

1 Welcome to Nokia

Nokia Bell Labs welcome VQEG members to the meeting that will be held on our Madrid office next March 19th-23rd 2018. Our office location is:

Nokia
María Tubau, 9
28050 Madrid

The building is located at the northern edge of Madrid city area, in the neighborhood of Las Tablas. It hosts the headquarters of Nokia Spain S.A.

1.1 Contact people

Your hosts for the meeting are:

- Pablo Pérez (pablo.perez@nokia-bell-labs.com), +34 616 219 675
- Jaime Ruiz (jaime.jesus.ruiz_alonso@nokia-bell-labs.com)
- David Tenorio (david.tenorio_gonzalez@nokia.com)

To contact us before the meeting, you can write to meeting@vqeg.org.

1.2 Meeting logistics

VQEG website will contain, as usual, the meeting agenda, presentation list and registration system. We have limited seating availability, so please register to the meeting in advance so that we can arrange internal logistics with time.

Attendees will be required to **check-in** in the reception (ground floor) upon arrival. You will be provided with an access card that will allow to access to the office. The meeting will be held on the Auditorium room at *Entrepant* floor (mezzanine) of building A. There will be signs indicating how to reach the room.

Internet access will be provided for attendees. It will be an ad-hoc infrastructure prepared for the meeting, as there is no visitor WiFi available in the building so far. The capacity might be limited, so we ask you to make a reasonable use of the resources.



Remote access will be possible using WebEx. Please make sure that you install a WebEx client in your computer in advance. To help the preparation for remote attendance, we will host a “dummy” remote meeting on Thursday 15th so that anyone can test that their connectivity works. We will send connection details some days in advance.

2 Travel information

2.1 Transportation

Nokia building is about 15 min driving from the airport. The easiest way to/from the airport is by taxi (20-30€). Use only official taxis: white with a red line (see picture). There is a taxi stop in front of the office main entrance, and it is possible to book a taxi from the building reception (or through the meeting hosts).



Please note that Friday 23rd is the beginning of the Easter holidays for many companies (and all the schools!) in Madrid, so assume there might be traffic jams for your trip back to the airport!

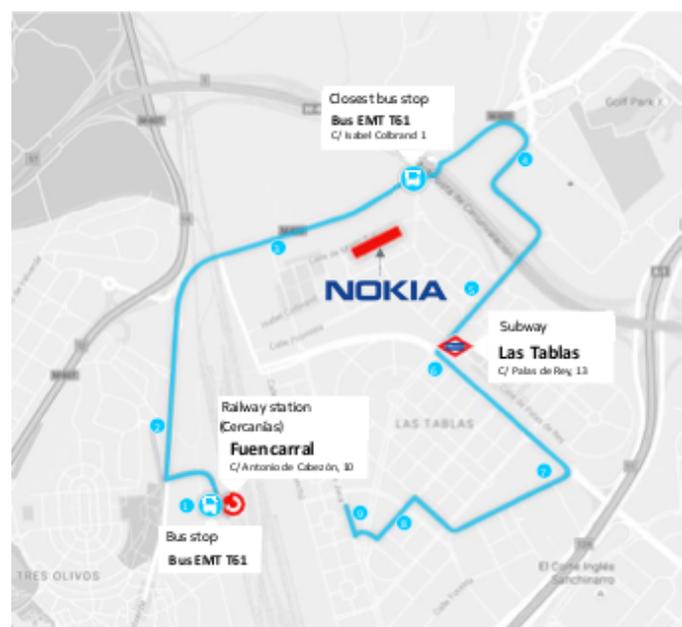
Madrid has a good public transport network, with Metro (subway), EMT (urban) buses and Cercanías (short-distance trains). Simplest choice is Metro: <https://www.metromadrid.es/en/index.html>

Metro station “Las Tablas” is located at 10 minutes walking distance from the building. It is a stop for Metro Line 10, and Metro Ligero (Light Tramway) Line 1. A [10-trip ticket](#) (called “metrobús”) costs 12.20€, plus an extra 2.5€ for the (reusable) card you store the ticket on (called [Multi Card](#)). You can share the card among several people. Note there is an extra 3€ supplement for trips to/from the airport.

There is also a [Tourist Card](#) allowing to make an unlimited number of trips for a period of time (1 day 8.40€, 5 days 26.80€, 7 days 35.40€).

Short-distance railway (Cercanías) station “Fuencarral” is relatively close as well, and bus line T61 connects it with the building (blue line in the picture).

Driving to the building is also possible, but please note that traffic is difficult in the



mornings (it is an office area) and there are very few free parking slots on the street. There are, however, pay parkings close to our office:

- Centro Empresarial Bilma (the same building as Nokia office, on the back side).
- Holiday Inn Hotel (María Tubau, 16).
- Parking Homely Fuencarral (María Tubau, 22). This is open-air, but cheaper than the other two.

2.2 Hotels

There are two hotels at walking distance from the office:

- Holiday Inn Madrid – Las Tablas: <http://www.himadridlastablas.com/>
- Hotel Dome Madrid: <http://www.hoteldome.es/>



Nokia has no particular relationship or arrangement with either of them.

2.3 Meals

There are two recommended places for daily lunch. Both offer daily menu (two courses, dessert, drink and coffee). Nokia menu price is 9€ in either case (you must show your Nokia visitor badge). Nokia will provide English translations of their daily menus for VQEG meeting attendees.

- Restaurante Cronos in Nokia building (ground floor).
 - o Lunch opens at 12.30. To avoid long queues, please arrive before 13.00.
 - o Self-service (take a tray and get your food from the counters).
 - o You can get a coffee from the bar with your lunch receipt (included in the price).

- Restaurante Domino, 5 minutes walking distance (Isabel Colbrand, 10).
 - o Lunch opens at 13.00. To avoid long queues, please arrive just before 13.00.
 - o Served on table.
 - o Regardless misinformation in Google Maps, it is not a Domino's Pizza restaurant.

There are other nice restaurants in the area, but it is probable that you don't get back on time for the session after lunch.

3 Additional information

3.1 VQEG official dinner

It will take place on Wednesday March 21st, at 20.30, in Restaurante El Ñeru, located at [Calle Bordadores, 5, 28013 Madrid](#). Nokia will invite. Please confirm your attendance with an email to meeting@vqeg.org

3.2 Tourism in Madrid

Spain is one of the preferred destinations for tourists across the world. To start with, you can visit the official tourism websites from:

- Madrid city: <https://www.esmadrid.com/en>
- Madrid región: <http://turismomadrid.es/en/>

The easiest way to go to the city center is using Metro. You can reach Puerta del Sol in about 35 minutes with the following route:

- Line 10 to Tres Olivos.
- Transfer at Tres Olivos (2 stops) and take again Line 10 towards Puerta del Sur.
- Transfer at Tribunal (10 stops) with Line 1, to Valdecarros.
- Arrival at Sol (2 stops).

Be careful with pickpockets in Metro trains and in the city center.



3.3 Other needs

If you have any particular need or request, please contact Nokia hosts. We will do our best to help!