

# PAME

Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

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## PAME II-2019 Working Group Meeting

### University of Iceland, Reykjavik

### 9-12 September 2019

### Logistical Information

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#### Meeting information

The next PAME Working Group Meeting (PAME II-2019) will be held from 9-12 September 2019 in the main building of University of Iceland in Reykjavik. Please note that the meeting venue will change on Thursday 12 September to Videy, a small island just outside of Reykjavik city center (<https://visitreykjavik.is/videy-island>). You are advised to bring sensible/warm clothes as there will be a guided walking tour around the island.

Monday 9 September has been set aside for pre-meetings of the PAME expert groups with the PAME II-2019 plenary will take place from 10-12 September.

Leads on respective activities are requested to prepare for this meeting in accordance with the PAME Work Plan 2019-2021 and Records of Decisions from the PAME I-2019 meeting. PAME delegations are invited to include shipping, EA, MPA, Resource Exploration and Development, Marine Litter and other experts in their delegations to the PAME II-2019 meeting.

#### Meeting venue



## Arrival & Entry Requirements

### *Visa and entry*

Iceland joined the Schengen states on 25 March 2001, an agreement of 26 states to abolish checks at their common borders on the movement of persons and facilitate the transport and movement of goods at those borders.

All persons requiring visas, not holding a valid Schengen visa in their travel document, must apply for a visa at the applicable embassy/consulate before travelling to the Schengen area.

### *Airport transportation*

Keflavík International Airport is located approximately 50 kilometers from Reykjavik. Buses are outside of the airport and are the most economical way of travel to the BSI bus terminal in Reykjavik and take 45 min. Further information [here](#).

### *Accommodation*

All delegates are responsible for reserving their own accommodation in a timely manner. For your convenience a block booking has been made at Radisson Blu Saga Hotel ([here](#)) which is located within a 5 min walking distance from the meeting facilities. You can book your room using the following link: [Radisson Blu hotel Saga](#) and the cost of \$250USD per night. This **block booking expires on 7 July**. Information on other hotels located in central Reykjavik can be found here: [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

**Participants are urged to book their hotels the soonest as they fill up quickly at this time of the year!**

## General Information

Detailed tourist information may be found at: <https://www.inspiredbyiceland.com/>

### *Climate*

The average temperature for mid-June in Reykjavik, Iceland is 10°C / 50°F. For the weather forecast, please consult: <https://en.vedur.is/>

### *Currency, Banking and Credit Cards*

The local currency, Icelandic Króna (ISK), can be acquired at the bank at Keflavik airport arrival hall or through cash withdrawals from ATM machines anywhere in Iceland. However, many services prefer payments by credit cards. Most hotels and many restaurants will accept payments in US dollars or Euros.

Credit cards are widely accepted everywhere in Iceland. Please note that transactions may require pin number verification rather than a signature. The most commonly accepted cards are ones with Visa and Mastercard branding, although American Express and Diners Club cards find takers as well. Acceptance of Maestro, Electron and EDC debit cards is on the rise. Hardly any establishments accept Discover cards.

### *Electricity*

The standard electricity supply in Iceland is 220 volts. Some hotels may provide converters or be equipped with USB outlets for charging mobile phones, but it is advisable to bring your own or check the supply with your selected accommodation in advance.

### *Language*

Icelandic is the official language in Iceland, but English is widely spoken in the service sectors.

### ***Smoking***

Smoking is prohibited in public buildings, restaurants, hotels and bars except in designated areas, mostly outside.

### ***Time***

Iceland observes Greenwich Mean Time all year round.

### ***Tipping***

With increased tourism tipping has become more frequent in restaurants and hotels in Iceland but it is by no means mandatory.

### ***Useful Telephone Number***

Emergency: 112 (Medical, Police, Fire)

### ***Water***

Cold water from the tap is safe to drink anywhere in Iceland.

In the southern part of Iceland, the hot water is geothermal, running straight from the source into the plumbing. That is why the hot water can have a strong odor of Sulphur.