PRACTICAL INFORMATION

16th Observations Coordination Group (OCG-16)

7-10 April 2025

Meeting venue:

The meeting will be hosted by OceanOPS on Ifremer Campus in Brest-Plouzané (France), in the "Salon de l'Océan" meeting room (Ifremer restaurant building)

Ifremer address:

1625 Route de Sainte-Anne, 29280 Plouzané, France

Google Maps link

!!! Access to the IFREMER site is restricted !!!

For security clearance,

non-French visitors are requested to upload the following documents on the http://ocean-ops.org/ocg/ocg16 as soon as possible, and no later than **MARCH 3rd, 2025**:

1. A simplified CV or brief biography (3 lines could be sufficient).
2. A copy of your passport.
3. The completed access form.

All visitors must present an original, valid ID card or passport (a passport is mandatory for non-French visitors) at the security gate each day. Please ensure you carry it with you every day**.**

Getting to Brest

By air

Brest Airport offers connections to several French and international cities (e.g., Paris, Lyon, London). For flight schedules and details, visit the Brest airport website

By train

From Paris Montparnasse, the TGV fast train takes approximately 4 hours to reach Brest (terminus station). For schedules and tickets, visit the SNCF website

From Brest airport to the city center

- **Taxi**: ~20 minutes, daytime €28 – nighttime €38.
- **Public Transport (shuttle + tramway)**: ~43 minutes, €1.70.

- Take shuttle bus **line 20** to *Porte de Gouesnou*.
- Transfer to tramway **line A** (direction *Porte de Plouzané*).
- Get off at a stop in the city center (e.g., *Liberté* or *Château*, depending on your accommodation).
- More details: Airport Shuttle info

Car rental: Available at the airport and Brest city center, close to the train station.

Getting to Ifremer

By Taxis
- **Airport to Ifremer**: daytime ~€45 – nighttime and Sunday: ~€65
- **City center to Ifremer**: daytime ~€25 – nighttime and Sunday: ~€35

By Public Transport – bus (line 2b)
- Take **bus line 2b** (every 10 minutes) directly to *Piccard* (Ifremer stop). See yellow line on the MAP.
- Walking time from the stop to Ifremer's main entrance: ~2 minutes.

Travel time: ~25 minutes (bus ride), plus a 10-minute walk to the meeting room from Ifremer entrance. 2b bus times are here.

Alternative public transport (Tramway + Bus)
- **Tramway A**: Take tramway line A (direction *Porte de Plouzané*) from Brest city center (e.g., *Liberté or Siam* stations) to *Porte de Plouzané - Fort Montbarey*.
- **Bus Line 13**: From *Porte de Plouzané*, transfer to bus line 13 and get off at *Piccard* (near Ifremer). See MAP

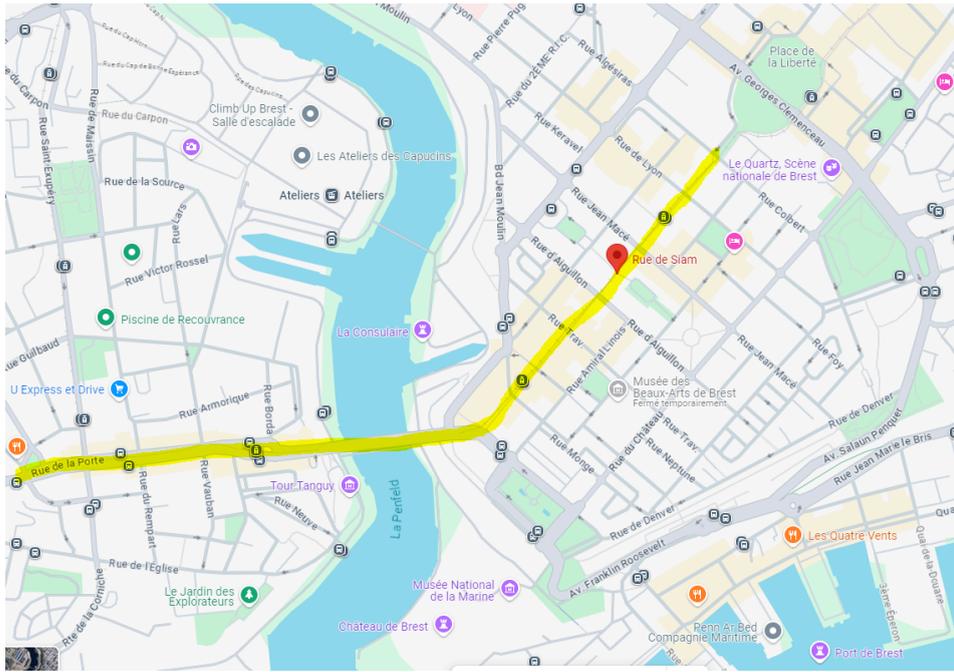**Travel time**: ~40 minutes (tramway + bus), plus a 10-minute walk to the meeting room.

