

ESA BioGeoSAR26

Logistics & Practical Information

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the 9th International Workshop on Retrieval of Bio- & Geo-Physical Parameters from SAR Data For Land Applications.

This workshop edition will be hosted by Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya from 18-20 November 2026. The registration form and the final program will be available on the [indico webpage](#).

To make your stay in Barcelona as easy as possible, we would like to provide you with some logistical information.

Organising Institutions / Hosts:

- ESA (European Space Agency)
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (host venue).

Website / Event Portal: <https://indico.esa.int/event/640/>

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1. Workshop Venue

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria de Telecomunicacions de Barcelona, Aula Master, Barcelona, Spain

[Carrer de Jordi Girona, 1. Les Corts. 08034 Barcelona](#)

Venue Information

- Building access instructions (currently 26/06/2026, under renovation).



Figure 1 - Venue main entrance.



Figure 2 - Venue main entrance location.



Figure 3 - Venue location.



Figure 4 - Venue location from the square, the red lines indicate both directions from which you may come.

- Registration desk location and opening hours: will be provided before the event.
- Room layout (plenary room, parallel sessions, poster area): will be provided before the event.
- Wi-Fi access (network name, credentials): will be provided in the venue at the beginning of the event.
- Accessibility information: the workshop room is on the ground floor, and arriving there could be done through accessible areas.

2.Registration & Check-in

Registration Procedure

- All participants must register online via the [ESA BioGeoSAR26 event page](#).
- On-site registration is not available; pre-registration is mandatory.

On-site Check-in

- Location: Workshop venue.
- Time: First day of the workshop.
- Participants will receive their workshop badge during check-in.

What to Bring

- A valid ID
- Registration confirmation email.

Certificate of Attendance

- Certificates will be provided after the event to all registered participants.

3. Getting to Barcelona

Barcelona is well connected by air, rail, coach, and road. Below you will find the main access options and practical considerations.

By Air

Barcelona–El Prat Airport (BCN) (Recommended)

- Located ~15 km southwest of Barcelona city centre
- Main international gateway
- Direct connections to major European hubs and intercontinental routes

From El Prat Airport to Barcelona City Centre

Type	Destination	Approx Time	Approx. Cost	Notes
Aerobus (A1/A2)	Plaça Espanya, Plaça Catalunya	30–35 min	~€7–9	Direct, frequent (5–10 min)
Metro (L9 Sud)	Connects to the metro network	30–40 min	~€5–6	Requires an airport metro ticket
R2 Nord Train	Sants / Passeig de Gràcia	20–25 min	~€4–5	<u>From Terminal 2 only</u>
Taxi	City centre	20–30 min	~€30–40	Fixed airport supplement applies
Ride-share (Uber/Cabify)	City centre	20–30 min	Similar to taxi	App-based

Table 1 - Transport options from El Prat Airport to Barcelona City Centre.

The most reliable public transport options are the **Aerobus** or the **Metro**.

Girona–Costa Brava Airport (GRO) (Less Convenient)

- Located ~90 km north of Barcelona
- Mainly serves low-cost carriers
- Lower flight frequency
- Requires onward ground transportation

From Girona Airport to Barcelona

Type	Destination	Approx. Time	Approx. Cost	Notes
Direct Bus	Barcelona Estació del Nord	~75–90 min	~€16–20	Timed with flight arrivals
Taxi	Barcelona	~1h15	€120+	Expensive
Train (via Girona city)	Barcelona Sants	~1h	€10–20	Requires bus/taxi to Girona train station

Table 2 - Transport options from Girona Airport to Barcelona.

