



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON BUDAPEST AND THE CONFERENCE VENUE

### **1. Getting to the venue**

The conference will take place at the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe, situated in a relatively central neighbourhood of Buda. The Youth Centre's website contains detailed information on the various modalities of getting there from the Liszt Ferenc Airport and various railway stations:

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eycb/Conf\\_facil/howto\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eycb/Conf_facil/howto_en.asp)

Unfortunately, the Budapest airport lacks a convenient public transport connection to the city centre, therefore you are advised to take an official taxi (operated by the company Főtaxi, with well sign-posted desk at the entrance of the airport. The ride to the Youth Centre will cost approximately 24 euros, for further details see:

<http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/accessandparking/bytaxi>

It is advised **NOT to** take any other taxi at the airport, even if you are personally offered one!

### **2. Accommodation and moving around in Budapest**

Please see annexed a list of recommended hotels (including hotels located near the conference venue). This website also has further information <http://www.budapest.com/accommodation.en.html>. The city has a well-functioning public transport system, including several night buses. Reception at the Youth Centre has tickets for sale. There are also 72-hour and 7-day tourist passes, valid for all means of public transport:

[http://www.bkv.hu/en/travel\\_cards](http://www.bkv.hu/en/travel_cards)

For maps or any advice, feel free to ask the reception at the Youth Centre. Here is a map of public transport lines in the city centre:

<http://www.bkv.hu/ftp/terkepek/idegenforgalmi.jpg>

When taking a taxi, avoid catching one that is waiting or driving by. Whenever possible, call one from your mobile (e.g. +36 1 2000 000), it is significantly cheaper and more secure this way. Operators of larger taxi companies always speak English. Reception at the Youth Centre can also call a taxi for you. If you have to catch a taxi in the street, be absolutely sure that it has a visible company logo on the side.

### **3. Money**

Hungary still uses its national currency called the Forint (HUF). About 300 HUF makes up 1 Euro. Most shops and restaurants only accept Forints, so you are advised to exchange some money or withdraw cash from your credit card upon arrival at the airport. Credit cards (VISA and MasterCard) are widely accepted, but not everywhere. Many taxis do not take credit cards.

The price level of Budapest is significantly lower than in most Western-European countries and is similar to most Central European capitals.

### **4. Climate**

The climate of Budapest is moderate, with average temperatures in June ranging from 19 C to 24 C.

### **5. Language**

Hungarian does not significantly resemble any other language and is not related to the various Indo-European languages in Europe. Understanding Hungarian signs and text may therefore be





challenging. However, most tourist sites employ English and German speakers. For those interested in learning a few Hungarian phrases before arriving in Budapest a useful short list can be downloaded from:

<http://www.budapest-discovery-guide.com/support-files/hungarianbasicexpressionsfortourists.pdf>



#### **6. What to do in Budapest?**

If you have some spare time before or after the conference, Budapest as a multiple UNESCO World Heritage site can offer you a lot. The city boasts spectacular bridges, exquisite Turkish baths unique in Europe, splendid boulevards, spectacular eclectic and art nouveau buildings, and a significant Jewish heritage.

Official tourist information:  
[http://gotohungary.com/?utm\\_source=www.gotohungary.com&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=redirects](http://gotohungary.com/?utm_source=www.gotohungary.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=redirects)

Further sites with useful information: <http://visitbudapest.travel/>,  
<http://www.budapest-tourist-guide.com/>

(don't forget to bring your swimming suit!)

Information on thermal baths: <http://www.spasbudapest.com/>

#### **7. Eating out in Budapest**

Hungary is famous for its rich culinary tradition and spicy dishes, as well as its wine and pálinka (fruit-based shots) culture.

You are advised to avoid "tourist trap" restaurants in and around Váci utca and other touristy neighbourhoods. Some excellent, reliable, but not extremely expensive options include:

[www.borlaboretterem.hu](http://www.borlaboretterem.hu) (great selection of local wines)

[www.fulemule.hu](http://www.fulemule.hu) (hearty local Jewish cuisine)

[www.cafekor.com](http://www.cafekor.com) (excellent Hungarian bistro cuisine, only takes cash)

[www.csalogany26.hu](http://www.csalogany26.hu) (nouvelle cuisine hongroise)

[www.kiskakukk.hu](http://www.kiskakukk.hu) (old-school Budapest feeling in a charming neighbourhood)

[www.bockbisztropest.hu](http://www.bockbisztropest.hu) (new interpretation of old Hungarian dishes, great wines)

#### **8. Contact information**

In any case of emergency you can contact the reception at the Youth Centre.

The general emergency phone number in Hungary is 112.



