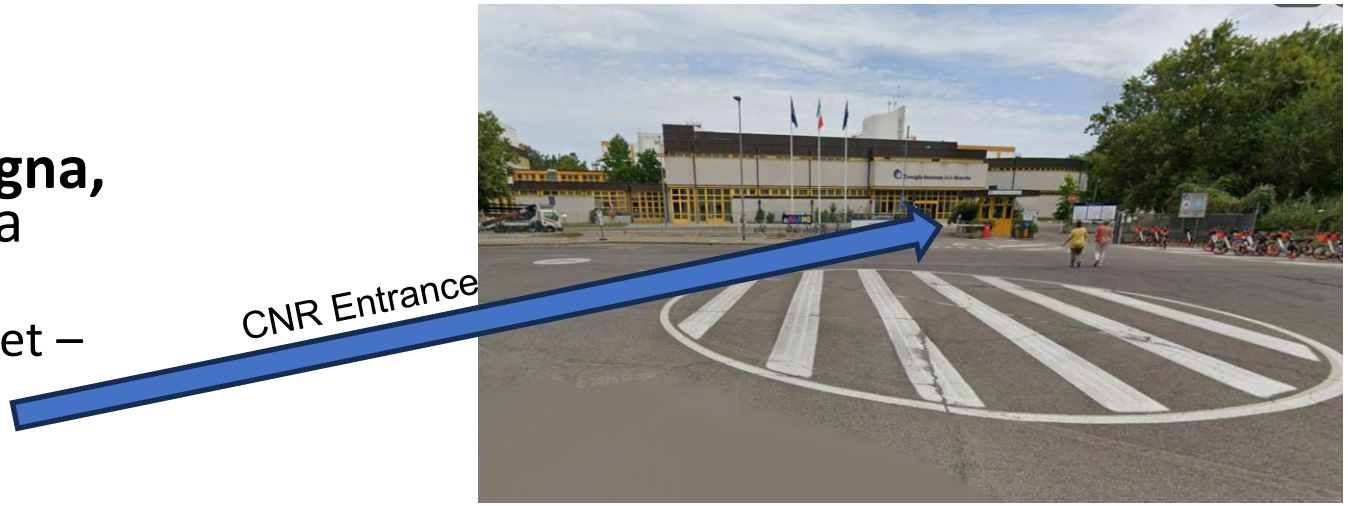
WLCG/HSF Workshop logistics

The Venue

- The workshop will take place at the **CNR Research Area of Bologna** (Area Territoriale di Ricerca del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche)
  - a major scientific campus hosting a wide range of national and international research institutes
- The event will be held in the **CNR Congress Centre**

- The Congress Centre is located at: **Via Piero Gobetti 101, 40129 Bologna, Italy**, within the CNR Research Area (Google Maps link)
  - The entrance is at the end of the street – close to the roundabout



Conference rooms

- **The Congress Center**
  - located on the ground floor, close to the registration desk
  - Plenaries and WLCG parallel sessions

- **Room 216**
  - Located on the first floor
  - HSF parallel sessions
- **Room 215**
  - Located on the first floor
  - Restricted Meetings
    - WLCG CB
    - HSF Advisory Board
  - Any other side meetings, can be freely used

- **The Library**
  - It can be used as a quiet place to work or relax
    - Not for meetings
  - Located on the ground floor

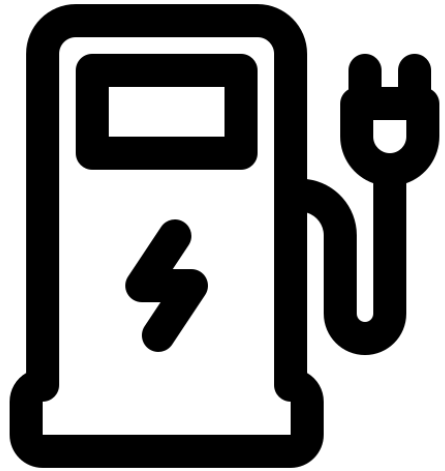
We are not allowed to use the CNR canteen, located on the ground floor

We will have our own catering service on the ground floor for lunches and coffee/tea breaks

Recharging stations

- **The seats on the conference rooms are not equipped with power outlets**
- It is not possible to run power cables from the walls to the seats

- **There are recharging stations**:
  - On the ground floor
  - On the first floor
  - In smaller rooms at the rear of the conference rooms



How to reach the Bologna train station from the Guglielmo Marconi Bologna Airport - BLQ

