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Network for Equilibria and Chemical Thermodynamics Advanced Research

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2nd Circular

The thermodynamic study of chemical equilibria represents the core of many important branches of Chemistry.

Speciation modelling based on chemical equilibrium data is commonly used as a predictive tool for the behaviour of compounds in different environments, and thus, improves commercial products' performance; discloses the mobility of pollutants and toxicants in the environment; optimizes industrial processes and explains the mode of action of biologically active substances. Furthermore, advanced thermodynamic studies yield deeper insights into the mechanisms of these interactions.

In [NECTAR](#), the expertise of the large community of specialists working in this field is combined, creating a network based on the stimulating collaboration between them, promoting knowledge exchange, and achieving high technological progress.

The outstanding quality of obtained results will serve as an innovative benchmark for next decades, allowing their application in a variety of areas and impacting life quality of next generations. During the 4th European NECTAR Conference and Final Action Meeting, main results obtained within NECTAR Working Groups will be presented.

This event is dedicated to the memory of Prof. Silvio Sammartano, who always strongly believed in NECTAR and supported it since the beginning.



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Participation

NECTAR MC Members and WG leaders and co-leaders will be invited by default, no abstract submission needed. **All other willing participants** are asked to submit an abstract of their intended contribution, as poster or oral communication, to abstracts@cost-nectar.eu not later than **December 15th, 2023**. Submission instructions are available at https://cost-nectar.eu/pages/4th_nectarconf.html. Acceptance of abstracts as oral or poster communications **gives right to the author to attend the meeting, but not necessarily to be invited by NECTAR.** Authors of accepted abstracts but not selected as invited by NECTAR may participate through regular registration. Communication of acceptance of abstracts and selection (or not) for NECTAR invitation will be presumably given before **December 22nd, 2023**. To be eligible for invitation by NECTAR, authors **must** be NECTAR Members **actively** involved in WG activities, **AND** contributions **must** reflect the results of NECTAR activities within WGs and be related to WGs deliverables. If selected, invited members will receive a formal invitation by NECTAR and will participate to the meeting at NECTAR expenses (according to COST rules).

All NECTAR invited people (including MC members and WG leaders and coleaders) will have **7 days** from the COST email to accept invitation, otherwise it will be **cancelled**.



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Registration fee for NON NECTAR-invited participants

Authors of accepted abstracts but not selected as invited by NECTAR may participate through regular registration.

Registration form is available at https://cost-nectar.eu/pages/4th_nectarconf.html.

Registration fee is **€200** (two hundreds), and must be paid not later than **December 31st, 2023**. After that date, participation will not be allowed.

Registration fee must be paid exclusively by bank transfer to:

Beneficiary: UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

Address: PIAZZA PUGLIATTI 1 – 98122 MESSINA, ITALY

IBAN: IT 16W 02008 16511 000300029177

BIC SWIFT: UNCRITM1K66

Reason of payment: 4th NECTAR CONF, **SURNAME NAME**.

A copy of the signed registration form and the receipt of the bank transfer must be sent to info@cost-nectar.eu and must have subject: "4th NECTAR CONF Registration fee, SURNAME NAME".



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Conference Venue

The 4th European NECTAR Conference and Final Action Meeting will be held at the “Trifiletti” Theater (Teatro Trifiletti, Via Cumbo Borgia, 98057 Milazzo ME) in Milazzo (ME), a touristic city of about 30'000 people, belonging to the Metropolitan City of Messina and located in the northern, tirrenian coast of Sicily, facing Aeolian Islands.