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## List of hotels close to the European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB)

### HOSTEL

#### Grand Hostel

H-1021 Budapest, Hűvösvölgyi út 69. / Versec sor 1.

Tel.: +36 1 274 1111

E-mail address: [info@grandhostel.hu](mailto:info@grandhostel.hu)

Homepage: [www.grandhostel.hu](http://www.grandhostel.hu)

Skype: grandhostelbudapest

This Youth Hostel is open all year round. There are 14 rooms with 2, 3, 4 or 6 beds, large common areas, a big garden and a café bar. The Grand Hostel is located in the Buda Hills, only 15 minutes from the centre of town and 20 minutes from EYCB (7 stops from Széll Kálmán square on tram no. 56, 2 stops on tram 4 or 6, plus 5 minutes walk). It is easy to find because of its colourful design.

Prices: from: **24 € to 90 €**

#### Antique Hostel

H-1021 Budapest, Iskola utca 31.

Homepage: [info@antiquehostel.eu](mailto:info@antiquehostel.eu) ; <http://www.antiquehostel.eu/index.php?action=aboutus>

Tel: +36705800056, +36303853236

The Hostel is situated at the famous Buda Castle district and has a unique style. It is approx. 15 minutes walk from the EYCB.

Prices: from: **20 € to 70€**

### TWO STAR HOTEL

#### Császár Hotel\*\*

H-1023 Budapest, Frankel Leó u. 35.

Tel.: +36 1 336 2640

Fax: +36 1 336 2644

E-mail: [info@csaszarhotel.hu](mailto:info@csaszarhotel.hu)

Homepage: [www.csaszarhotel.hu](http://www.csaszarhotel.hu)

The building is situated 500m from Margaret Bridge. The hotel is in the same complex as the Komjádi-Császár swimming pools, thus guests can use any of the swimming pools:

- the indoor pool,
- the modern 50-metre outdoor pool,
- the 33-metre pool,

It is 2 minutes walk from the Lukács Fürdő (Thermal Bath) and 15 minutes walk from the EYCB. The rooms are relatively small.

Prices: from: **33 € to 105 €** including breakfast (single room: 46 €, double room: 53 €)

## THREE STAR HOTELS

### **Hotel Papillon Pension\*\*\***

H-1024 Budapest, Rózsahegy u. 3/B.

Tel./Fax: +36 1 212 4750

E-mail: [papillon2@t-online.hu](mailto:papillon2@t-online.hu)

Homepage: [www.hotelpapillon.hu](http://www.hotelpapillon.hu)

This hotel has 30 rooms and an apartment. It is located right next to the EYCB.

Prices: from **44 €** to **120 €** including breakfast

### **Burg Hotel Budapest\*\*\***

H-1014 Budapest, Szentháromság tér 7.

Tel.: +36 1 212 0269

Fax: +36 1 212 3970

E-mail: [hotel.burg@mail.datanet.hu](mailto:hotel.burg@mail.datanet.hu)

Homepage: [www.burghotelbudapest.com](http://www.burghotelbudapest.com)

This non-smoking hotel has 26 rooms and it is located at the Trinity Square (Szentháromság tér) in the Buda Castle district.

Prices from **70 €** to **134 €** including breakfast

### **Promenade City Hotel\*\*\***

H-1052 Budapest, Váci utca 22.

Tel.: +36 1 799 4444

Fax: +36 1 799 4455

E-mail: [info@promenade-hotel.hu](mailto:info@promenade-hotel.hu)

Homepage: [www.promenadehotelbudapest.com](http://www.promenadehotelbudapest.com)

This hotel is located in the very centre of Budapest, on the famous pedestrian shopping street, Váci Street and near the elegant Vörösmarty Square with the renowned Gerbeaud Café.

Promenade City Hotel has 45 non-smoking deluxe rooms.

The final stop (Vörösmarty square) of the historical Millenium underground is 300 m. from the hotel.

Tram 2 from Vigadó square to Margaret Bridge, and then 5 stops on tram 4 or 6 to Mechwart Liget, plus 5 minutes walk to the EYCB.

Prices: from **50 €** to **120 €** including breakfast

## FOUR STAR HOTELS

### **Hotel Regnum Residence\*\*\*\***

H-1027 Budapest, Ganz u. 8

Tel: (+36 1) 265-5090

Fax: (+36 1) 201-4022

Homepage: [www.regnumresidence.hu](http://www.regnumresidence.hu)

Email: [info@regnumresidence.hu](mailto:info@regnumresidence.hu)

This Hotel is located at the corner of Ganz and Királyfürdő Streets. It is just a few minutes' walk from Europe's longest tram's line (no. 4 and 6), and five blocks from 'Batthyány tér' M2 metro station.

