

CONFERENCE SITE: GIJÓN (Asturias)

Asturias (officially the Principality of Asturias), is an autonomous community in north-west Spain characterized by its green landscape, impressive mountains, spectacular beaches, excellent food and hospitable local people. Almost the 30% of the community's territory are protective areas and there are 6 Biospheres Reserves designated by UNESCO. *A veritable Natural Paradise!*

Gijón is the largest city in Asturias with 280,000 inhabitants. The city is located in the impetuous Bay of Biscay (practically in the centre of the Asturian coastline), which embraces the city and has marked its history for over 5,000 years.

The city is distinguished by the peninsula of Cimavilla (the original settlement) which separates the beach of San Lorenzo and adjacent neighbourhoods to the east, from the beaches of Poniente and Arbeyal, the shipyards, and the recreational port and the Port of El Musel to the west.

Gijón is famous by its beaches, seaport, local gastronomy and landmarks such as roman terms, Santa Catalina's hill, San Pedro's church and Laboral University.

More info at: <http://en.turismo.gijon.es/> and <https://www.turismoasturias.es/en/home-en>



VENUES

Conference Venue: Laboral City of Culture

Laboral Culture City is the result of transformation project taken on by the Government of the Principality of Asturias since 2001 in order to provide new life to monumental set of the old Laboral University of Gijón.

Built between 1946 and 1955, Laboral University of Gijón is the most important architectural work built in the 20th century in Asturias and is considered, with its 270,000 m², the biggest building in Spain. On 19 May 2016 the Laboral University of Gijón was declared Heritage of Cultural Interest.

The construction follows the ideals of classical architecture, although a clear eclecticism dominates the entire work. The great central square acts as the organisation focal point for some of the most prominent and singular buildings such as the Church, the Tower or the Theatre.

More info at: <http://www.laboralciudaddelacultura.com/en/>

Technical visit: PRODINTEC Foundation

PRODINTEC is a private non-profit entity created in 2004 with the mission of fostering the competitiveness of industrial firms by applying technological advances both to their products and to their manufacturing and management processes.

PRODINTEC headquarters (5,000 sq m) are situated in the INTRA area of expansion of Gijón Science and Technology Park, in a representative building of the valuable industrial heritage of both Gijón and Asturias: the Laboral University's old tobacco drying facility.

PRODINTEC is specialized in industrial design and production. Since its creation, PRODINTEC has been working on the development of additive manufacturing technologies. The advanced manufacturing area focuses on AM designs, processes, equipment, production and post-processing. Its equipment allow the center to produce parts in a wide variety of materials: metals (aluminium, titanium, Inconel, stainless steel, tool steel, chrome-cobalt, etc.), polyamide (pure and filled with aluminium), resins (with varying degrees of springiness), ceramics, etc. PRODINTEC has one of the larger additive manufacturing facilities in number, capacity and range of materials in Europe.

More info at: <http://www.prodintec.es/en/>

HOW TO ARRIVE



By plane

Asturias international **airport** (OVD) is located in Castrillón, 40 Km from Gijón.

The following airlines operate regular scheduled to and from Asturias:

- AIR EUROPA
- VUELING
- EASYJET
- IBERIA
- ORBEST
- VOLOTEA
- TAP PORTUGAL

There are **direct flights** to/from London, Paris, Munich, Venice, Lisbon and Geneva. Connections with other European destinations are possible via Madrid or Barcelona. More info at: <http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-asturias/index.html>

Ground transport to transfer from airport to Gijón:

- Road: The airport is a 30 minutes drive from Gijón by the A-8 motorway. Car rental services are available at the airport (AVIS, EUROPCAR).
- Taxis: A taxi rank in continuous service is available at the airport. Estimated journey time and price: 30 min, 48 €.
- Bus: ALSA coach company (www.alsa.es, telephone number +34 902 422 242) offers service between the airport and Gijón. Daily departures from the airport at 07:00, 08:00, 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00, 17:00, 18:00, 19:00, 20:30, 22:00 and 23:20. These times may be delayed by up to 15 minutes if information about an arriving flight appears on the information panel when it is due to leave. Estimated journey time and price: 45 min, 8 €.



By rail

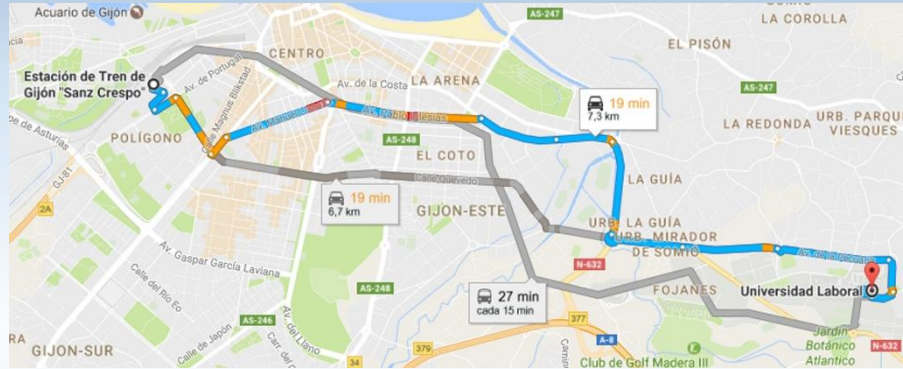
The Railway Company RENFE (www.renfe.es) links the town with the rest of Spain.



