



## IV STEAMTEACH PROJECT MEETING

17TH – 18TH OF FEBRUARY 2022, CASTRO URDIALES, CANTABRIA



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# 1 VENUE

## 1.1 Las Rocas Hotel

The IV STEAMTeach project meeting will take place at a room of Las Rocas Hotel in [Castro Urdiales](#), Cantabria. It will be held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.



## 1.2 Castro Urdiales

Castro Urdiales is a coastal town of northern Spain, in the autonomous community of Cantabria, situated on the Cantabrian Sea. It is located 75 km from Santander (Cantabria), and 35 km from Bilbao city (Basque Country).



The most prominent buildings are the church of Santa María and the lighthouse castle. The Gothic-style parish church (c. XIII – c. XV) is one of the most representative monuments of this style in Cantabria. The castle (c. XIII – c. XIV) is located near the church, its style is Gothic with some modifications. The lighthouse is a more recent construction (c. XIX). A bridge connects the castle to the hermitage of Santa Ana.

According to archaeological findings, the first settlements appeared before Christ. Pre-Roman settlements were found in various places of the town. Human activity began in the first millennium BC with an important Romans colony called Flaviobriga. The landmarks of the town include Cave of La Lastrilla, Cave Aurelia, and Cave of El Cuco, containing prehistoric paintings.

## 2 STAY



### **Las Rocas Hotel (\*\*\*\*)**

Flaviobriga Street, number 1  
<https://www.lasrocashotel.com/>  
(+34) 942 860400

The organization recommends all partners staying at Las Rocas Hotel. The hotel will host the event and we will make use of a room with ozone generator to be better protected from COVID-19. The hotel is by the sea and offers good conditions from both a sanitary and stay point of view. It has a range of different rooms, all including breakfast buffet. Prices are:

- Double room for one person: 72,50€ + 10% taxes (breakfast buffet included)
- Double room for two people: 86,00€ + 10% taxes (breakfast buffet included)
- Triple room for three people: 98,00€ + 10% taxes (breakfast buffet included)

We have made a pre-booking of about 10 rooms. Now, each of you must contact the hotel—in the following address [info@lasrocashotel.com](mailto:info@lasrocashotel.com) — and make an official reservation. You have to mention in the e-mail that you are attending the **STEAMTeach Meeting**. In case of any difficulties, please ask for MariMar; she is the one at the reception desk usually dealing with meetings accommodations. Please see further information about the hotel here: <https://www.lasrocashotel.com/>.

## 3 HOW TO GET TO CASTRO URDIALES

### 3.1 By air

#### 3.1.1 From Bilbao

The nearest airport is Bilbao. Castro Urdiales is 45 km (around 30 min by car) from Bilbao airport and can be reached by bus or by taxi.

#### **Taxi**

The UC team recommends this option. If you are interested in this option, please, let us know the arrival/departure time and flight numbers, to arrange your transfer with the taxi

driver. We have a person normally working with the UC team who charges 56€ per route and about 35 minutes away. Often participants are grouped according to the arrival time to minimize the number of trips.

### Option 2: Bus

To go from the **Bilbao airport** to the **Bilbao Main Coach Station (Termibus)**, you can take either a taxi (~20€) or a bus that runs every 30 minutes (price: ~1.50€, ride: half an hour), more details [here](#).

To go from the **Bilbao Main Coach Station (Termibus)** to **Castro Urdiales**, IRB Castro company operates. See the routes and timetable [here](#). Please note that the most straightforward route is the number 1 (called in Spanish, *Línea 1 Bilbao directa por autovía*). This bus makes several stops in Castro. You should ask the driver for the stop closest to your hotel.

#### 3.1.2 From Santander

Santander international airport is called Santander-Seve Ballesteros airport (popularly known as Parayas). It is the only airport in Cantabria and is 65 km to Castro Urdiales. You can reach Castro Urdiales by taxi, its price may be about 90€ and takes about 40 minutes.

