

**Second expert meeting of the
Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information
Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, Rostock-Warnemünde,
Germany
24 – 28 February 2020**

INFORMATION NOTE

Introduction

This second expert meeting of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information seeks to advance its work on data availability, accessibility and interoperability, and to better understand the challenges, opportunities and feasible solutions in making available and accessible marine geospatial information for a multiplicity of applications. The meeting will consider the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and its Implementation Guide as a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership. The meeting will also consider working across the land and sea interface, integrated ecosystems data management practices, capacity and capability development, as well as reviewing and deliberating on its progress and results of its current work plan and activities, new and emerging opportunities, and updating its work plan vis-à-vis the objectives of the Working Group as mandated by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. This second expert meeting is both an administrative and a substantive meeting of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information.

This second meeting is held in conjunction with the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures of the International Hydrographic Organization and the meeting of the Marine Domain Working Group of the Open Geospatial Consortium.

Participation is by invitation only. All current members of the Working Group comprising expert representatives of Member States from national geospatial information, mapping or hydrographic authorities, international organizations, UN-GGIM thematic networks and United Nations system are invited. Additionally, registered participants of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures of the International Hydrographic Organization and the meeting of the Marine Domain Working Group of the Open Geospatial Consortium are invited to participate in this second expert meeting of the Working Group as observers.

Host and venue



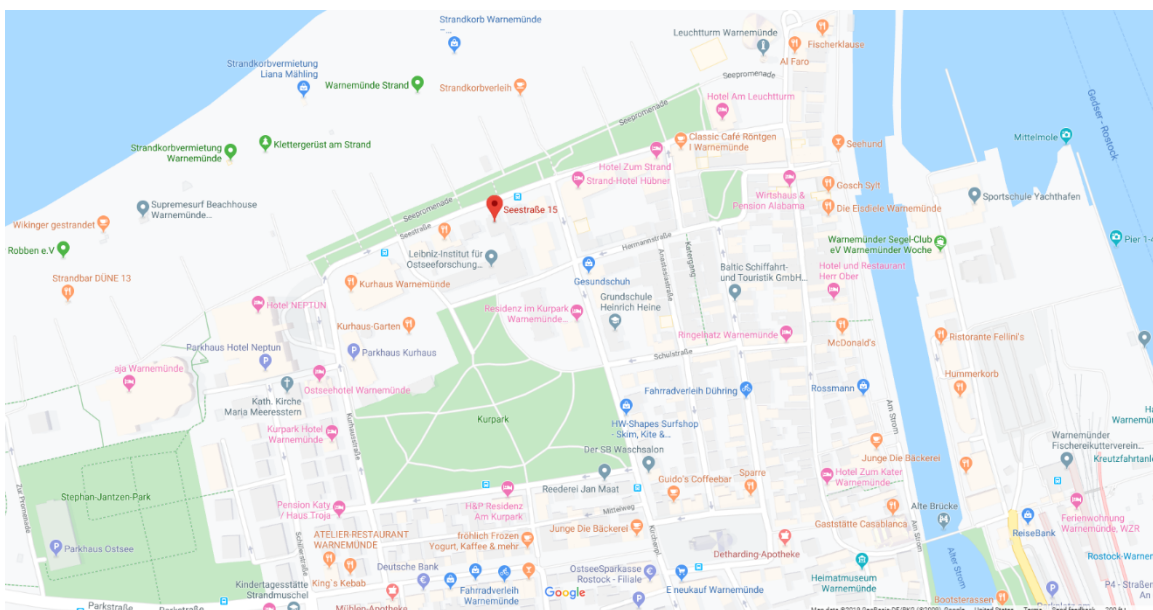
The meeting is hosted by the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) of Germany, a member of the Working Group, at the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW), Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany.

Address:

Seestraße 15, 18119 Rostock
Germany



The venue, the IOW Institute, is located in Rostock-Warnemünde. Please note that the entrance to the meeting room is on the rear side of the building. The entrance on the seaside does not lead to the meeting room. If you walk along Seestraße, make sure that you turn into “Heinrich Heine Straße” to walk around the entire building complex.



