



ESMO

Earth System Modelling
and Observations



WGRC

Working Group on Observations
for Researching Climate



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ESMO SSG Annual Meeting and WGRC Kick-Off

8–12 December 2025 – Reading, UK

📍 Where will the meeting take place:

ECMWF

Shinfield Park, Reading,
RG2 9AX, United Kingdom

<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/location/ecmwf-reading>

✉️ Contact the organizers

For questions regarding the meeting, please contact the ESMO IPO at ipo@wcrp-esmo.org

📝 Registration Form

📅 PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (GMT times)

Day 1 – Monday 8 December [CLOSED SESSIONS]	
Day 2 - Tuesday 9 December	
9:00-10:30	Plenary Session I - Model-Observation-AI Interface Moderators: Maria Molina and Douglas Rao
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00-12.30	Plenary Session II - Reanalysis Moderators: Indira Rani and Chunxue Yang
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15.30	Plenary Session III - Climate Services and extreme events Moderators: Alison Cobb and Haftu Mengesha
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00-17.30	Plenary Session IV - Evaluation and Comparison Moderators: Michio Kawamiya and Dora Hegedus
Day 3 - Wednesday 10 December	
9:00-10:30	Plenary Session V - High resolution Modelling and associated observations Moderators: Jörg Schultz and Samar Minallah
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>



11.00-12.30	Plenary Session VI - Data Stewardship and Infrastructure Moderators: Baylor Fox-Kemper and Amy Doherty
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15.30	Plenary Session VII - Advancements and challenges in Observations Moderators: Claire Macintosh and Christina McCluskey
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00-17.30	Plenary Session VIII - Key Climate Metrics and Forcings Moderators: Harun Rashid and Gerard van der Schrier
19:30-22:00	<i>Dinner - Côte Brasserie</i>
Day 4 - Thursday 11 December [CLOSED SESSIONS]	
Day 5 - Friday 12 December [CLOSED SESSIONS]	

Meeting hours

- Monday: registration from 12:30 to 13:30, start of session: 13:30
- Other days: sessions start at 9:00; sessions end at 17:30
- Friday: sessions end at 12:30.

Online participation

People joining remotely can do so by using the Teams platform made available by ECMWF. Links will be shared closer to the meeting.

Participants who have a remote presentation (oral or poster introduction) are asked to connect 15 minutes before the start of their session to test the quality of the connection. During the Q&A sessions, remote participants are invited to use the chat box to ask questions to the presenter. Questions will be moderated by the session chair(s).

Meetings recording and photos

Hybrid meetings and discussions during the meetings might be recorded for note taking purposes and for any members of the working groups not present to use for catching up.

Photos might be taken for use in ESMO media and publications, and presentations will be made available through the ESMO website. If you do not wish to feature in these or have your presentation uploaded online, please make the organisers aware through the registration form.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday: Joint dinner SSG/WGRC at Côte Brasserie

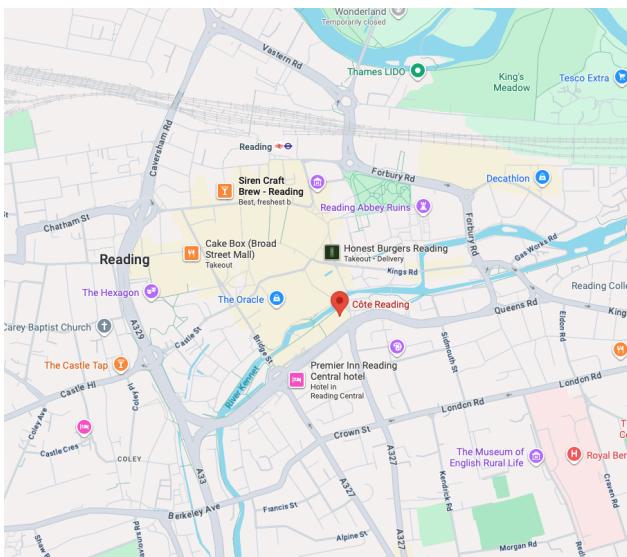
We will meet for a joint dinner on Wednesday, December 10th 2025 at 19:00 at the restaurant  Côte Brasserie, kindly sponsored by ESA.

