



Mértola, Portugal, 5 to 7 February 2024

The recently created Biological Station of Mértola (EBM) is pleased to host the final Management Committee and Workgroups Meetings of the COST Action CONFREMUS - Conservation of freshwater mussels: a pan-European approach.



Mértola is a lovely historical village, located in the Guadiana River Valley Natural Park (<https://natural.pt/protected-areas/parque-natural-vale-guadiana?locale=en>). There are 11 small museums in the village, including a highly relevant Archeological Site. There are also hiking trails to explore the natural and cultural Mediterranean landscape. Mértola is also one of the most important bird-watching sites in Southern Iberia, and the region in Portugal where the Iberian lynx has recently been reintroduced. You can explore more by visiting the site below and by watching the videos:

<https://visitmertola.pt>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CE-cW3WYTc&ab_channel=PortugalTourism

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDyw009tcMA&ab_channel=ProjectoGera%C3%A7%C3%A3oBioM%C3%A9rtola

Below you can find some important information regarding the location, how to reach Mértola, where to stay and where to eat.

We look forward to seeing you in Mértola.

If you have any question, please contact us at ebm@ebmertola.pt

LOCATION

Mértola, Portugal (37.639775, -7.664378)

DATE

5-7 February 2024



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HOW TO ARRIVE IN MÉRTOLA

1. By plane to **Lisbon** airport, and by bus from Lisbon to Mértola.

In Lisbon, the bus station is at Terminal Rodoviário de Sete Rios (38.74206, -9.16617).

You can buy your bus ticket at Rede Expressos website (<https://rede-expressos.pt/en/timetables>).

When buying your ticket, you must choose: Lisboa (Sete Rios) -> Mértola.

Ticket price: 17.50 €.

2. By plane to **Faro** airport, in Algarve. From there you can rent a car and self-drive to Mértola (approx. 1h40 drive) and enjoy the southern Portuguese scenery.

Average daily rent-a-car prices: 50€.



WHERE TO STAY

Since the meeting will take place at Mértola village center, it will be more comfortable to stay nearby (at a walking distance from the meeting room).

You can find accommodation options at

<https://visitmertola.pt/en/>, <https://www.booking.com/> or <https://www.tripadvisor.pt/>.

Recommended accommodations are:

- . Hotel Museu (~ 50€/day; <https://www.hotelmuseu.com/>)
- . Hotel Beira Rio (~ 45€/day; <https://www.beirario.pt/>)
- . Hospedaria Flor do Guadiana (~40€/day; <https://hospedaria-flor-do-guadiana-guest-house-mertola.booked.com.pt/>)
- . Hostel Club Fluvial de Mértola (~15€/day)

You will also find other accommodation options (guest houses, apartments) with good conditions and even at lower prices.

WHERE TO EAT

BREAKFAST

- . Pastelaria Andreia & Sofia
- . Pastelaria Ninho Doce
- . Quiosque da Avenida
- . Café Guadiana
- . Café Além Cante

Average price: 3€

LUNCH AND DINNER

- . Restaurante Muralha
- . Restaurante Migas
- . Restaurante Tamuje
- . Restaurante O Esquina
- . Restaurante Alengarve
- . Restaurante O Repuxo
- . Restaurante Cegonha Branca
- . Restaurante Espaço Vila Velha

Average price: 15 €

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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