Warnemünde is the seaside resort of Rostock. Coming from Rostock, the location can easily be reached by car (blue line) or by train and then walking to the Institute (green line). The Institute does not offer parking spots. Therefore, the use of the latter option is strongly recommended.

Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for their accommodation for the duration of the meeting. It is strongly recommended to place your hotel reservation at your earliest convenience.

If you need any assistance, please contact:

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Below is a selection of hotels in the vicinities of the Institute.

<https://www.hotel-neptun.de/en/>

(Please book your room by the 10th January 2020 at the latest with the keyword MSDI/UNGGIM. From the 23rd to 28th February 2020 a single room is 99,- € and a double room 151,- € per night at the Hotel NEPTUN. Please contact the hotel by e-mail: reservation@hotel-neptun.de or telephone +49-381-777-7777)

<https://www.aja.de/en/locations/warnemuende.html>

(Approximately 98€ per night)

Confirmation of participation/Registration

Invited participants and observers should confirm their participation as early as practical to:

Co-Chairs, Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information
c/o Ms. Vilma Frani

UN Secretariat, Global Geospatial Information Management

Email: frani@un.org

Official Language

The official language is German. Services are available in English at airports and hotels. Please note that the working language of the second expert meeting is English.

Transportation and airport Information

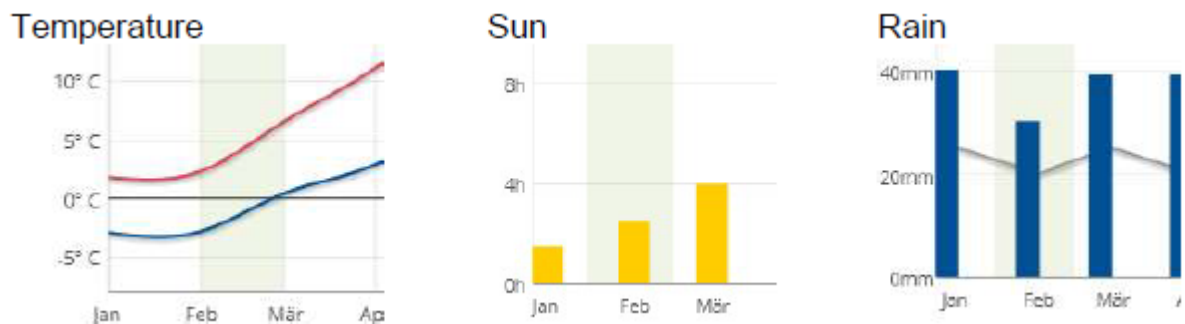
Some information is provided below to facilitate travel arrangements.

- Rostock Airport (connection to Munich):
<https://www.rostock-airport.de/en>
- Hamburg Airport:
<https://www.hamburg-airport.de/en>
- Munich Airport:
<https://www.munich-airport.com>
- Trains (Deutsche Bahn):
<https://www.bahn.de/en/view/booking-information/index.shtml>

The S-Bahn station Warnemünde is closed for construction work. From the stop Warnemünde Werft there is a BUS which replaces the train.

There are some websites that provide useful information for travel planning, e.g.:
<https://www.rome2rio.com>

Weather



For additional information, please visit the German Weather Service (Deutscher Wetterdienst): <https://www.dwd.de/EN>

Tourist Information

Our Tourist Information centres in Rostock and Warnemünde will provide you with information about everything you should know during your trip. Where can I park my car? Which opportunities does local public transport provide? How can I best explore the city? More information can be found at: <https://www.rostock.de/en/>

Travel documents and visa

Please check the required travel documents by country at: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt>

Electrical Power

Electrical voltage is 230V, 50 Hz (type F). The outlet has two round holes and is the same type used in France, Austria, Greece, Turkey, and many other countries.



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