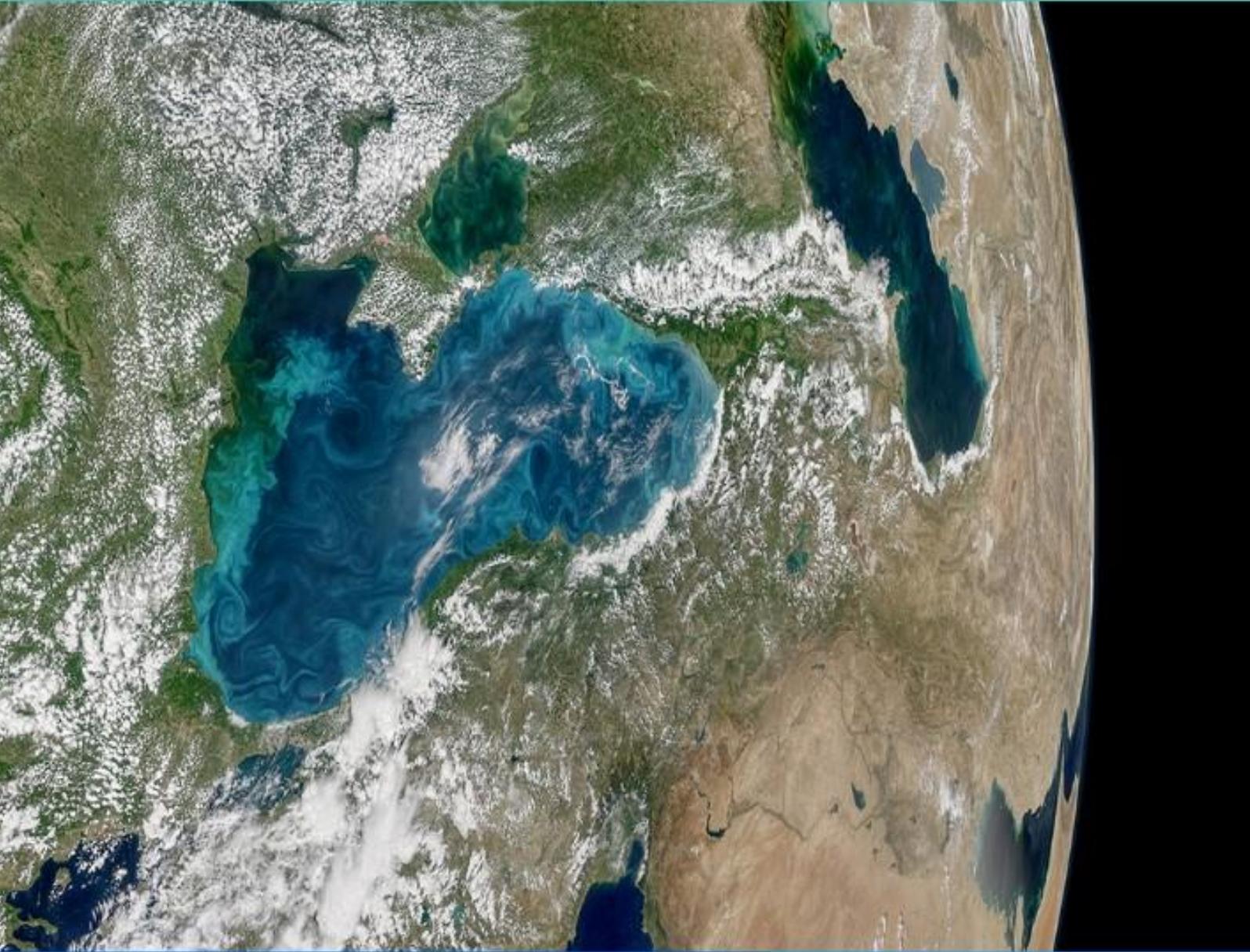


# Black Sea CONNECT

Coordination of Marine and Maritime Research and  
Innovation in the Black Sea



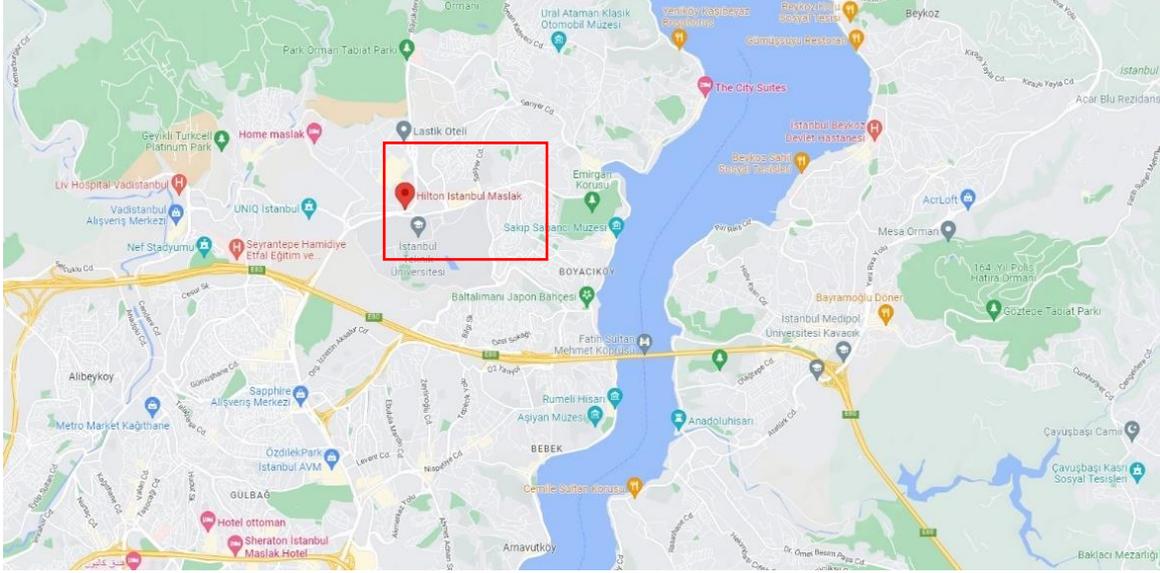
**Practical Info Guide**



## LOCATIONS

### Venue

[Hilton Maslak Hotel](#) will host the event. Located in one of İstanbul's vibrant business center, the hotel is at the convenience of the other centers of the city. Hilton Maslak Hotel is situated on the European side of İstanbul and is close to the metro station, [İTÜ-Ayazağa](#).



## TRANSPORT

Please note that there are two airports in İstanbul, Sabiha Gökçen and İstanbul. There are some available shuttling services at both the airports But, if possible prefer İstanbul airport.

### 1. AIRPORT SHUTTLE

You will find exchange offices at the airport. We kindly remind you that you will need national currency in cash for the airport shuttle.

#### i. Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) (Asian side)

#### HAVABUS:

Duration: Approximately 90 minutes from SAW to **Taksim**.

Station: You can find the stop right outside of the Airport.

Price: 52.50 TL

Lasts until: See the below time schedule.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 860055.

Sabiha Gökçen Havalimanı - Taksim kalkış saati;

06:30	07:00	07:30
08:00	08:30	09:00
09:30	10:00	10:30
11:00	11:30	12:00
12:30	13:00	13:30
14:00	14:30	15:00
15:30	16:00	16:30
17:00	17:30	18:00
18:30	19:00	19:30
20:00	20:30	21:00
21:30	22:00	22:30
23:00	23:30	00:00
00:30		

ii. İstanbul Airport (IST) (European side)

