

CEOS WG on Disasters Meeting #26

Rome, Italy

September 14-18, 2026

Hosted by Italian Space Agency (ASI)

Via del Politecnico, snc, 00133, Rome

Meeting Times

The meeting will start at 14:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST; UTC+2) on Monday September 14 and will end at 18:00 CEST on Thursday September 17.

On September 16 we will hold a workshop on “Disasters & Risk Management” open to both national and international scientists (including WGD agencies and members), which will be held in hybrid mode, with both oral and poster contributions. More information about the workshop will be available soon on ASI webpage.

On September 18, we will organize an all-day “Site Visit” to the following areas:

- Seismic Surveillance Room of Rome at the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology - INGV (<https://www.ingv.it/en/monitoraggio-e-infrastrutture/sorveglianza/servizio-di-sorveglianza-sismica/le-sale-di-sorveglianza>)
- Museo Geofisico di Rocca di Papa (Geophysical Museum in Rocca di Papa) – INGV (<https://museoroccadipapa.ingv.it/>)
- Castel Gandolfo (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castel_Gandolfo) and the volcanic landscape.

Week at a glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (9:00-12:45 CEST)		WGD Sessions	Workshop on “Disasters & Risk Management”	Joint WGD Sessions with WGCapD and WGISS	Site Visit with non-hosted Social Lunch
	Lunch at ASI Canteen				
Afternoon (14-18 CEST)	Arrival & WGD Sessions	WGD Sessions	Workshop on “Disasters & Risk Management”	WGD Sessions	



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Registration

Please register by filling in the form available at the following links:

a) Registration form for in-person participants:

[CEOS WORKING GROUP DISASTERS \(WGDisasters-26\) IN-PRESENCE PARTICIPATION – Compila modulo](#)

b) Registration form for virtual participants

[CEOS WORKING GROUP DISASTERS \(WGDisasters-26\) REMOTE PARTICIPATION – Compila modulo](#)

Strict deadline for registration: 20 July 2026

IMPORTANT: The ID document that you indicate during the compilation of the online registration form will be the same that you **MUST** exhibit at the entrance gate to ASI premises. Please make sure that the ID document is still valid at the time of your visit in ASI.

Meeting Venue

Italian Space Agency (ASI)
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Website: <https://www.asi.it/en/>



How to reach ASI

- From Roma Termini Train/Metro Station: Metro line A to Anagnina (final stop), then bus n. 20 and stop at *Via Cambridge* station, and finally reach, by foot, the entrance gate in Via del Politecnico.
- From Fiumicino Airport: direct train to Roma Termini Train Station, then Metro line A to Anagnina station (final stop), then bus n. 20 to and stop at *Via Cambridge* station and finally reach, by foot, the entrance gate in Via del Politecnico.
- From Ciampino Airport: go to Roma Termini Train Station by Shuttlebus / Ciampino Airlink / Taxi, then Metro line A to Anagnina station (final stop), then bus n. 20 to and stop at *Via Cambridge* station and finally reach, by foot, the entrance gate in Via del Politecnico.

IMPORTANT: Visitors/Non-ASI employees **MUST** call at the entrance gate in Via del Politecnico (see precise location in the map by clicking [here](#)), show the same ID document provided during the compilation of the online registration form, and collect the badge to be allowed the access to ASI premises.