The original Turkish Király Thermal Baths is next to the Hotel. Hotel Regnum Residence has 49 spacious rooms. The EYCB is within walking distance (appr. 10 minutes).

Room rates: from **75 €/night**

### **Art'Otel\*\*\*\***

H-1011 Budapest, Bem rakpart 16-19.

Tel.: +36 1 487 9487

Fax: +36 1 487 9488

E-mail: [budapest@artotel.hu](mailto:budapest@artotel.hu)

Homepage: [www.artotels.com](http://www.artotels.com)

The hotel has 165 air-conditioned rooms including 9 suites. It is located in the city centre, on the banks of the river Danube, opposite the Parliament building. It is 10 minutes walk from the world heritage-site of the Buda Castle and the central pedestrian shopping area. It is three blocks from Batthyany square underground station and 15 minutes walk from the EYCB. Bus no. 11 connects to the EYCB (Stop: Mechwart Liget).

Room rates: from **100 € to 150 €**

### **Hotel Castle Garden\*\*\*\***

H-1012 Budapest, Lovas út 41.

Tel.: +36 1 224 7420; +36 70 967 1226

Fax: +36 1 224 7421

E-mail: [hotel@castlegarden.hu](mailto:hotel@castlegarden.hu)

Homepage: [www.castlegarden.hu](http://www.castlegarden.hu)

This newly built hotel on the historic Castle Hill has 38 air-conditioned hotel rooms in standard and superior category.

All the guest-rooms and the public areas are non-smoking.

Distance to EYCB: approximately 15-20 minutes (5 minutes walk or Castle Bus to Moszkva square, 2 tram stops (tram 4 or 6) plus 5 minutes walk)

Prices: from **64 € to 95 €** including buffet-breakfast and private parking

### **Novotel Budapest Danube\*\*\*\***

H-1027 Budapest, Bem rakpart 33-34.

Tel.: +36 1 458 4900

Fax: +36 1 458 4909

E-mail: [H6151@accor.com](mailto:H6151@accor.com)

Homepage: [www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6151-novotel-budapest-danube/index.shtml](http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6151-novotel-budapest-danube/index.shtml)

The Novotel Budapest Danube is located on the Buda side of the city, between Margaret Bridge and the Chain Bridge. The hotel overlooks the river Danube and the Parliament. The EYCB is within walking distance (appr. 15 minutes). Prices: from **49 €** to **180 €**

#### **Hotel Victoria\*\*\*\***

H-1011 Budapest, Bem rkp.11.

Tel.: +36 1 457 8080

Fax: +36 1 457 8088

E-mail: [victoria@victoria.hu](mailto:victoria@victoria.hu)

Homepage: [www.victoria.hu](http://www.victoria.hu)

Hotel Victoria is located on the Buda side, directly on the riverside of the Danube and in the neighbourhood of the Buda Castle, within 10 minutes walk from Matthias Church. Parking and limited number of garage places are available. There are 27 air-conditioned rooms with bathroom (bath/shower), and views to the river Danube.

The city centre and the EYCB are within walking distance (appr. 20 minutes).

Prices: from **129 €** to **135 €** including buffet-style breakfast and taxes

#### **Hotel Belvedere\*\*\*\***

Homepage: <http://www.belvederehotels.hu/index.php?lang=en>

H-1024, Budapest, Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 11/A

Tel: +36 1 202-1234; (+36 1 ) 315-3376

This four star Hotel is built near Buda Castle and Széll Kálmán tér (earlier Moszkva tér). They have 54 comfortable non-smoking rooms (44 double/twin, 10 suites) with air condition, LCD TV with satellite channels, sound proof windows, minibar, phone, internet connection, rooms with balcony, all suites with equipped kitchenette.

Prices: from **80 to 110 €** including buffet-style breakfast

#### **NH Budapest\*\*\*\***

H-1137 Budapest, Vígyszínház u. 3.

Tel.: +36 1 814 0000

E-mail: [nhbudapest@nh-hotels.com](mailto:nhbudapest@nh-hotels.com)

Homepage: [www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/hungary/budapest/nh-budapest.html](http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/hungary/budapest/nh-budapest.html)

The NH Budapest hotel is located in the very centre of the city, right behind the Vígyszínház, the oldest theatre in Budapest. The historical Western Railway Station (Nyugati) along with the Westend Shopping Centre are only 500m from the hotel. In the other direction it is only 500m to the river Danube and a few steps more to Margaret Island. Pets are allowed.