By Train

Barcelona Sants railway station (Sants Estació)

High-speed and long-distance connections:

- Spanish AVE network (Madrid, Zaragoza, Valencia, Sevilla, etc.)
- Direct international routes to France (e.g., Paris, Lyon)

From **Sants Estació**, you have:

- Metro lines (L3, L5)
- Multiple city bus connections
- Regional trains (Rodalies network)
- Taxi rank

By Bus

Main Bus Stations:

- **Estació del Nord**
- Barcelona Sants (bus terminal adjacent to train station)

Major operators include:

- **FlixBus**
- **BlaBlaCar Bus**
- **ALSA**

By Car

Barcelona is accessible via major highways:

- AP-7
- C-32
- A-2

However, Parking Considerations

- There are **no large free public parking areas** in central Barcelona.
- Most street parking operates under paid systems:
 - Green zones (residents)
 - Blue zones (short-term paid parking)
- Underground parking facilities are widely available but charge hourly/daily rates.
- Hotel parking may be available, but usually at additional cost.

4. Getting to the Venue

Metro: L3 (Green Line) → Palau Reial or Zona Universitària station (~5-7 min walk to venue)

Tram: Trambaix (T1, T2, T3) → Palau Reial stop (~5-7 min walk to venue)

Bus: 33, H4, 7, 63, but there are more options available, and multiple stops along Avinguda Diagonal within a short walk of the venue.

