



INFORMATION NOTE

11th Meeting of the Regional Structures of the World Customs Organization Europe Region

12-15 October 2021
Bishkek & Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyz Republic

Venue and Date of the Meeting

The 11th Meeting of the Regional Structures of the World Customs Organization Europe Region will be held from 12 to 15 October 2021.

Opening day of the Meeting (12 October 2021) will be held at the Conference Hall of the Regional Training Center Bishkek (RTC Bishkek).

Address: the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek city, Leninskoe village, KommunarSKaya Street 91/5.

The next days of the Meeting will be held in Cholpon-Ata town, Issyk-Kul region (information about the name of the boarding house will be provided additionally) with a trip back to Bishkek at the end.

Background

The 11th Meeting of the Regional Structures of the World Customs Organization Europe Region will give an overview about the latest developments and activities in the WCO Europe Region, concentrating on ROCB and RTCs, redefining the roles of the RTCs – ROCB – Vice-Chair – the Secretariat, evaluating the communication within the different stakeholders and issues related to the cooperation between the different regional stakeholders.

Event participants will also be provided with updated information in the field of capacity building and customs modernization as well as useful recommendations regarding the further development of RTC WCO Europe Region.



Local Transportation

Transportation from the airport to hotel (vice versa) and from the hotel to the meeting venue (vice versa) will be provided for all participants as well as from the hotel to event venue (vice versa).

Upon arrival, the international Airport “Manas” (Kyrgyz Republic) with the inscription “Participant of the 11th WCO Regional Structures Meeting” will be met by responsible persons from the RTC Bishkek.

Special vehicle (Toyota Hiace minibus) for the transportation from Bishkek city to Cholpon-Ata town, Issyk-Kul Region and back to Bishkek city will also be provided at the expense of the RTC Bishkek.

Meals

On the first day at the opening and the last day at the closing of the Meeting, an official buffet will be organized for the participants at the expense of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek. On the following days, lunch and coffee breaks will be provided at the expense of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek. During the event, one official dinner will be organized at the expense of the State Customs Service under the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic and RTC Bishkek.

Event Website

Any documentation will be made available through the dedicated event web page in the Meeting Documents segment of the ROCB Europe web site members section.



Currency and Exchange

The local currency, the Kyrgyz som, can be exchanged for U.S. dollars, Euros or other currencies at banks and hotels.

The current exchange rate for 1 U.S. dollar is 84.71 KGS and 1 Euro is 100.25 KGS as of this date of 2021.

Working Language of the Meeting

The working language of the Meeting will be English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

Internet Connection

Wireless Internet access will be available in the conference hall of the RTC Bishkek, as well as in the conference hall of the boarding house in Cholpon-Ata town.

Time Zone

Time Zone in Bishkek city and Cholpon-Ata town, Kyrgyz Republic is GMT + 6.

VISA

All participants must obtain a visa to enter the Kyrgyz Republic, if required, as well as any transit visa before the beginning of trip. Please note that all visa costs will be at the expense of participants.

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

A proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative PCR test from no more than 72 hours before the arrival by air for foreign citizens to enter Kyrgyz Republic. Participants should check which requirement is needed for their return trip at their home country.



Weather

Expected weather conditions in Bishkek city, the Kyrgyz Republic during the event: predominantly sunny, average temperature from +26 to +28 degrees Celsius (in the daytime) and (at night) +20 degrees Celsius.

Expected weather conditions during the event in Cholpon-Ata town, Issyk-Kul region: sunny/partly cloudy, average temperature from +24 to +26 degrees Celsius (in the daytime) and (at night) +17 degrees Celsius.

Electricity

The electricity in Kyrgyz Republic is 220 volts at AC at 50HZ. Recommended plugs are 2-pin round.

Contact

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Emergency

For emergency issues, please call +996 502 59 59 57 (Narynkul); +996 500 558 535 (Kaliman).

We wish you a safe and sound trip.