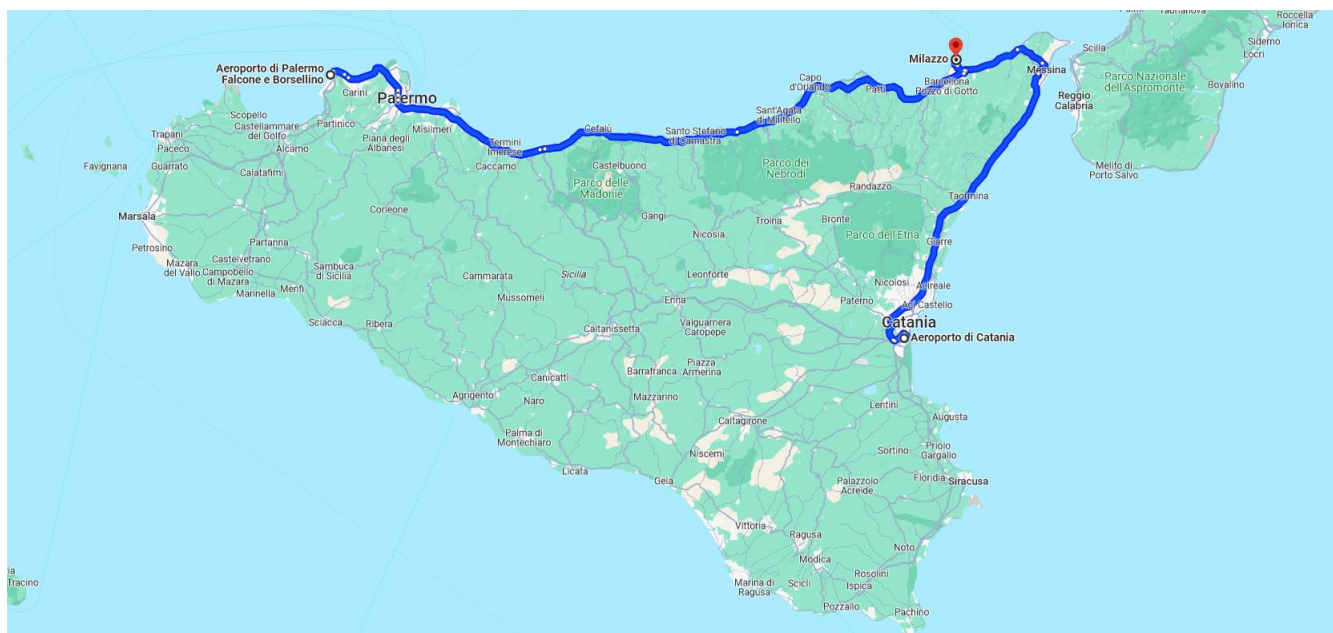
Teatro Trifiletti is located in the city centre of Milazzo and it is walking distance from many restaurants, bars, hotels and B&B.

Among main touristic (<https://www.comune.milazzo.me.it/argomenti-2/turismo/>) and cultural (<https://www.comune.milazzo.me.it/argomenti-2/cultura-2/>) attractions of Milazzo, worth of mention are “the Castle” and the ancient fortified city, the Marine Protected Area of Capo Milazzo, with its lovely landscapes and astonishing biodiversity, and the MuMa museum (museum of the sea). The port of Milazzo is also the main hub for connections with the Aeolian islands.

Further info at: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g194824-Activities-Milazzo_Province_of_Messina_Sicily.html

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Travel Info

How to reach Milazzo by plane:

There are two main international airports that allow you to reach Milazzo:

Catania-Fontanarossa airport (by car to Milazzo 110 min).

Website: <https://www.aeroporto.catania.it>

Palermo Falcone Borsellino airport (by car to Milazzo 160 min).