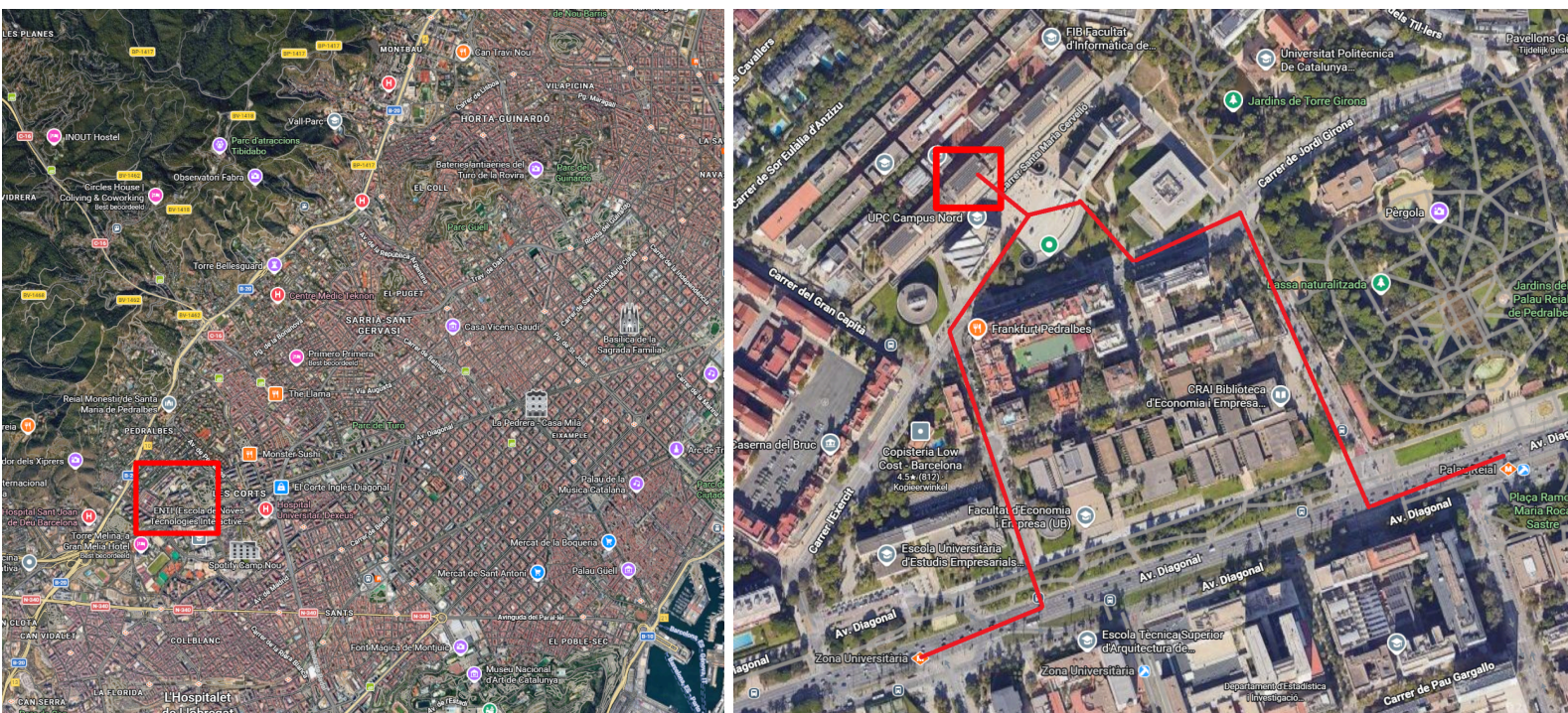


Figure 5 - On the left, the campus where the workshop venue is located is highlighted in red. On the right, a zoomed-in view of the campus shows the location of the Aula Màster and the routes from the nearest metro, bus, and tram stops.

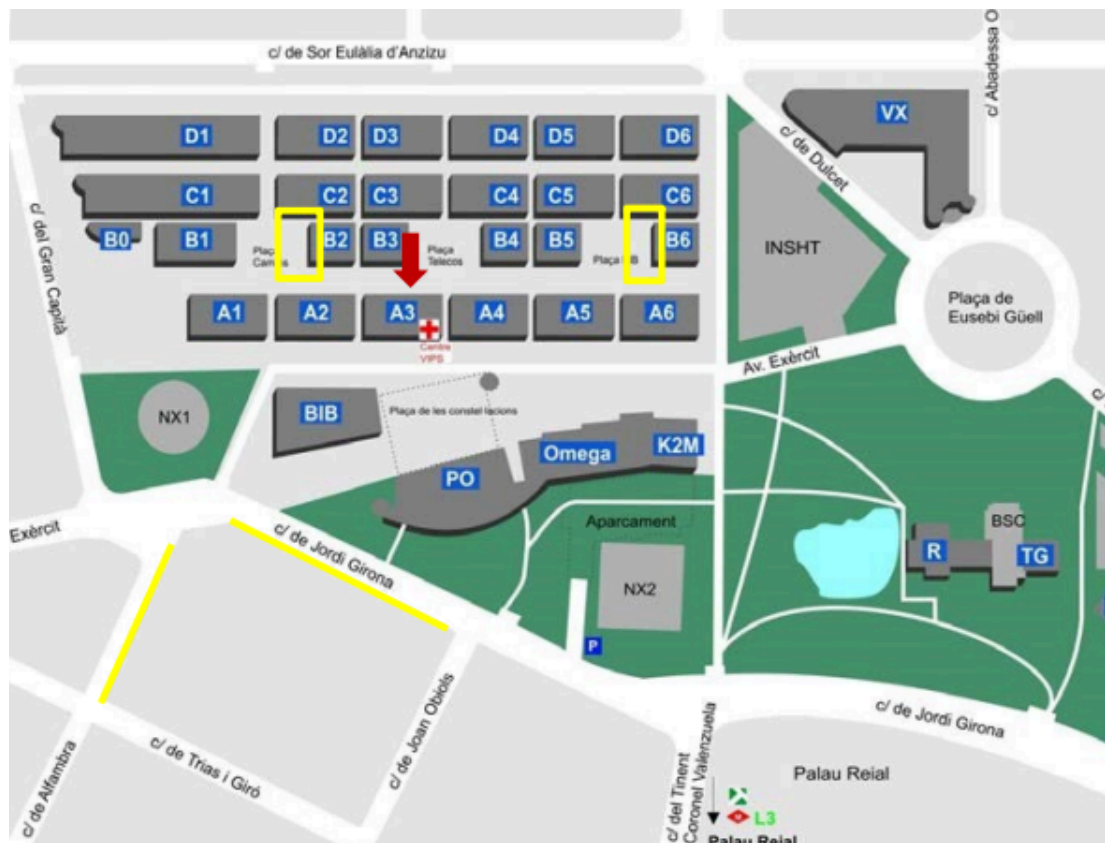


Figure 6 - Campus Nord map. The red arrow indicates the building where the Aula Màster is located, on the ground floor. The restaurants are highlighted in yellow.