The UC partner can arrange the taxi from the airport to Castro Urdiales. A taxi will wait for you at a time close to your arrival. Partners will be grouped according to the arrival time to minimize the number of trips. If you are interested in this option, please, let us know the arrival/departure time and flight numbers, to arrange your transfer with the taxi driver.

## 4 SOCIAL PROGRAM

Castro Urdiales is well-known for the many restaurants with excellent fish and seafood. The organization will arrange:

- Welcome Dinner at Las Rocas Hotel, upon arrival (February 16<sup>th</sup>). Some of the Spanish team organizers will stay at the reception desk of the Hotel to help with any problems that could arise concerning your trip to Castro Urdiales. Then, at 21:00h, we will arrange a dinner at the hotel restaurant, making easier for you to add to the dinner in case of late arrival. **Please let us know if you would like to join us.** This dinner will be covered by the organization and in particular by the CIEM.
- Dinner at *El Marinero* Restaurant, *Correría Street, number 23* (February 17<sup>th</sup>). Sidrería Marcelo is in the historical centre of Castro Urdiales. This dinner will be covered by the organization and in particular by the CIEM.

## 5 COVID REGULATIONS

Due to COVID-19 situation, there are special requirements on the border on arrival. Please consult Spanish regulations here: <https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/spth.htm>

### Health Control Form

All passengers arriving in Spain must complete a Health Control Form before departure and obtain their QR to present it at boarding and at health controls on arrival in Spain. You can complete it via the website <https://spth.gob.es> or the Spain Travel Health -SpTH- application (Android, iOS).

Check, in order to fill in the Health Control Form, if your country of departure is on the list of risk countries/areas. Check the 'Risk and high risk countries/areas' in the following webpage:

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/en/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/spth.htm>

### Vaccination certificate

**If you come from a country/area considered at RISK for COVID-19**, you must present a certificate or document certifying vaccination, an active infection diagnostic test (AIDT) or recovery from COVID-19. These certificates will be different if they have been issued in a country of the European Union (EU Digital COVID Certificate) or in a third country.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate may be of three different types (vaccination, diagnostic test, or recovery) and any of them may be used by travellers to enter Spain, as long as they meet the following criteria:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate. Valid 14 days after receiving the complete regimen. Any vaccine authorised by the European Union (European Medicines Agency, EMA) will be accepted. Certificates with vaccines not authorised by these agencies are also acceptable, but the last dose administered must be of one of the authorised vaccines.
- Certificate of a diagnostic test for SARSCoV2 with negative result. The following diagnostic tests shall be admissible:

NAAT- nucleic acid amplification tests (e.g.: RT-PCR, RT-LAMP, TMA, HAD, NEAR, CRISPR, SDA), with sampling within the previous 72 hours to arrival in Spain.

RAT-rapid antigen test, with sampling within the previous 48 hours to arrival in Spain.

A COVID-19 Recovery certificate (valid from day 11 after the first positive NAAT and up to 180 days after the sample date)

COVID-19 certificates of vaccination, diagnostic tests or recovery issued by countries with which the EU has established equivalence will have the same status as an EU DCC.

**If you come from a HIGH-RISK country**, at the health controls on arrival in Spain, you will be required your SpTH QR code together with a vaccination or recovery certificate and, in addition to a SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test certificate with a negative result.

**IMPORTANT:** note that the list of risk and high-risk countries/areas is reviewed every seven days.

## 6 CONTACTS OF INTEREST

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Weather Information  
[https://www.eltiempo.es/  
castro-urdiales.html](https://www.eltiempo.es/castro-urdiales.html)

Tourist information about Castro Urdiales  
[https://www.spain.info/en/destinatio  
n/castro-urdiales/](https://www.spain.info/en/destinacion/castro-urdiales/)

## 7 Sponsoring/collaborating institutions

