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Excursion 1: Visit to the European Commission's Joint Research Centre Ispra Site (European Commission's Joint Research Centre)



The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the European Commission's science and knowledge service, whose mission is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle. The JRC draws on over 50 years of scientific work experience and hosts specialist laboratories and unique research facilities located in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. The JRC site in Ispra, Italy is firmly established as one of Europe's leading research campuses.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the JRC in Ispra as part of a scientific visit. The visit will provide a general overview of JRC activities, visiting some of JRC's state-of-art infrastructures in the area of energy and a possibility to meet and discuss with JRC staff working on energy related topics.

8:30	Departure from Milan
9:30	Arriving at JRC Ispra site Coffee + Visit to the Visitors' Centre
10:15	Visit to JRC labs and meetings with relevant staff
12:00	Working lunch with JRC staff
13:00	End of visit and departure back to Milan

Participation

Expected number of participants: 30

If you wish to participate in this visit, we would kindly ask you to register until latest **May 2nd** via this [link](#). You will be asked to indicate a second excursion preference. Although we will endeavour to grant every participant the first preference, it might not be possible due to the restriction in terms of number of participants for each excursion. Once the selection process is finalised, you will receive a more detailed programme of the excursion day.

Please note that security regulations require that participants in the Ispra excursion provide a copy of their passport with expiry date and last 3 countries visited until **latest May 2nd**.

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Excursion 2: Historical Tour in Como (Lake Como)

Como is a town at the southern tip of Lake Como that is famous for its historical centre. Participants in this excursion will take part in a guided tour. The focus will be on the town's historic legacy and important cultural sites found in Como, such as: the prominent Cathedral, the Romanesque "Basilica of S. Fedele" and the remains of the defence fortifications. The excursion aims to enhance the participants' understanding of the region in a historic context.



After the guided tour, participants will have 1 hour of free time to discover the town and enjoy its prime location on the shores of Lake Como.

Alternatively, participants can take the free hour to visit the Volta Museum (Tempio Voltiano). It is dedicated to Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who was born in Como. The museum houses a varied mix of items related to his life and a rich display of scientific instruments showing his research and experiments.



More information on Como and its history can be found here: <http://www.visitcomo.eu/en/discover/>

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Excursion 3: Milan Historic City Tour

Milan is a city with a rich history, dating back to 400 B.C. Due to the city's strategic position as the entrance to the Italian peninsula, it experienced numerous conquests and various cultural influences. Participants of the Milan City Tour will discover the historic face of modern Milan and gain a greater understand of Italian culture.



The City Tour will be guided through the historic parts of Milan. Key sights on the tour include the: famous Milan Dome and Terrace, San Maurizio Church and Sforza Castle (with its Archaeological Museum). After the guided tour, participants will have 1 hour of free time to discover the city on their own.



For more information on Milan, please visit the city's official website:
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