

Central European Joint Infoday
on Centralised Actions of the Erasmus+ Programme
with a focus on
Cooperation with Partner Countries
18-19 October 2018
Bratislava, Slovakia

Important information

The event will start on **October 18, 2018** at 1.00 p.m. with registration starting at 12 a.m. in the lobby of the Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel.

The program of the seminar will finish on **October 19, 2018** at lunch time.

The language of the event is English.

Venue of the seminar

The infoday will take place at **Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel**.



Address:

Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel****

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<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6840-mercure-bratislava-centrum-hotel/index.shtml>

Arrival and departure

By plane

Visitors to Bratislava either arrive at Bratislava International Airport which is a few kilometers north-east of the city centre, or at Vienna International Airport which is 45 kilometers away.

If you are arriving at **Vienna International Airport** (Schwechat): there is a regular bus service to Bratislava every 30 minutes – 1 hour. Busses stop in front of the terminal. You can purchase the ticket in advance at <http://www.slovaklines.sk/main-page.html>, or on the bus (cash). One-way ticket costs 7,70€ and you will pay 1€ for a bag/suitcase (not for hand luggage) directly to a driver.

Other bus transport services from Vienna airport: <http://www.blaguss.sk/media/PDF/Bratislava%20-%20Schwechat/Novy%20cestovny%20poriadok%20na%20linke%20Vieden.pdf>
<https://cestovnelistky.regiojet.sk/Timetable?2&id=2466951005>

Your arrival station will be Bratislava, AS (Central Bus Station). From here you can use the public transport (trolley bus No 210 to Hlavna stanica (Central Railway Station), bus No 21 to SAV, both up to 10 minutes ride). Then you walk to the hotel (5 min). See the map below.

More information on public transport in Bratislava at <http://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport>.

If you are arriving at **Bratislava airport**:

You can take bus N 61, which will take you to Hlavná stanica (Central Railway Station) in 25 minutes and you can walk to the hotel in 5 minutes. You are not advised to take a taxi from the airport, since they can charge you unreasonable prices. In case you would like to call a taxi, we advise you to use these numbers:

Super taxi: +421 903 616 616, +421 905 616 616

Fun taxi: +421 905 916 777, +421 905 767 757

Profi taxi: +421 903 768 666, +421 905 768 666

Hello taxi: +421 904 216 321, +421 905 216 321

Approximate taxi fees to the centre are 15-20€.

By train

The easiest way to get to the seminar venue is by train. The hotel is situated just 5 minutes walking distance from Hlavna stanica (Central Railway Station).



Basic information about Slovakia

Slovakia is a landlocked country in Central Europe with a population of over five million and an area of about 49,000 square kilometers (almost 19,000 square miles). The Slovak Republic borders the Czech Republic and Austria to the west, Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east and Hungary to the south.

The largest city is its capital, Bratislava (population about 430,000). Slovakia's second city is Kosice (population about 250,000), in Eastern Slovakia. Slovakia became a member of the European Union in 2004 and adopted the Euro in January 2009.

Language

Slovak closely related to other West Slavic languages, especially to the Czech language. English and German are the most widely spoken foreign languages. Most people will understand Czech, and Hungarian is widely spoken in southern regions.

Climate and clothing

The autumn months are usually warm, with temperatures of 15° C during the day, evenings and nights are colder.

Getting around Bratislava

The Old Town is very compact and easily explored on foot.

The dense network of trams, buses, and trolleybuses means you can move around easily outside the city centre. Universal tickets covering all connections can be bought at any newspaper stand or from ticket machines (only coins accepted). Please note that tickets cannot be bought from driver so you should make sure you have a ticket before boarding. Tickets are available for 15 minutes (0,70€) and 60 minutes (0,90€). For most journeys around town a 60 minute ticket will be adequate. Night buses operate from 23:00 to 05:00.

Tickets are only valid once stamped in the machine inside the vehicle. You can change bus, trolleybus or tram as often as you like within the validity of the ticket. Buses, trolleybuses and trams are policed by ticket inspectors.

Security

Most visits to Slovakia are trouble-free. However petty theft is not uncommon. Pickpockets operate around the main tourist areas, and foreigners are easily identified and targeted. Cameras, mobile phones and small electrical items (computers, games etc) are as attractive as cash and credit cards. Do not leave valuables unattended.

Money

From January 2009 the official currency of Slovak Republic is the Euro. Currency should only be exchanged at official exchange offices, hotels and banks. Exchange between private individuals (e.g. through street touts) is illegal and you risk being defrauded.

Most of the usual charge and credit cards can be used in hotels, restaurants and shops in Bratislava and other major cities. You can use bank cards with international facilities (Visa, Maestro) to withdraw cash from ATM.

Smoking and non-smoking

Ban on smoking has been in force since September 2009 - banning smokers from every business serving food.

All restaurants are fully or partially non-smoking. Most cafés and pubs still allow smoking, but cannot serve food due to the anti-smoking law requirements. Most tea-houses are strictly non-smoking and in cake shops and fast-food restaurants smoking is prohibited by law. Smoking is permitted in most open areas with some exceptions. According to the Slovak law smoking is prohibited: on trains (except for designated smoking carriages) and all public transport vehicles, at sanitary facilities, schools and universities, children's playgrounds, bureaus, theatres, cinemas, shops and galleries. Smoking is also prohibited at the train and bus stations as well as on platforms and bus stops.

Telephones

The international telephone code for Slovakia is +421. At present there are four major mobile phones providers Orange, T-Mobile, O2 and 4ka.

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