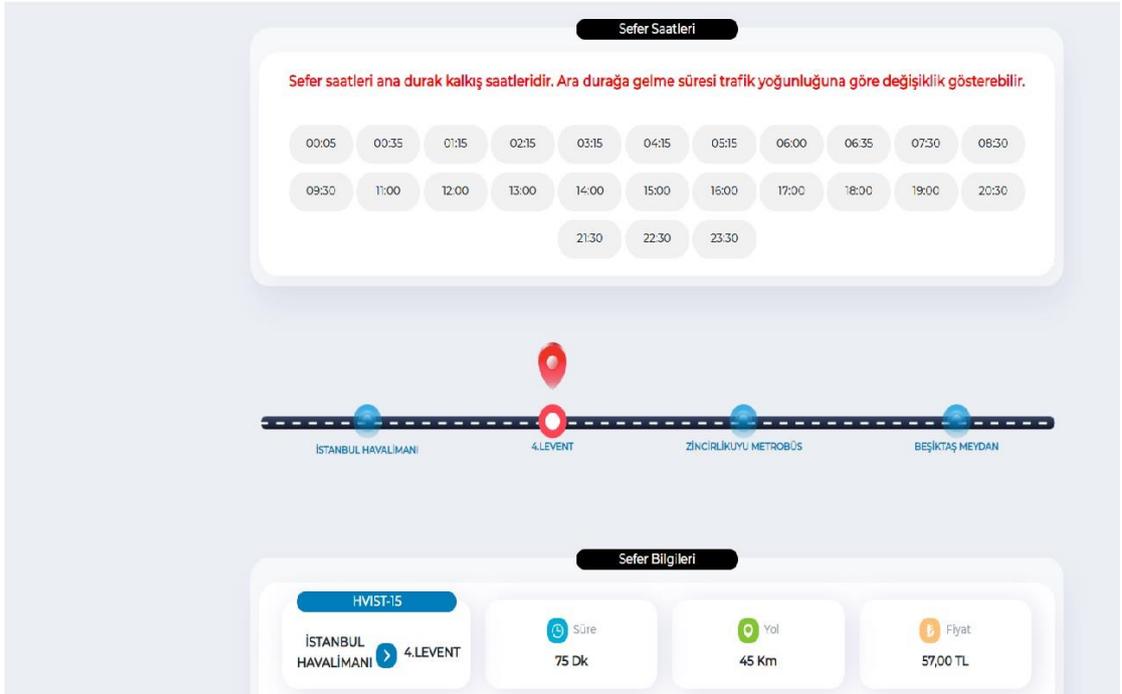
**HAVAİST:**

Duration: Approximately 75 minutes from IST to [4. Levent Metro Station](#) (See below on how to get from here to the venue)

Station: You can find the stop right outside of the Airport.

Price: 57.00 TL

Lasts until: See the below schedule and transport details.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 860055.

## 2. TAXI

From [IST to Hilton Maslak](#) taking taxi is another option. To your information, the price may reach up to 450 TL (for approximately 40 km).

From [SAW to Hilton Maslak](#), taking a taxi may cost up to 650 TL (for approximately 57 km).

**Please note that there is a significant rush-hour traffic in Istanbul between 08:00 – 09:30 & 17:00 – 20:00. During these times, finding a taxi/uber can be tricky.**

## 3. METRO

From Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Hilton Maslak, it is possible to take metro. (takes around 2 hours)

Route on Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/tD347ScDcWQKjcb39>

Route on Moovit: <https://moovitapp.com/i/MzUwMTgxNjA?t=1>

If you have taken shuttle and arrived at 4. Levent:

### From 4. Levent Metro Station

By M2 Haciosman Direction, in 13 minutes you can reach the hotel.

Route on Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/v1HAWvU1Q3LqB1BY9>

Route on Moovit: <https://moovitapp.com/i/MzUwMTA2NDk?t=1>

If you have taken shuttle and arrived at Taksim:

### From Taksim Metro Station

By M2 Haciosman Direction, in 25 minutes you can reach the hotel.

Route on Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Xvm7MiQaKffWTgGm9>

Route on Moovit: <https://moovitapp.com/i/MzUwMjIzNzg?t=1>

## 4. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

You will find it very easy to travel across Istanbul. There are many options like railroad, ferries, and public busses. It is for your benefit to obtain **Istanbul Kart**, a smart pre-paid card that allows you to pass on any public transport.

### ***In case, the participants would like to have an Istanbul Kart at the airport***

To buy an Istanbul Kart, you need to pay a non-refundable 25 TL fee (for the actual card and the service), and of course an amount of your choice to load onto the card. There are many types of Istanbul cards, but the one most suitable for tourists is the anonymous card. You will find loading machines that accept banknotes of 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 TL. A mobile application for the user is also available, "İstanbulkart", with which you can manage loading money by a credit card, QR code payment and search for the active public transports and stations around you.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 860055.

Here is a QR code for your benefit: the railroad (metro) website of İstanbul.



### Communication

There are prepaid sim card options for tourists with minutes to talk and data. These can be purchased at the airport. Here are some of the available offers:

- Turkcell: 20 GB data + 200 minutes of local calls and unlimited messaging (WhatsApp and BIP) for 30 days
- Vodafone Turkey: 20 GB data + 750 minutes of local calls + 1000 SMS for 28 days

Please note that most places accept Visa and Mastercards.

### EMERGENCY CALLS

**112:** Single European Emergency Call Number

### WEATHER

The average temperature in November is 11.9°C with moderate precipitation.

### TIME ZONE

Turkey's time zone is GMT+3.

### CONTACT INFO

**Mrs. Pinar Uygurer:** GSM: +90 554 911 16 08

e-mail: [pinaruygurur@ims.metu.edu.tr](mailto:pinaruygurur@ims.metu.edu.tr)

### COVID INFORMATION

With the decision of the authorities of Turkish Republic, as of 01.06.2022,

**1-** Submitting vaccination certificate for Covid-19 before entering Türkiye and

**2-** Submitting negative PCR or rapid antigen test results for Covid-19, which was requested for passengers who were not be able to submit vaccination certificates, **requirements have been cancelled.** There is **no requirement** of vaccination certificate and/or PCR or antigen tests. There is also **no requirement for mask usage** in public areas. This will be up to the participants' comfort.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 860055.



@ConnectBlackSea



@connect2blacksea



Connect Black Sea

[www.connect2blacksea.org](http://www.connect2blacksea.org)