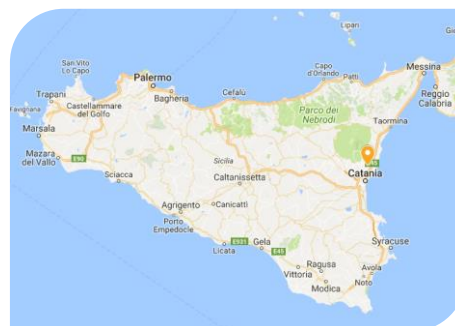


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Date & Venue

The 4th ARE Energy Access Investment Forum 2018 will be held at:

- **Day 1 (13 March 2018): Conference Day & ARE Awards 2018**
Grand Hotel Villa Itria, Via Antonio Aniante, 3, 95029 Viagrande Catania, Italy
- **Day 2 (14 March 2018): RECP Business Matchmaking**
Grand Hotel Villa Itria, Via Antonio Aniante, 3, 95029 Viagrande Catania, Italy
- **Day 3 (15 March 2018): Site Visits**
Site Visits to 3Sun factory and Passo Martino innovation hub



Conference venue

Program Outline

General information as well as the agenda for both days is available on the event page and will be continually updated as more information becomes available.

Registration

To book a place at the Forum, please complete the online registration. If you would like to participate, we recommend booking fast as space is limited, and we will close registrations when the venue capacity will be reached. All delegates are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card in order to obtain their badge at the registration desk, which will be located at the Grand Hotel Villa Itria Centre Lobby. All delegates are requested to comply with security measures.

Facilities

Food and drinks will be provided during the Forum on 13 and 14 March 2018.

Passport and VISA Requirements

All delegates are responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure to Italy and are advised to contact their Italian embassy or consulate to verify whether they require a visa or not. European Union citizens do not need a visa to travel to Italy. If you require an official invitation letter to support a visa application, please request one as soon as possible by sending an email to m.uchida@ruralelec.org with your full name as it appears on your passport and your address.

Travel & Accommodation

Participants are expected to make and pay for their own travel arrangements, including flight and hotel reservations, airport transfers, meals and communications. Special negotiated rates have been arranged with some of the hotels listed below. All prices include a buffet breakfast. Please note that rooms are subject to availability and will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Participants of the Forum can make their reservations at the [Grand Hotel Villa Itria](#) **** through booking@grandhotelvillaitria.com. A 10% discount is available when you mention 4th ARE Energy Access Investment Forum.

Other nearby hotels:

- [Hotel Villa Paradiso dell'Etna](#) ****: 10% discount for participants (10 minutes away)
- [Hotel Villa Del Bosco](#) ****
- [Hotel Airone City Center](#) ****
- [Hotel Sheraton](#) ****

Getting Around

Catania International Airport also known as Vincenzo Bellini Fontanarossa Airport is the main international gateway to Sicily.

Catania Airport is located 5 km south of Catania city and 26 km south of Grand Hotel Villa Itria (Conference venue).

To reach the conference venue (C) by bus from the airport (A) you must first reach the Central Bus Station (B) with **ALIBUS** line:

- Bus passage every 25 minutes / 4 € per ticket
- Central Bus Station is in **Papa Giovanni XXIII Square**

To reach the congress venue by bus from the Central Bus Station, the AST company line is available with the following route:

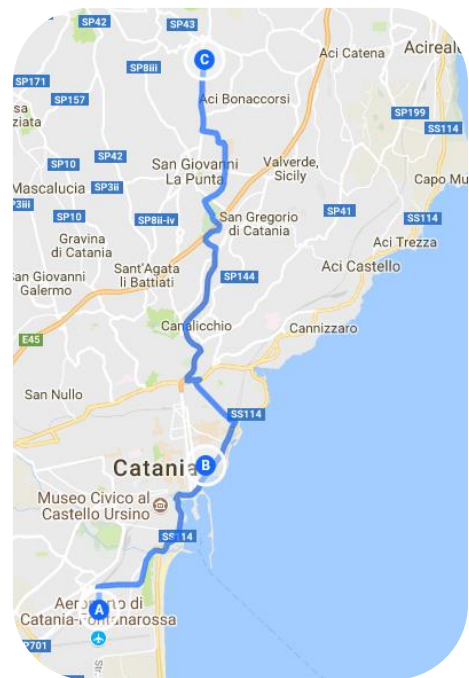
CATANIA – TRAPPETO - S.G. LA PUNTA – ACIBONACCORSI – VIAGRANDE

The route has a duration of 50 minutes and the service is available at the following times (to be updated):

08:11 | 09:00 | 11:00 | 13:00 | 14:15 | 15:30 | 17:30 | 18:30
| 19:30 | 20:30

A taxi ride between airport and venue takes about 25 minutes. Taxis in Italy are either yellow or white and are legally required to have a taximeter on board. Night time fees apply.

A private transfer is cheaper than a taxi. Please contact Black Arrow Sicily to book your transfer. You can also ask for carsharing options.



A: Catania International Airport
B: Bus Central Station
C: Grand Hotel Villa Itria

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Catania Airport - Grand Hotel Villa Itria	Catania Airport – Catania Centre
Car 1-3 pax 45 €	Car 1-3 pax 25 €
Van 4-7 pax 55 €	Van 4-7 pax 30 €

Responsible Traveling

Offset your CO₂ emissions associated with your travels with our partner GreenTripper. Calculate and compensate your CO₂ emissions using their [online tool](#).

Other Useful Information

Currency: The unit of currency in Italy is the Euro €.
Time zone: UTC + 1 – Central Europe Time / UTC + 2 In Summer
Electric voltage: 230 volts
Emergency number: 112
Catania Police Command: 095 736 7111
Telephone Area Code: +39
To call abroad from Italy, please dial 00 followed by your country code

Insider Tip

For some food & drinks in Catania Centre, you may want to try the following recommendations:

- **LA SICILIANA**, Viale Marco Polo, 52/b (restaurant)
- **FUD**, Via Santa Filomena, 35 (hamburger gourmet, pizza, drinks, salads, sandwiches)
- **ZO**, Piazzale Asia, 6 (restaurant, cocktail bar)
- **LE TRE BOCCHE**, Via Ingegnere, 11 (fish restaurant);
- **MATERIA PRIMA**, Via Cardinale Dusmet, 21/23 (fish restaurant)
- **PUNTO**, Corso Italia, 210 (breakfast, lunch, tea, aperitif, cocktail bar)
- **IL SALE**, Via Santa Filomena, 10/12 (pizza)
- **LA CUCINA DEI COLORI**, Via S. Michele, 9 (vegeterian restaurant)
- **RIX**, Via E. A. Pantano, 54 (pizza, restaurant, aperitif, cocktail bar)

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