3 tram stops (tram 4 or 6) plus 5 minutes walk or bus 91 plus 1 minute walk to the EYCB.

Prices: Standard rooms from **76 €** to **160 €** without breakfast

#### **K+K Hotel Opera\*\*\*\***

H-1065 Budapest, Révay u.24.

Tel.: +36 1 269 0222, +36 1 374 0365

Fax: +36 1 269 0230

E-mail : [kk.hotel.opera@kkhotel.hu](mailto:kk.hotel.opera@kkhotel.hu)

Homepage: <http://www.kkhotels.com/en/hotels/budapest/k-k-hotel-opera/welcome/>

This hotel is located next to the Opera House in the centre of Budapest. The pedestrian zone, most major sights and the underground station are within easy walking distance.

205 fully air-conditioned rooms, sauna & health club, gallery-café, bar & bistro, restaurant, conference rooms and in-house garage. Distance to EYCB: approximately 20 minutes on public transport (5 minutes walk to tram stop (tram 4 or 6) to Mechwart Liget, plus 5 minutes walk)

Prices: from **130 €** to **200 €** including breakfast

**Adina Apartment Hotel Budapest\*\*\*\***

H-1133 Budapest, Hegedűs Gyula u. 52-54.

Tel.: +36 1 236 8888

Fax: +36 1 236 8899

E-mail: [abud@adina.hu](mailto:abud@adina.hu)

Homepage: [www.adina.hu/adina-apartment-hotel-budapest/home](http://www.adina.hu/adina-apartment-hotel-budapest/home)

Nice hotel with reasonable prices and easy online booking facilities. Distance to EYCB: approximately 20 minutes on public transport, 3 tram stops (tram 4 or 6) plus 5 minutes walk or bus 91 plus 1 minute walk to the EYCB.

Prices: from **80 €** to **200 €**

**Other high standard hotels in the vicinity of the EYCB,  
accessible by public transport (max. 20 minutes) or by taxi (max.10 minutes)**

**Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget\*\*\*\***

H-1138 Budapest, Margitsziget

Tel.: +36 1 889 4700

Fax: +36 1 889 4939

E-mail: [resind@margitsziget.danubiusgroup.com](mailto:resind@margitsziget.danubiusgroup.com)

Homepage: [www.danubiusgroup.com/grandhotel](http://www.danubiusgroup.com/grandhotel)

**Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest\*\*\*\*\***

H-1051 Budapest, Erzsébet tér 7-8.

Tel.: 36 1 429 3777

Fax: 36 1 429 4777

E-mail address: [hotel.corvinus@kempinski.com](mailto:hotel.corvinus@kempinski.com)

Homepage: [www.kempinski-budapest.com](http://www.kempinski-budapest.com)

**Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal\*\*\*\*\***

H-1073 Budapest, Erzsébet krt. 43-49.

Tel.: 36 1 479 4000 , 36 1 479 4813

Fax: 36 1 479 4333

E-mail address: [royal@corinthia.hu](mailto:royal@corinthia.hu)

Homepage: <http://www.corinthia.com/hotels/budapest/>

**Hotel Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge\*\*\*\*\***

H-1051 Budapest, Szent István tér 2.

Tel: 36 1 235 1234

Fax: 36 1 235 1361

E-mail address: [h3229@sofitel.com](mailto:h3229@sofitel.com)

Homepage: [www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-3229-sofitel-budapest-chain-bridge/index.shtml](http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-3229-sofitel-budapest-chain-bridge/index.shtml)

**Hotel Inter-Continental Budapest\*\*\*\*\***

H-1052 Budapest, Apáczai Csere János u.12-14.

Tel.: 36 1 327 6333

Fax: 36 1 327 6357

Homepage: [www.budapest.intercontinental.com](http://www.budapest.intercontinental.com)

**Budapest Marriott Hotel\*\*\*\*\***

H-1052 Budapest, Apáczai Csere János u. 4.

Tel.: 36 1 468 5000

Fax: 36 1 468 5005

Homepage: [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/budhu-budapest-marriott-hotel](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/budhu-budapest-marriott-hotel)

**Best Western Premier Hotel Parlament\*\*\*\***

H-1054 Budapest, Kálmán Imre utca 19.

Tel.: +36 1 374 6000

Fax : +36 1 373 0843

E-mail: [reservation@parlament-hotel.hu](mailto:reservation@parlament-hotel.hu)

Homepage: [www.parlament-hotel.hu](http://www.parlament-hotel.hu)

The NH Budapest hotel is located in the very centre of the city, very close to the Houses of Parliament.  
The 65 double rooms of the hotel are designed in Minimalist style.