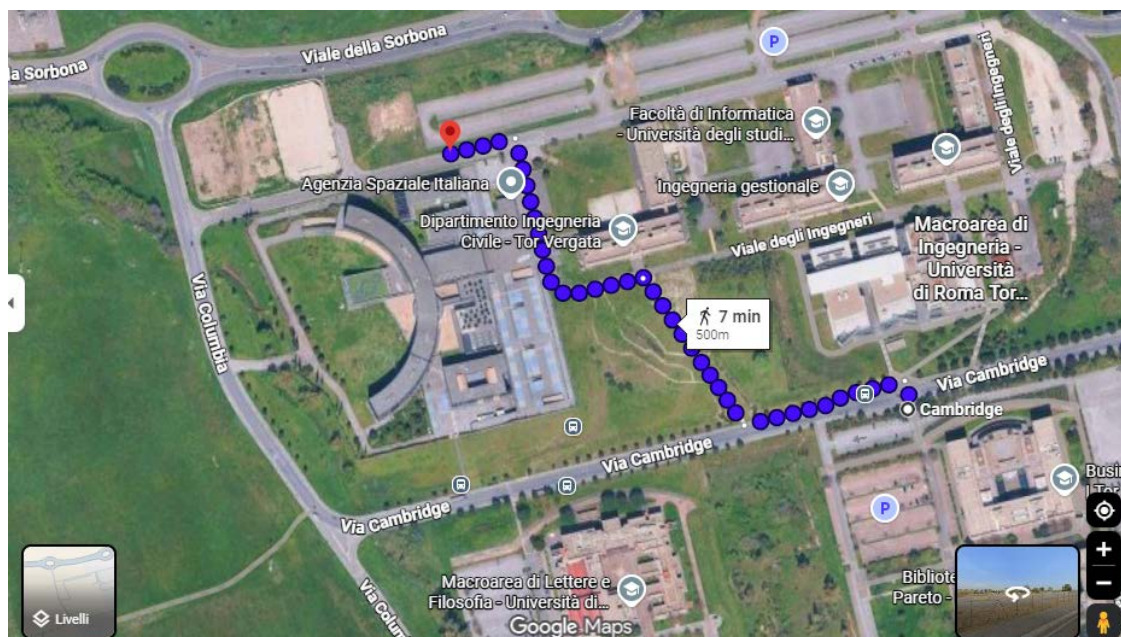
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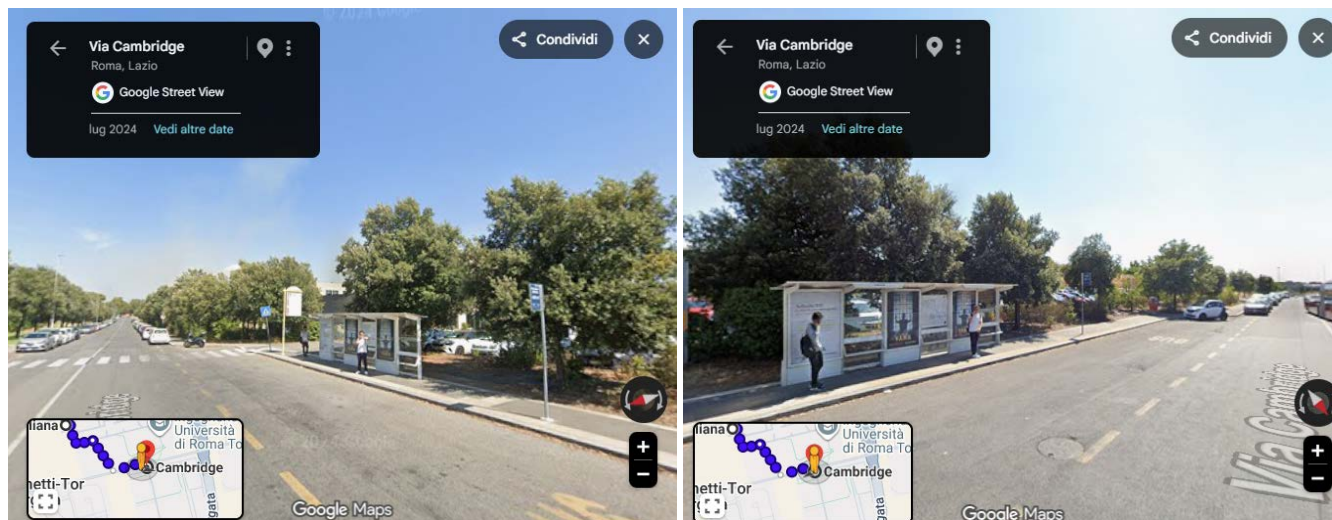
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For those arriving by bus from Anagnina Station, please follow the route indicated in the figure in order to reach the ASI entrance gate:



A) Bus Stop at Via Cambridge (it is the second stop located along Via Cambridge)



B) Cross the street and proceed on your left side until you reach the “coloured” pedestrian path shown in the figure below. Continue along the path, keeping to your left in order to reach the Agency entrance.