5. Local Transportation

Public Transport Overview

Mode	Coverage	Schedule	Approx. Cost	Notes
Metro	City-wide (8 lines)	05:00 – 24:00 (Sunday - Thursday)	Single ticket €2.50	Fastest and, in general, most convenient.
Bus	Extensive coverage, including night buses (NitBus)	05:00 – 23:00; NitBus 23:00–05:00	Single ticket €2.50	Good option for areas not served by metro; frequent daytime service
Tram (Trambaix & Trambesòs)	Selected corridors	05:00 – 24:00	Single ticket €2.50	Connects with metro and bus; useful for west/southwest routes
Taxi / Ride-share	Entire city	24/7	Varies	Apps: Free Now, Cabify, Uber; convenient but more expensive
Bicycle / E-scooter	Bike lanes city-wide	24/7	Varies	Very well-connected, with specific bike areas almost everywhere. Public bikes (Bicing) require a subscription; short-term rental apps widely available

Table 3 - Barcelona public transport options.

Important: A T-casual card (10 journeys, ~€11.35) or Hola Barcelona! card (unlimited travel, 2–5 days) is the most convenient for multiple trips during the workshop.

6. Accommodation

Barcelona offers a wide range of hotels, hostels, and short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb). Participants can choose based on budget, proximity, or personal preference.

- **Early Booking:** Barcelona is a major tourist destination year-round. Accommodation fills quickly, and prices increase sharply closer to the event dates. We strongly advise booking as soon as possible.
- **Recommended Areas Near the Venue:**
To reach the venue conveniently, consider staying in:
 - **Les Corts** – directly near the venue; walkable or short metro/tram ride.
 - **Eixample** – well-connected via Diagonal metro and bus lines.
 - Avoid staying too far along L5 metro line, as the “U-shaped” route makes travel to the venue slow from late line stops.
 - **Diagonal corridor** is ideal, but avoid neighbourhoods past Glòries or Forum (far from the workshop)
- **Areas to Avoid:**
 - **El Raval**
 - **L'Hospitalet:** Pubilles Cases, Torrassa, La Florida, Collblanc.

7. Restaurants

There are plenty of different types of restaurants around the workshop venue. Figure 2 shows a map of the campus and the surrounding streets, with the restaurants highlighted in yellow. Below is a list of some of the restaurants and the types of food they offer:

- [Bar Camins](#): salads, daily menu, combo platter (top left yellow square in Figure 2).
- [Bar FIB](#): combo platter and sandwiches (top right yellow square in Figure 2).
- [Falafel Pedralbes](#): Falafels (Jordi Girona Street).
- [Bite The Health](#): Pokebowls (Jordi Girona Street).
- [Altaglio](#): Pizzas (Jordi Girona Street).
- [Frankfurt Pedralbes](#): Frankfurts and Hamburgers (Jordi Girona Street).
- [Frankfurt the kraun](#): Frankfurts and Hamburgers (Alfambra Street).
- [Campus Pedralbes](#): sandwiches and other options (Alfambra Street).
- [Restaurant Tritón](#): many different options (Alfambra Street).
- [Heymei](#): Sushi (Alfambra Street).

8. Safety Information

The main emergency number in Barcelona for any situation is 112, which can be used to contact the police, firefighters, ambulance services, and other emergency services.

Additionally, the 24h Campus Nord security number is: 689 566 245

For any general emergency at UPC: 686 475 403

9. Important Dates & Deadlines

	Deadline
Registration	From 13th July
Abstract Submission	13th July – 10th September 2026
Upload Presentations	End October

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