Address: 9, The Riverside Town Centre, Reading RG1 2AG, United Kingdom

You can find the full menu choices [at this link](#).



Please provide your preferences for each course using [this form](#) by November 25th, 2025 at the latest.



TRAVEL INFORMATION – TRANSPORT GENERAL INFORMATION

From the airport to ECMWF

If you are arriving at Heathrow airport, you can take a Rail Air Link bus to Reading train station. Buses depart every half hour and the journey time is about 60 minutes. You can buy tickets online or at the ticket office at the station. You can then take a bus or taxi to ECMWF.

If you are arriving at Gatwick airport, take a train to Reading train station. Fast trains depart once an hour and the journey time is about 75 minutes.

By train from London

Take a train from Paddington station to Reading station. The journey time is about 30 minutes. [Check timetable](#).

If you are arriving by Eurostar (St. Pancras International Station), take the Underground (Circle line or Hammersmith & City line) to Paddington station and proceed as above.

Alternatively, take the Underground (Victoria line to Oxford Circus, then the Bakerloo line) to Waterloo station, or you can also take bus number 59 to Waterloo station. From Waterloo station take a local train to Reading station via Wokingham. [Check timetable](#). Trains depart every half hour and the journey time is about 75 minutes.

Book a taxi

If you are visiting ECMWF and are planning to use a taxi from the airports to either ECMWF or your hotel, it is advisable to pre-book a taxi via our Reception desk, as black cabs will charge a far higher rate.

Pre-booked fares

Fares shown below are for 06:00 to 23:00; fares from 23:00 to 06:00 are 50% higher.

Airport car parking fees vary depending on how long the taxi has to wait for you on arrival,



but are likely to be approximately £12.

Heathrow all terminals to ECMWF £50.00 plus [car parking fee](#)

Heathrow all terminals to hotels in town centre £55.00 plus [car parking fee](#)

Gatwick/Luton to ECMWF £90.00 plus car parking fee ([Gatwick parking](#); [Luton parking](#))

Gatwick/Luton to hotels in town centre £95.00 plus car parking fee ([Gatwick parking](#); [Luton parking](#))

Reading station/hotels in town centre to ECMWF £15

Payments are made directly to the taxi driver (cash or credit card).

To book your taxi, please email the following information to [ECMWF Reception](#):

Passenger name

Pick-up date e.g. 23 April 2015

Landing Time e.g. 14:45

Airport and Terminal e.g. Heathrow Terminal 5

Flight number e.g. BA 418

Arriving from e.g. Paris

Going to e.g. Novotel Reading

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Mobile phone number

e.g. + 33 6 12345678

You will receive a confirmation by email.