- The fastest way to reach the “Bologna Centrale” train station is the **“Marconi Express” monorail service**: https://www.marconiexpress.it/en/
  - It is a *“wobbling monorail experience”* but it’s the recommended way to reach the Central Station – hold on firmly during the journey
  - The journey **takes 7 minutes** (although there may be queues at the entrance) and costs **12.80€ one way** (23.30€ round trip).
  - You can buy the ticket:
    - **Online**: https://ticketweb.tper.it/MEXReservation.aspx?lan=EN
    - via the **PAY&GO contactless system** tapping the card or the device directly at the Marconi Express gates
      - The PAY&GO system is faster and simpler, but you won’t receive a paper ticket or receipt
      - If there are ticket checks, present the card or smartphone used for payment and they are recognised as your travel document
    - at the **vending machines** available at the airport Marconi Express station (**NOT RECOMMENDED** due to possible long queues)
  - The service is available from 05:40AM to 24:00

How to reach the Bologna train station from the Guglielmo Marconi Bologna Airport – BLQ / 2

- From 00:00 to 05:40 the connection between the airport and the central station is provided by the urban bus **line Q operated by Tper**
  - Marconi Express tickets can be used on the Q bus if you already have one
  - For information on timetables and routes visit the Tper website
- It is possible to use the Q Bus during daytime at the standard urban rate (2.3€) but the last stop is “Ospedale Maggiore”, very far from the Central Station or the workshop Venue
  - You need to change to bus line 87 to the Central Station
  - Line 87 reaches the workshop venue too

- **TAXIs**
  - Outside the airport arrivals you can queue for a taxi
  - A taxi ride to Bologna Central Station typically costs €21-25 (€23-27 at night)
  - The taxi ride to the workshop venue from the Airport costs approximately the same
  - Please use official taxi cabs and do not accept offers from unlicensed taxis
  - Two taxi companies operate in Bologna:
    - https://www.cotabo.it/?lang=en
    - https://taxibologna.it/en/taxi-bologna-en/

How to reach the venue from the Central Station

- On foot it's a 35 minutes walk

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- By bike: Bike Sharing in Bologna
  - a bike-sharing service is available
  - bicycles are distributed across various areas of the city
  - accessible 24 hours a day
  - served by the **RideMovi** (https://www.ridemovi.com) bike-sharing system
    - provides a minimum of **500 standard bicycles** equipped with a 3-speed gear system and at least **1,800 electric bicycles**
  - approximately **200 dedicated parking hubs** are available throughout the city for bicycle parking
  - The **RideMovi** app allows users to easily locate, via an interactive map:
    - Available bicycles and e-bikes
    - Dedicated parking areas
    - The operational service area
  - Users must download the **RideMovi app**
    - available free of charge from the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play**
  - and register for the service. Registration requires a valid credit or debit card
  - Users must then create their own **account**, which includes a virtual wallet used to manage payments and ride credits.

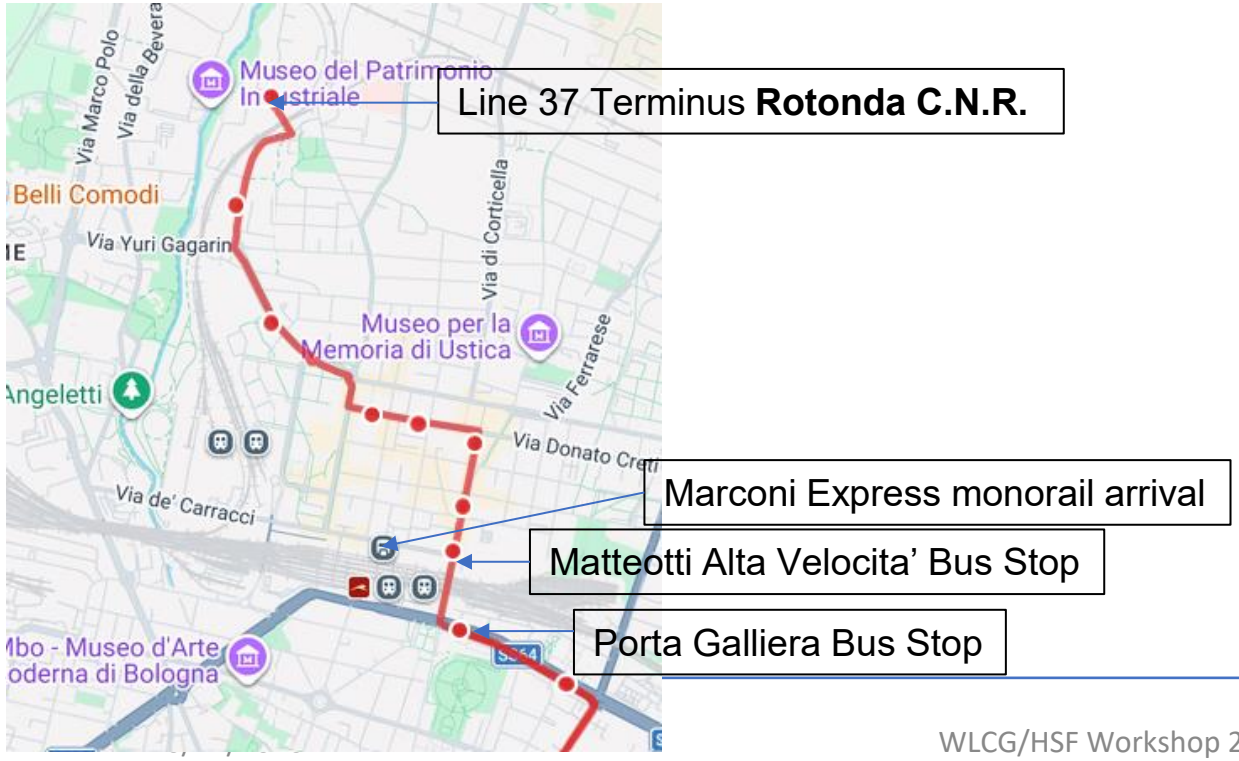
How to reach the venue from the Central Station /2