Website: <https://www.aeroportodipalermo.it>

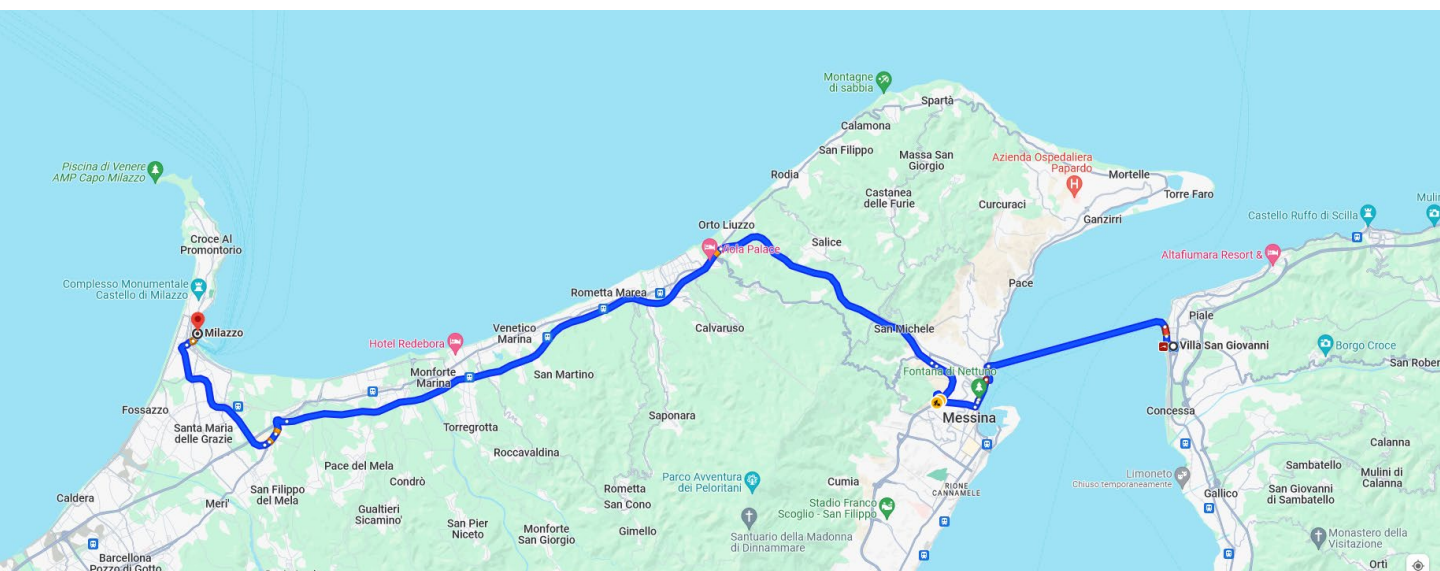
From **Catania-Fontanarossa airport** there is a direct bus service to Milazzo (center/port) provided by the Giuntabus company (<https://giuntabus.com/aeroporto-catania-milazzo>) and, upon reservation, by the Alibrando company (<https://www.alibrando.net/>). It is also possible to arrange customized transfers by car and minivans from and to the airports with the "Adige", "Alibrando" and "Central" companies. To reach Milazzo by car you can drive via A18 (135 km).

If you land at **Palermo Falcone-Borsellino airport** you will directly take the train to Milazzo (www.trenitalia.com). Alternatively, you can take the bus that takes you to the central train station of Palermo with the Prestia Comandè company (<https://www.prestiaecomande.it/orari-e-linee/>) and then continue to Milazzo by train (www.trenitalia.com). To reach Milazzo by car you can drive via A20 (200 km).

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From northern Italy reach Villa San Giovanni by Trenitalia (www.trenitalia.com) or Italo (www.italotreno.it) companies.

Then cross the Strait of Messina by hydrofoil (www.blujetlines.it/) or ferry (www.carontetourist.it, passengers and cars service available h24), and reach Milazzo (center/port):

By car: from Messina via A20 motorway (40 km)

By bus: from Messina Central Station with the Giuntabus company (<https://www.giuntabustrasporti.com/orari>) via the A20 motorway (40 km).

By Train from Messina Central Station by Trenitalia (www.trenitalia.com)

A Taxi service is available in, to and from Milazzo by the following companies:

Adige Taxi

Tel. 348 1543409

<https://autoserviziadige.it>

Mylae Taxi

Tel. 327 5470875

<https://mylaetaxigaragemilazzo.com>



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Accommodation

As a touristic city, Milazzo offers a wide number of opportunities for accommodations. A series of hotels and B&B can be found at walking distance from the conference venue. Special fares were negotiated with hotels in bold below (see next pages).

A **city tax** of approx. 2 euros per day per person must be paid on site.

A non-exhaustive list of accommodations is given below:

Category	Hotel	Walking distance from the conference site	EMAIL
4	Cassisi Hotel	450 m (6 minutes)	info@cassisihotel.com
4	La Chicca Palace Hotel	600 m (8 minutes)	info@lachiccahotel.com
3	Hotel Garibaldi Milazzo	850 m (10 minutes)	info@hotelgaribaldi.net
4	Hotel Il Principe	650 m (8 minutes)	info@hotellilprincipemilazzo.com
3	Hotel Milazzo INN - AiMori	350 m (4 minutes)	milazzoinn@aimorigroup.com
3	Hotel Medici - Antonio	300 m (4 minutes)	info@hotelmedicimilazzo.it
4	Hotel La Bussola	1,2 Km (15 minutes)	info@hotelabussola.it
4	Hotel San Michele	1,2 km (15 minutes)	info@sanmichelehotel.com
4	Eolian Milazzo Hotel	1,3 km (17 minutes)	commerciale@eolianmilazzohotel.it
3	Hotel Ristorante Riviera Lido	1,7 km (21 minutes)	info@hotelrivieralido.it