Public transportation in Reading

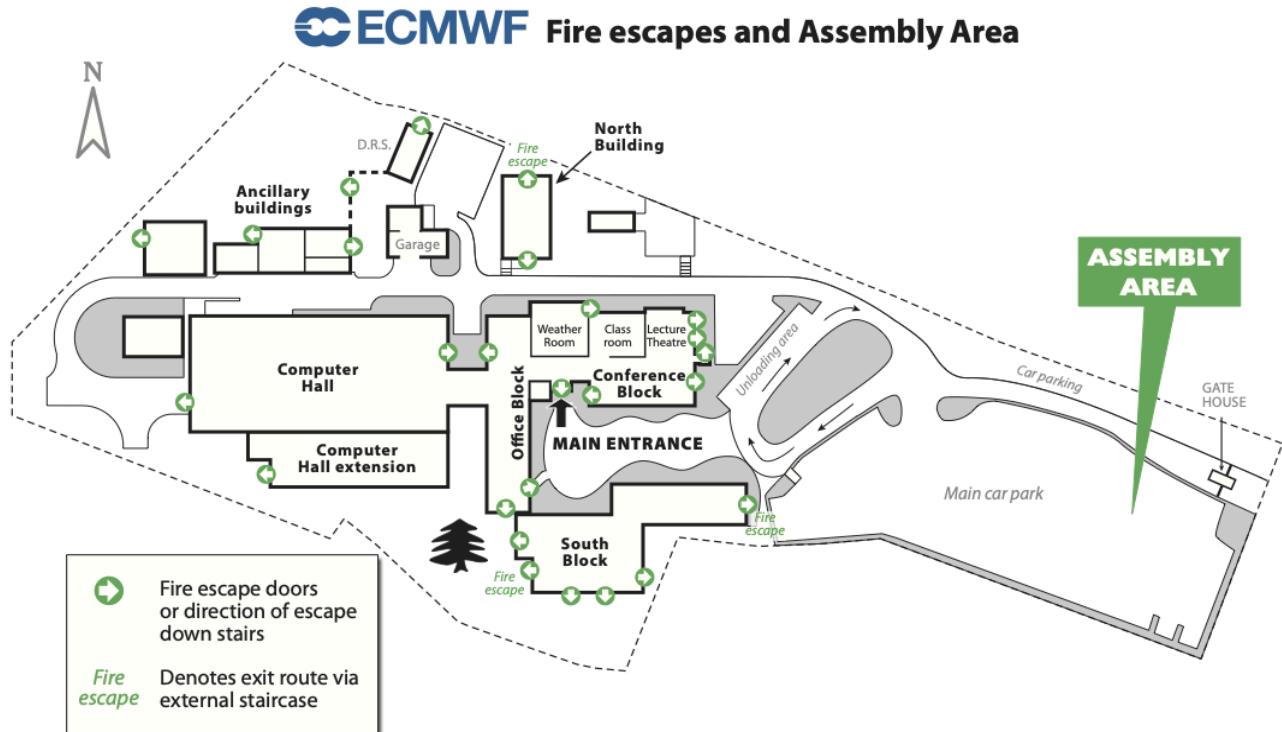
Reading Buses run bus number 3 between Reading station and Wokingham, via Shinfield Road (stop at 'Shinfield Park, Weather Centre'). [Check timetables](#).

Tickets can be bought on the bus. The driver can accept cash or contactless card payments. When buying a ticket on the bus you need to have the exact money, as the driver cannot give change.

	Single	Day	Evening	60-min Transfer
Cash/contactless	£2.70	£5.00	-	£3.50
App	£2.60	£4.50	-	£3.40
Tap On Tap Off	£2.60	£4.50	£4.00	-

If booking a taxi, it might help the taxi driver if you ask for 'the Weather Centre on Shinfield Road' instead of 'ECMWF'.

VENUE



Accommodation

A list of recommended hotels can be found on the ECMWF website: ecmwf-reading



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ABOUT READING

Reading

Known for its beer, biscuits and bulbs in the industrial revolution, Reading has transformed into a vibrant, metropolitan town located on the River Thames and Kennet & Avon Canal. Home to the UK's iconic [Reading Festival](#), its growing [arts and culture](#) community boasts some of the best entertainment in the country. Reading's rich and diverse communities are represented by its global [food and drink](#) scene, with well-known chains and quirky independents serving everything from street food to fine dining. And, with three shopping centres and a pedestrianised highstreet jam-packed with household brands and independent retailers, you'll find [shopping in Reading](#) rivals some of the bigger cities in the South East. More travel information can be found on visit-reading.com.

Climate

Weather in Reading is generally mild, benefitting from the Southern-UK climate. The hottest month, on average, is July with highs reaching the low-mid 20s. However, Reading tends to stay warm and comfortable across the summer months, from mid-June to early September, making it a good time of year to visit Reading for outdoor or warm-weather activities. The winter season tends to last around four months between November and March, with February being the coldest month on average. Winter temperatures usually stay within the range of 2-8 degrees.

Like with most parts of the UK, rain tends to fall throughout the year in Reading and can be a little difficult to judge - although October averages the most rainfall. Reading has the most sunshine during the summer season between May-September, with 21 June being the longest day of the year.

More information and daily weather forecasts for Reading can be found on the [BBC weather website](#).

Currency

The legal currency in the UK is the pound (£).

1£ = 1.15€, 1£ = 1.35 \$, 1£ = 198.95 JPY, 1£ = 9.65 CNY, 1£ = 2.06 AUD, 1£ = 119.35 INR, 1£ = 192.05 ETB

Electricity

The mains supply in the UK is an alternating current (ac) voltage at a frequency of 50 hertz (Hz) and a voltage of 230 volts (V). Plug type: G.