C) Agency entrance



Meals

Lunch will take place at ASI canteen. Payment can be made by credit card and by cash.
For dinners, participants are free to choose their best solution in Rome, also based on the location of their accommodation.



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Site visit & No-hosted Social Lunch

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The Site visit is organized by ASI.

The private bus transportation service will be provided by ASI. The departure and arrival point will be ASI Headquarters, unless communicated differently. Further logistics information will be provided in due time.

During the Site Visit, we will have a casual non-host social lunch at Castel Gandolfo area. Price for lunch will be communicated on site.

In the registration form, please indicate whether or not you will join the site visit and the social lunch.



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Transports

ATAC is the main public transportation network, which includes Metro, buses, and trams.

Here below some indications, but for more detailed information, please refer to the official webpage:
<https://www.atac.roma.it/en/home>

The most popular transit options for visitors include:

- **Tap & Go:** Simply tap your contactless credit card, debit card, or phone (Apple/Google Pay) at turnstiles and validators. It costs €1.50 per 100-minute standard journey.
- **Roma 24/48/72 Hour Tickets:** Unlimited rides on all buses, trams, and metro lines. Priced at €8.50, €15.00, and €22.00 respectively.
- **Roma Pass:** Grants 48 or 72 hours of unlimited transit combined with free/discounted entry to major sites and museums.

How to Buy Tickets & Passes

- **Paper Tickets:** Available at all Metro station vending machines and *Tabacchi* (shops marked with a big white 'T' sign). Paper tickets must be validated when boarding the bus or entering the metro.
- **Mobile Apps:** Use digital apps like **TicketAppy**, **MooneyGo** or **MyCicero**.

Where to Find Information

- **Route Planning:** Check the official [ATAC Website](#) to pick the perfect pass, or download apps like **Google Maps** or **Moovit** to map out specific routes and track real-time bus arrivals.
- **Official Tourism Portal:** Review the [Turismo Roma Transport Guide](#) for further details.

To reach ASI by metro, take Metro Line A (red line) to Anagnina Station

Metro Line A generally runs from 5:30 AM to 11:30 PM (and until 1:30 AM on Friday and Saturday nights). If your travel falls outside these hours, you will have to rely on the nocturnal bus line.



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Currency

Euro (€) is the official currency in Italy.

Cash vs. Cards

- **Card acceptance:** Widely accepted everywhere. You can use credit or debit cards (Visa, Mastercard) in most restaurants, hotels, taxis, and shops. Contactless payments (Apple Pay, Google Wallet) are very common.
- **Legal obligation:** Italian merchants are legally required to accept electronic payments for any amount, even for something as small as a coffee.
- **When you need cash:** It is always smart to carry a small amount of cash (in €5, €10, or €20 bills) for street markets, small tips, or in case a card terminal malfunction.

Withdrawing Cash (ATMs / Bancomat)

- **Where to withdraw:** Always use **ATMs attached to physical banks** (e.g., Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit, Poste Italiane). They are the safest and only charge your own bank's standard fees.
- **What to avoid:** Avoid independent, non-bank ATMs (like *Euronet*) found in heavy tourist areas. They often charge high fees and use poor exchange rates.
- **Currency choice:** If your home bank does not use Euros, the ATM might ask if you want to be billed in your home currency or Euros. Always choose **"With conversion"** / **"In Euros"** (let your home bank handle the conversion) to get a much better rate.

Meteorological Tips

In September, the weather in Rome is ideal, with daytime temperatures ranging from a pleasant 24°C to 28°C (75–82°F) and cooler evenings around 14°C–18°C (57–64°F). While it is generally dry, **rain and brief showers are possible**, especially toward the end of the month.