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B&B	Walking distance from the conference site	EMAIL
B&B Il Vicolo	600 m (8 minutes)	info@ilvicolobeb.it
B&B La Suite	200 m (3 minutes)	lasuitedimilazzo@gmail.com
B&B LIBERTY PALACE	550 m (7 minutes)	info@libertypalace.it
B&B MICUCCO	600 m (9 minutes)	info@micucco.it
B&B Musia	280 m (4 minutes)	info@domusmusia.com
B&B Mare Domus Milazzo	550 m (7 minutes)	info@maredomusmilazzo.it
B&B Re Umberto	280 m (3 minutes)	reumbertobed@gmail.com
Bell'House B&B "Barca & Bella"	450 m (6 minutes)	info@bellhousebbmilazzo.it
GiòGalà Relais Luxury Rooms	130 m (1 minutes)	inglauraanania@alice.it
InCentro B&B	550 m (7 minutes)	info.incentrobeg@gmail.com
InCentro Apartments e INNcentro B&B	170 m (2 minutes)	
Manzoni 46- Ospitalità Siciliana	750 m (9 minutes)	46manzoni@gmail.com
Marina Inn	180 m (2 minutes)	
Rakel Home	750 m (9 minutes)	info@rakelhome.it
l'Alberghetto	350 m (2 minutes)	stefano.trimboli@tiscali.it



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Special fares

Special fares were negotiated with hotels below. Hotels must be contacted directly by guests via email. In the email, please refer to the «4th NECTAR Conference» and add the code 4NECTAR in subject. All fares include breakfast.

Hotel Garibaldi Milazzo (3* - info@hotelgaribaldi.net)

Rooms and apartments for groups with a special fare of 30€ per person per night. Single rooms will be quoted as double (i.e., 60€).

Cassisi Hotel (4* - info@cassisihotel.com)

Classic double room single use: 60€ per night. Classic double room: 80€ per night.

Hotel Il Principe Milazzo (4* - info@hotelilprincipemilazzo.com)

Standard room single use: 65€ per night. Standard double/twin room: 72€ per night. "Superior" rooms +20€, "Suite" +40€ per night.

La Chicca Palace Hotel (4* - info@lachiccahotel.com)

Single room: 59€ per night. Double room single use: 71€ per night. Double room: 83€ per night. Triple room: 109€ per night. Junior Suite: 114€ per night.



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Draft Programme

	February 26 th , Monday	February 27 th , Tuesday
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Ceremony	
9:15 - 9:30		
9:30 - 9:45		
9:45 - 10:00	Oral Communications by WG members	Oral Communications by WG members
10:15 - 10:30		
10:30 - 10:45		
10:45 - 11:00		
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:30 - 11:45		
11:45 - 12:00	Oral Communications by WG members	Oral Communications by WG members
12:00 - 12:15		
12.15 - 12:30		
12:30 - 12.45		
12:45 - 13:00		
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:30 - 14:45		
14:45 - 15:00	Oral Communications by WG members	Individual WGs Meetings
15:00 - 15:15		WGs Summary
15:15 - 15:30		Managers Summary
15:30 - 15:45		Core Group Meeting
15:45 - 16:00		
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
16:30 - 16:45		
16:45 - 17:00	Poster Session	MC Meeting
17:00 - 17:15		
17:15 - 17:30		
17:30 - 17:45		
17:45 - 18:00		Closing Ceremony
20:30	Dinner	



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Deadlines

Acceptance of COST Invitation: 7 days from invitation email

Abstract Submission: December 15th, 2023

Acceptance of contribution and/or COST invitation: December 22nd, 2023

Registration: December 31st, 2023

Contacts

Conference email and registration: info@cost-nectar.eu

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Abstracts: abstracts@cost-nectar.eu

NECTAR website: www.cost-nectar.eu

NECTAR – COST page: www.cost.eu/actions/CA18202/

Conference page: https://cost-nectar.eu/pages/4th_nectarconf.html



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