- **By BUS**
  - You can buy TPER (TPER Official Website) public transport tickets in Bologna:
    - At selling points
      - Newsstands or Tobacconists
    - **On Digital apps** like Roger
    - On board: Ticket vending machines accept 10, 20, and 50 cent coins, as well as €1 and €2 coins. They do not provide change, and any excess amount inserted will be retained
  - Urban tickets cost 2.3€ per ride
    - You can buy a 10 tickets carnet at 19€
    - Tickets must be validated on board and are valid for 75 minutes (or until the end of the ride)
  - Daily ticket costs 9€
    - **Valid for 24 hours** from the moment of first validation, it can be used for unlimited travel within the Bologna urban area on any route, including journeys involving multiple bus lines

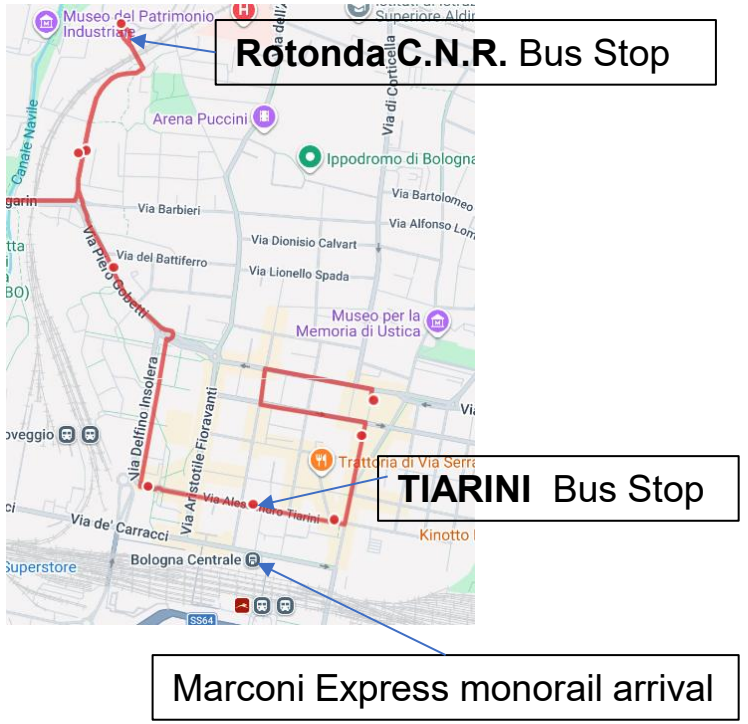
- **Contactless on board payment**
  - **The green validator offers a fast and secure payment service, making your journey smarter**
  - Passengers can travel by tapping their contactless card directly on the new validators
    - **Mastercard, Visa, Maestro, and VPay** networks accepted
  - This payment system is available throughout the entire **urban and suburban public transport network** of **Bologna**
  - Remember to tap your card every time you change buses, even if you are still within the validity period of your previously validated ticket.
    - Always use the same payment method (card or digital device) throughout the entire journey
  - **In case of a control by TPER personnel, just show the used card or device**
  - You can register the card at this link to check the charges and check the cost of your journeys

