanish Embassies in Council of Europe member states about the launching Conference in order to accelerate the application process. As far as possible, the granting of visas will be free of charge.

Forms can be downloaded from Schengen Visa website :

<http://www.eurovisa.info/ApplicationForm.htm>

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Serbia
- "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
- Turkey
- Ukraine

ACCOMMODATION

The Spanish authorities have negotiated special rates with the hotels listed below. If you would like to reserve a room in one of these hotels, please contact the hotel of your choice directly.

Hotel	Stars	Price in Euros (all prices include breakfast)	
Hotel Asturias C/ Sevilla, 2 28014 Madrid Tel: +34 91 429 66 76 Fax: +34 91 429 40 36 info@hotel-asturias.com www.hotel-asturias.com	2 star	single double	90 euros 75 euros
Hotel de las Letras C/ Gran Vía, 11 Tel: +34 91 523 79 80 Fax: +34 91 431 09 43 info@hoteldelasletras.com www.hoteldelasletras.com	4 star	single	153 euros
Hotel Green Lope De Vega C/ Lope de Vega, 49 Tel: +34 91 360 00 11 Fax: +34 91 429 23 91 lopedevega@hotellopedevega.com www.hotelgreenlopedevega.com	4 star	single double	123 euros 140 euros

NH Nacional Paseo del Prado, 48 28014 Madrid Tel: +34 91 429 66 29 Fax: +34 91 369 15 64 nacional@nh-hotels.com www.hotelnhnacional.hotelsearch.com	4 star	single 149 euros double 165 euros
NH Alcalá C/ Alcalá, 66 28009 Madrid Tel: +34 91 435 10 60 nhalcala@nh-hotels.com www.nh-hotels.com	4 star	single 147 euros double 160 euros
Hotel Westin Palace www.westinpalacemadrid.com	5 star	single 235 euros double 265 euros

Other hotels in Madrid can be found on the following website:

<http://www.munimadrid.es/turismo/>