



The image shows the exterior of a modern building complex. The main building has a light grey facade with large windows and a prominent red brick section on the left. A blue rectangular overlay covers the upper half of the image, containing white text. The sky above is clear and blue.

# POLO SANT'ANNA VALDERA THE HEADQUARTER

# HOW TO REACH POLO SANT'ANNA VALDERA



The headquarter of The BioRobotics Institute, called **Polo Sant'Anna Valdera (PSV)**, is a knowledge and research center established by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in 2002, in the industrial town of **Pontedera**.

**ADDRESS:** V.le R. Piaggio, 34 – 56025 –  
Pontedera, Pisa

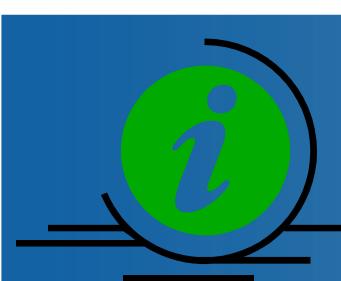
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Valdera on Google Maps:**



## TRAIN

You can reach Polo Sant'Anna Valdera through the railway line connecting Pisa and Florence (Firenze). The stop is Pontedera railway station. From Pisa the trip takes about 15 min; from Florence it takes about 45 min. Trains run frequently, in both directions. “Firenze SMN” is the full name of the Florence Central Station. “Firenze Rifredi” is another station in Florence, convenient for reaching Florence airport (by taxi).

See [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com) for a timetable.



### FROM PONTEDERA STATION TO THE BIOROBOTICS INSTITUTE

When you arrive at the Pontedera Station, **exit on the opposite side of the station main exit**, in Viale Rinaldo Piaggio, then turn left: Polo Sant'Anna Valdera is about 200m ahead, on your left.



Timetable  
**Firenze SMN - Pontedera**



Timetable  
**Pisa-Pontedera**



## AIRPLANE

### 1- “GALILEO GALILEI”: PISA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Pisa International Airport is located along the coast at only 1 km from the city of Pisa, and is accessible from the A11 and A12 motorways, from the Florence-Pisa-Livorno highway, from the normal city roads, and from the railway network.

The best solutions that you have to reach the BioRobotics Institute from Pisa Airport are:

#### **1 - People mover-Pisa Centrale railway station**

The Pisa International Airport is about 1 km from Pisa Centrale railway station, from which you can reach any Italian railway network destination. At less than 40 metres from the Passenger Terminal at the Pisa Airport, you can find the new, high-speed, fully automatic People Mover service for direct connections between the Pisa Centrale railway station and the airport.

The service is available every day from 6:00 AM to midnight at 5/8 minute intervals.

## **2 - Bus-Pisa Centrale railway station**

At the airport, bus tickets may be purchased at the Information Desk (Arrivals Area). The Bus Area (P6) is located just outside the Passenger Terminal Arrivals Area.

## **3 - Taxi**

Reaching Pontedera from Pisa airport by taxi is about 30 minutes and costs around 40/50 €.

## **TO&FROM AIRPORT**

How to reach Pisa International Airport  
with all transport services



## **2- "AMERIGO VESPUCCI": FIRENZE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Located four kilometers from the center of Florence, the "Amerigo Vespucci" Airport occupies an area of approximately 115 hectares between Castello and the Plain of Sesto Fiorentino. The area, to the north-west of Florence, lies between the "Firenze Nord" exit from the superhighway and Florence's industrial area near Prato.

The best solutions to reach the BioRobotics Institute from Firenze Airport are:

### **1 - Taxi-Firenze Rifredi railway station**

You can take a taxi to Firenze Rifredi train station (15 min., 20 €). Then take a train bound to Pisa or Livorno, reaching Pontedera in about 40 min.

### **2 - Taxi-Firenze SMN main railway station**

You can take a taxi (20 to 30 min., 20 €) to Firenze main railway station, named Firenze SMN. Then take a train bound to Pisa or Livorno, reaching Pontedera in about 45 min.

### **3 - Bus-Firenze SMN main railway station**

You can take a bus (Transit Time: every 30 min) to Firenze main railway station, named Firenze SMN. Then take a train bound to Pisa or Livorno, reaching Pontedera in about 45 min.

# TO&FROM AIRPORT

How to reach Firenze International Airport with all transport services



## CAR

### 1- BY CAR FROM PISA OR HIGHWAY A12 GENOVA-ROSIGNANO

Take the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI, indicated with blue signs, towards Florence (Firenze) (from highway A12, Exit “Pisa Centro” if coming from North, Exit “Collesalvetti” if coming from South). Take the second Pontedera exit of the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI (the first one is named “Pontedera-Ponsacco”) and follow the directions towards “Centro” and “Museo Piaggio”. You will find the Museo Piaggio on your left side after about 5 km. The PSV is on your right, 50 m ahead.

### 2- BY CAR FROM FLORENCE OR HIGHWAY A1 MILANO-NAPOLI

Take the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI, indicated with blue signs, towards Pisa (from highway A1, Exit “Firenze Signa”). Take the exit “Pontedera” of the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI and follow the directions towards “Centro” and “Museo Piaggio”. You will find the Museo Piaggio on your left side after about 5 km. The PSV is on your right, 50 m ahead.

The nearest parking area is close to the Hospital (via Roma): from FI-PI-LI follow the signs to the Hospital, then the blu "P" signs (pay and display parkings). Then walk to our Institute (see maps for your reference). Limited parking lots are also available in front of the PSV Building and, upon authorization given by the Institute Secretariat, inside the Centre.