How to reach the venue from the Central Station /3

- **By Bus:** The trip lasts about 25-30 minutes
  - You can use the following lines:
    - **Line 37 –** the last stop is exactly in front of the venue.
      - Depending on the station exit you use, the closest stops are “Matteotti Alta Velocità” or “Porta Galliera”

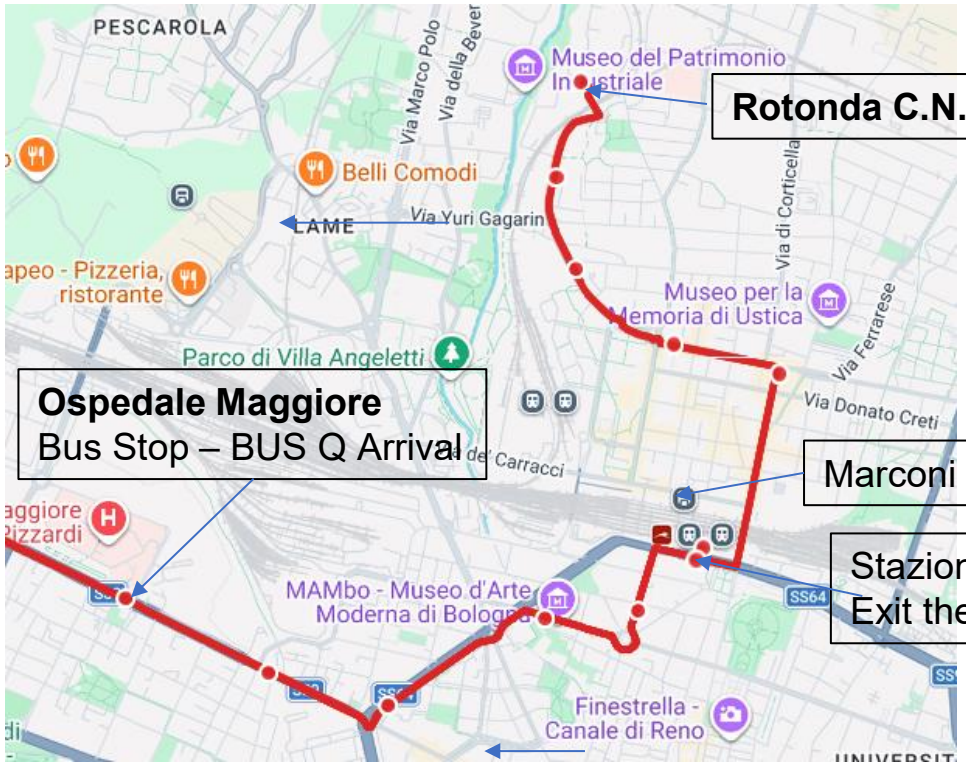


- **Line 34 -** stops in front of the venue
  - Get in at “TIARINI” stop
  - **Get off at “Rotonda C.N.R.”**



How to reach the venue from the Central Station /4

- **By Bus:** The trip lasts about 25-30 minutes
  - You can use the following lines:
    - **Line 87 –** stops exactly in front of the venue.



- **Other Bus lines that require a 10 minute walk**
  - **Line 30 – get off at the «BEVERARA» stop**
  - **Line 11A /11C , 27A / 27B, get off at the «VILLA ERBOSA» Bus Stop**

Line 30

Line27

The visits

- On Wednesday afternoon at 15:30
  - Buses serving the three destinations will be waiting outside the main entrance and will be clearly labeled
  - There will be no coffee break that afternoon
  - Buses will return at approximately 19:30 and will stop near the Bologna Central Station in «Piazza XX Settembre»
    - From there it is possible to reach the social dinner venue on foot

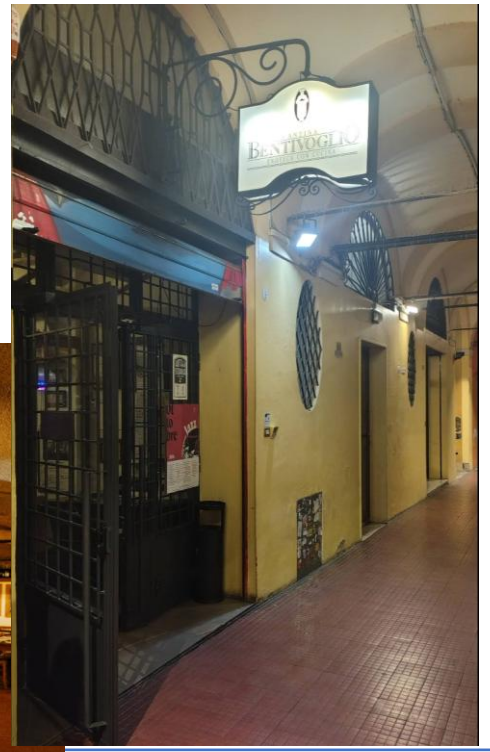
Medicina Radio Astronomy Station (Astro-Physical Italian National Institute) - https://www.med.ira.inaf.it/index.html