Here below some tips that may be helpful, although it is always recommended to check the weather forecast on daily basis and adapt accordingly:

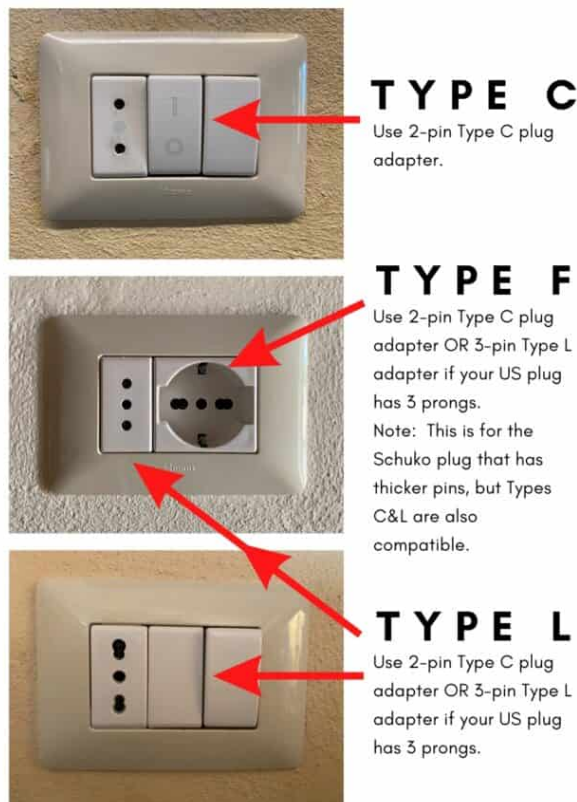
What to Wear and Pack

- Dress in layers: Days are warm and sunny, but mornings and evenings can be crisp. Bring a light jacket, a cardigan, or a scarf.
- Watch the dress code: To visit sacred sites like the Vatican or the Pantheon, you must cover your shoulders and knees. Keep a scarf or shawl in your backpack.
- Very comfortable shoes: Rome's streets are full of cobblestones (*sampietrini*) and uneven ground. Well-broken-in sneakers or sturdy sandals are essential.
- Compact umbrella: Especially for the second half of September, a small foldable umbrella in your bag is a great precaution.

Electricity

Italy runs on a **230V** supply at **50Hz** with Type C, F, and L wall outlets. Travelers should pack a **Type C Europlug adapter**. High-load, non-dual-voltage appliances (like U.S. hair dryers) require a **voltage converter** to avoid damage.

Italian Electrical Outlets



Airport Information

Rome is served by two international airports managed by [Aeroporti di Roma \(ADR\)](#): **Fiumicino (FCO)**, Italy's main hub for intercontinental and legacy flights, and **Ciampino (CIA)**, a smaller hub dedicated almost entirely to low-cost carriers.

Fiumicino Airport (FCO)

The airport operates primarily through two passenger terminals:

- Terminal 1 (T1): Used mainly by ITA Airways and SkyTeam partners for domestic and European (Schengen) flights.
- Terminal 3 (T3): The largest terminal, handling most intercontinental flights (e.g., United States, Asia) and non-Schengen routes.

To reach the Center of Rome from FCO, you have different solutions:

- Leonardo Express Train: The fastest method. It connects the airport train station directly to Roma Termini station in 32 minutes with no intermediate stops. It runs every 15–30 min and costs €14.
- Shuttle Buses (e.g. Terravision, SIT Bus, TAM): These connect the terminals to Roma Termini or the Vatican. They take about 45–60 minutes (depending on traffic) and cost between €6 and €9.
- Authorized Taxis: They have a fixed flat rate of €50 to any destination within the Aurelian Walls.

Ciampino Airport (CIA)

The airport has **a single terminal** split into departures and arrivals. Gates B1 to B8 are reserved for non-Schengen flights and require passport control.