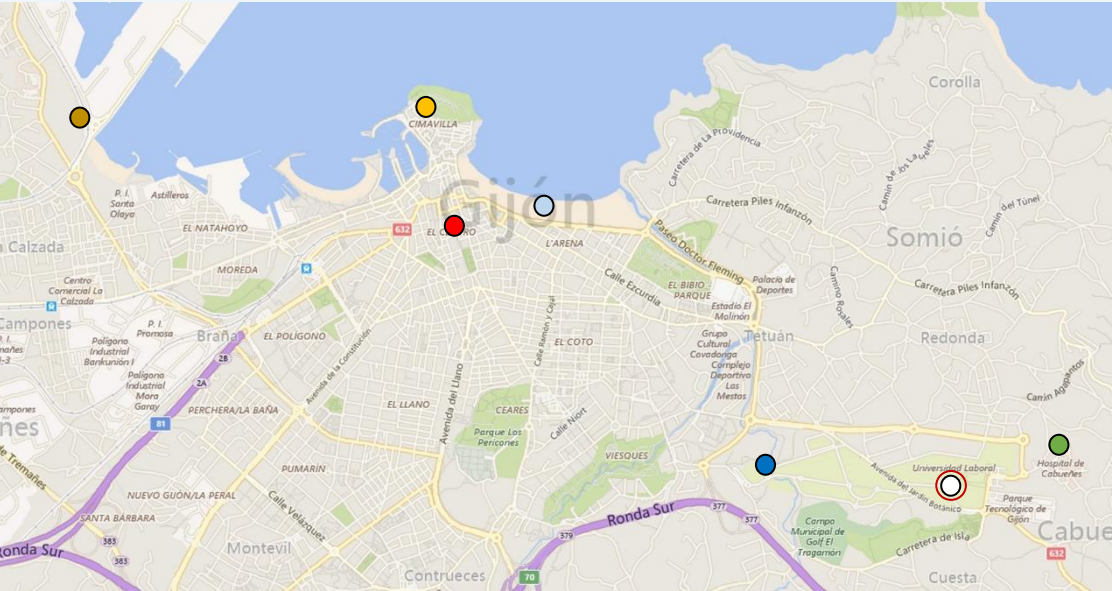
FROM AIRPORT TO
LABORAL CITY OF
CULTURE
40km



FROM GIJON TRAIN STATION TO
LABORAL CITY OF CULTURE
2km



GPS Venue Coordinates:
Lat.: 43.524246586135
Long.: -5.613676407410



- Universidad Laboral (City of Culture)
- PRODINTEC Foundation
- Hospital de Cabueñes
- City Center
- Touristic attraction area
- San Lorenzo beach
- Port of Gijón

ACCOMODATION

Most recommended (special prices and free transfer to the venue):

- HOTEL TRYP PELAYO **** <https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/gijon/tryp-gijon-rey-pelayo-hotel/index.html>
+34 985 199 800
tryp.rey.pelayo@solmelia.com
3.5 km (7min to the venue)
- ABBA PLAYA GIJON **** <https://www.abbagijonhotel.com/es/home.html>
+34 985 000 000
playagijon@abbahoteles.com
4 km (8min to the venue)
- HOTEL SILKEN CIUDAD DE GIJON **** <https://www.hoteles-silken.com/es/hotel-ciudad-gijon/>
+34 985 176 112
hotel.ciudadgijon@hoteles-silken.com
6.5 km (16 min to the venue)
- PARADOR DE TURISMO MOLINO VIEJO **** <http://www.parador.es/es/paradores/parador-de-gijon>
+34 985 370 511
gijon@parador.es
3.2 km (6 min to the venue)

Other options:

- BAL HOTEL SPA ***** <http://www.balhotel.com/> hotel@balhotel.com
- AC GIJON BY MARRIOTT **** <http://www.espanol.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ovdgi-ac-hotel-gijon> acgijon@ac-hotels.com
- HOTEL ASTURIAS **** <http://hotelasturiasgijon.es/> info@hotelasturiasgijon.es
- HOTEL BEGOÑA PARK **** <http://www.hotelbegonapark.com/> begonapark@hotelesbegona.com
- HOTEL DON MANUEL **** <http://www.hoteldonmanuel.com/> hoteldonmanuel@telecable.es
- HOTEL HERNAN CORTES **** <http://www.hotelhernancortes.es/> info@hotelhernancortes.es
- OCA PALACIO DE LA LLOREA HOTEL&SPA **** <http://ocahotels.com/palacio-llorea/el-hotel> reservas.palaciodelallore@ocahotels.es
- HOTEL PRINCIPE DE ASTURIAS **** <http://www.hotelprincipeasturias.com/> hotel@hotelprincipeasturias.com
- HOTEL VILLA DE GIJON **** <http://www.hotelvilladegijon.com/> info@hotelvilladegijon.com

*NOTE: Please note that hotel reservations are the sole responsibility of attendees.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time zone: GMT+1.

Climate: Gijón has a temperate oceanic climate typical of the Atlantic coast of Spain, with cool summers and mild winters. The climate is wet and cloudy by Spanish standards, but is indeed drier than other locations on the Atlantic in the country. Humidity is high year-round. Average daily temperature in September is around 20 °C.

Banks and credit cards: Banks open from Monday to Friday, from 08.30 to 15.00. They close on Saturdays and Sundays. Major credit cards are generally accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

Insurance: LABORAL City of Culture, EDA or PRODINTEC Foundation do not take responsibility for damaged, lost or stolen items, i.e. laptop computers, cellular phones, etc. Please make sure that you have an adequate personal insurance policy.

Electricity supply: voltage in Spain is EU Standard of 230 Volts/50Hertz.

Telephone: The international dialing code for Spain is +34. Phone Cards can be purchased at several places (airport, rail station, newsagents).

Tipping: Tipping, or rounding up the bill, is not obligatory but is normal unless the service was clearly below par. It is the norm to leave the "loose change" when paying for a couple of drinks. Most tip a small amount in restaurants provided the service has been good.

Local Coordinator and Point of Contact:



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