DAMA Data Center at the Bologna Technopole (Manifattura Tabacchi) - https://www.damatecnopolo.it/en

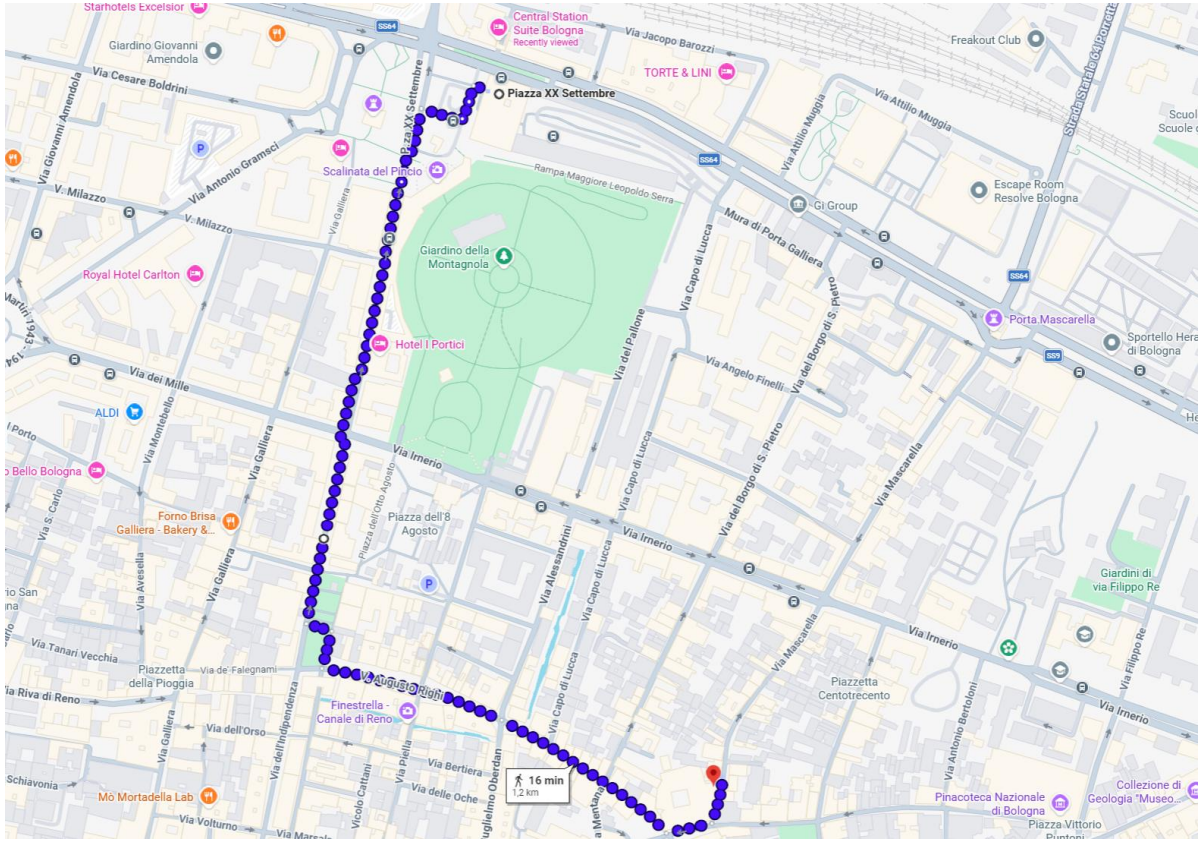
ARZ – The Renato Zangheri Archive for Cinema and Photography at the Cineteca di Bologna - https://cinetecadibologna.it/luogo/arz-archivio-renato-zangheri/

The social dinner

- Will take place on **Wednesday, November 4th**
- At the renowned restaurant *Cantina Bentivoglio*, located in the historic city center of Bologna: https://www.cantinabentivoglio.it/
- Please confirm your attendance at the registration desk upon arrival



Recommended walking route (16 mins) from the bus drop-off point to the restaurant



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