To reach the Center of Rome from CIA, you have different solutions:

- Direct Shuttle Buses: Companies like Terravision or Rome Airport Bus connect Ciampino directly to Roma Termini station in about 30–40 minutes for around €6.
- Ciampino Airlink: A combined bus+train service by Trenitalia that takes you from the terminal to the nearby Ciampino train station by bus, and from there by train to Roma Termini.
- Authorized Taxis: They have a fixed flat rate of €31 to the historic center within the Aurelian Walls.

Time Management Tips

- International/Intercontinental Flights (T3 Fiumicino): Arrive strictly **3 hours** before departure. Passport control lines for outbound flights (especially to non-Schengen destinations) can take up to an hour.
- European/Schengen Flights (T1 Fiumicino or Ciampino): Arriving **2 hours** before is generally sufficient due to faster security processing.



Hotel Reservation

Choosing the right hotel depends on whether you prefer the convenience of central Rome or a more budget-friendly stay closer to your destination.

Strategy 1: Booking near Termini Station (Central Hub)

Staying near Termini is ideal if you have heavy luggage, arrive late by train, or want easy access to Rome's main historic sights while keeping your commute to Anagnina completely direct.

- **The Route:** Walk straight into **Termini Metro Station**, hop onto **Line A** heading toward **Anagnina**, and ride it to the very last stop. The journey takes roughly **22 minutes** across 15 intermediate stops.
- **Area Tips:** Look for hotels in the *Castro Pretorio* neighborhood (north of the station) or near *Via Cavour* (southwest) for safer, quieter streets and a better selection of boutique hotels.

Strategy 2: Booking near Anagnina Station (Budget & Suburban)

If you want to stay near your final destination to save money, avoid city center crowds, or stay close to the Ciampino Airport bus connection, book right at the end of the line.

- **The Route:** You will only need to make the 22-minute commute from Termini once when you check in. For the rest of your stay, you will be right next to the metro and regional bus terminal.
- **Area Tips:** This area is mostly commercial and residential. Look for modern business hotels or bed-and-breakfasts along *Via Tuscolana* or near the *Osteria del Curato* neighborhood. Ensure the property offers a shuttle or is within true walking distance of the station, as some suburban roads lack pedestrian sidewalks.
- **Cinecittà / Subaugusta.** They offer the exact same direct subway access but sit within more walkable, residential neighborhoods filled with local shops and cafes.

Strategy 3: Booking Along Metro Line A (The Middle Ground)

For the best balance of lower hotel prices and a safe, pleasant neighborhood atmosphere, pick a hotel at a metro stop halfway between the two stations.

- **San Giovanni / Repubblica:** A historic, lively area popular with locals. Excellent shopping and dining, and it cuts your commute to Anagnina down to roughly 12 minutes.
- **Furio Camillo / Colli Albani:** Very safe, residential neighborhoods. Hotel rates here are much lower than in central Rome, and you will be a quick 8-to-10-minute metro ride away from Anagnina.



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Visa requirements

If you need a letter of invitation in order to secure a VISA to Italy for the meeting, please contact Antonio Montuori (antonio.montuori@asi.it) to arrange for an official letter to be sent by ASI.

The documentation required to enter Italy varies according to your country of origin:

- for **EU citizens** and citizens of countries that have signed the **Schengen Agreement**, a valid identity card is sufficient as an alternative to a passport;
- **Citizens from non-EU countries** may enter Italy with a passport valid for at least three months after the planned date of departure from the Schengen Area.

Depending on your country of origin, you may **require a visa** to enter Italy. You can request a visa from the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence, and it will generally be issued after 90 days. To find out which countries require a visa to enter Italy, please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) web portal at the following link esteri.it. On this website, you can enter your nationality, your country of residence, the duration of your stay (less than or more than 90 days) and the reason for your trip. Remember that once you arrive at the border, the authorities may request documentation justifying your reasons for and duration of your stay in Italy.

For security and health updates regarding travel conditions, you can also consult the partner portal Viaggiare Sicuri, managed by the Crisis Unit of the Ministry.



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