Tickets for both tram and bus are valid for 1 hour and can be purchased at automated machines at tram stops. Tickets are also available as a 10 ticket bundle.
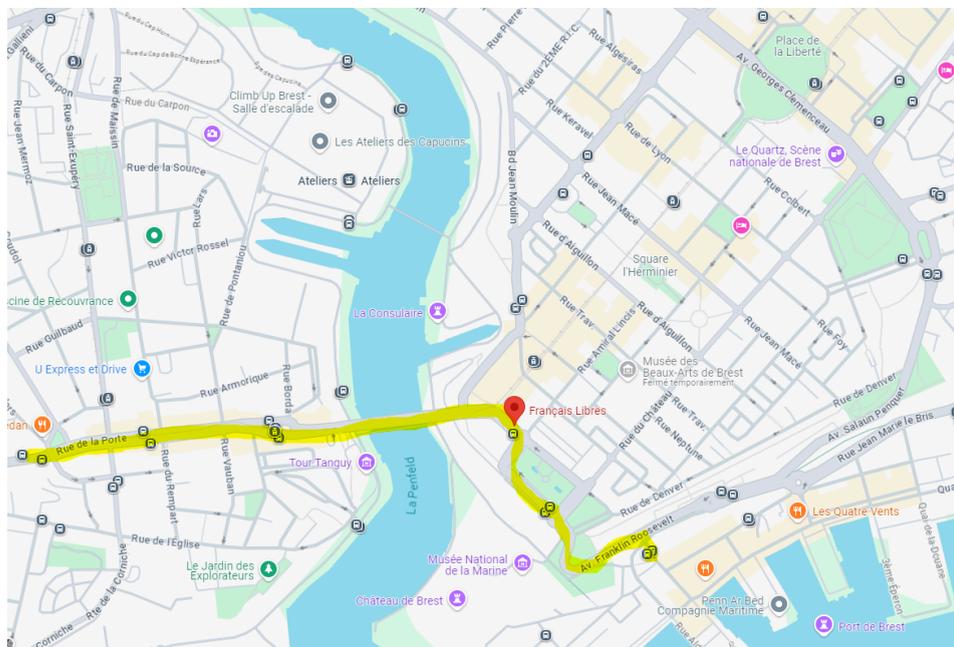
For maps and schedules, visit BIBUS Public Transport

Accommodation

Recommended Areas
- **Brest city center, near Rue de Siam:** Ideal for those who prefer proximity to shops and tram connections.
  - Examples: Hotel Oceania Brest Centre ****

- o **Along Bus line 2b**: Convenient for direct transport to Ifremer.
  - o Examples:
    - Near *Français Libre* stop: IBIS Central ***, or Hotel de la Rade **
    - Near *Rampes* stop: IBIS Styles ***, IBIS budget **, Mercure ****

For more options, visit the Brest tourism website.

Lunches and social events

Lunches

Lunch will be self-funded at the Ifremer Restaurant (13:00–14:00). Cost: €12.29 (credit card accepted).

Social events

- **OCG Group Dinner**: Tuesday, 8 April, <mark>XXX</mark>

Other useful information

- **Cash and payments**: No cash facilities are available near Ifremer. Withdraw cash at the airport or in Brest city center. The Ifremer restaurant accepts credit cards.
- **Shopping hours**: Shops in Brest are open from 10:00–19:00 and closed on Sundays.
- **Electricity**: European standard power outlets: type C and type E.