

## Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology

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### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Forum on Environmental Efficiency for Artificial Intelligence  
and other Emerging Technologies  
11 December 2019

First meeting of the Focus Group on Environmental Efficiency for Artificial Intelligence  
and other Emerging Technologies (FG-AI4EE)  
12 December 2019

Meeting of the Thematic Group on the United for Smart Sustainable City Index  
13 December 2019

#### 1. MEETING VENUE

The events will take place at

**Hotel De France**  
Schottenring 3  
1010 Vienna, Austria

This elegant venue is located near the historic city center, within walking distance of the University of Vienna, and not far away from St Stephens cathedral – the landmark of the city of Vienna.

It is easily accessible by public transportation from Vienna Airport and within Vienna (good tram and metro connections).

## 2. TRANSPORTATION AND SITE INFORMATION



**Transfer from and to Vienna International Airport** to the venue takes about 30-45 minutes.



The City Airport Train runs in 30-minute intervals.

*Trains leave a few minutes past the hour and half hour (first train to airport: 05:37 a.m., last train to Vienna 11:39 p.m.). Tickets are available online, at ticket machines at CAT stations or in cash on board; single ride: EUR 11.*

[www.cityairporttrain.com](http://www.cityairporttrain.com)



The Airport Express Bus takes 20 minutes to Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz.

*Buses to airport: every hour and half hour (first bus at 5:00 a.m.); Buses from airport: to Morzinplatz departing at a quarter past the hour and at a quarter to the hour. Tickets are available in the busses; single ride: EUR 8*

[www.viennaairportlines.at/en](http://www.viennaairportlines.at/en)



Express trains (line S7) of the Austrian Railroad Company are another option to reach the city center from Vienna Airport.

*Departures from Vienna Airport: daily from 5:18 a.m. to 12:18 a.m., every 30 minutes; departures from Wien Mitte to the Airport daily from 4:19 a.m. to 11:49 p.m.; single ride: EUR 4.20.*

<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/to-and-around/airport-to-center/express-train-s7>



Airport limousine transfers:

[https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival\\_parking/taxis\\_limousines](https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/taxis_limousines)

Taxi services can be booked at phone +43(0)1-40100 or +43(0)1-31300.



Vienna's public transport service offers convenient day-tickets. The "Ring" tram lines 1 and 2 and metro line U2 (Schottentor) stop close to the venue.

24-hour Vienna ticket.....	EUR 8.00
48-hour Vienna ticket .....	EUR 14.10
72-hour Vienna season ticket .....	EUR 17.10

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/>

<https://shop.wienerlinien.at/index.php/tickets/4/subtickets/0.ticket>



Vienna city bikes can be rented at over 120 bike stations. For online registration see <https://www.citybikewien.at/en/>

### 3. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport is required for entering Austria unless you are an EU national entering from another Schengen EU country (= all EU states other than Britain and Ireland, plus Switzerland); in this case, only a national identity card will be required.

Conference attendees from outside the Schengen area may require a travel visa to enter the Schengen area. If you require a letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact **Ms Victoria Schmid** by e-mail at [v.schmid@austriancenter.com](mailto:v.schmid@austriancenter.com) with copy to [tsbfgai4ee@itu.int](mailto:tsbfgai4ee@itu.int), bearing the words “**visa support**” as the subject. Please kindly include in the e-mail your **registration confirmation**. Requests should be sent before the deadline of **12 November 2019**.

The online registration form is available [here](#).

The visa application form can be downloaded from the [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

*Visas for stays of up to three months are not required for citizens of the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA), much of Eastern Europe, Israel, USA, Canada, the majority of Central and South American nations, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia or New Zealand. All other nationalities, including Chinese and Russian travelers, require a visa; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website ([www.bmeia.gv.at/en/](http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/)) has a list of Austrian embassies where you can apply.*

### 4. CLIMATE IN DECEMBER

Vienna sees an average high temperature of 5°C / 41°F during the daytime in December. This can dip to a rather chilly 0°C / 32°F at night. There are only two hours of sunshine per day on average, and very few days of rain or snowfall.

More information can be found at: <https://www.zamg.ac.at/cms/en/weather/weather-forecast/wien>.

## 5. HOTELS

	ADDRESS	RATINGS (BOOKING.COM)	CONTACT	PRICE PER NIGHT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
HOTEL SOFITEL VIENNA	Praterstrasse 1 1020 Vienna, AT	★★★★★ (9.0)	+43 (0)1-906 160 <a href="mailto:H6599@sofitel.com">H6599@sofitel.com</a> <a href="http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6599-so-vienna/">www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6599-so-vienna/</a> <i>*) Please use the reservation code "United Nations"</i>	Single: 180 €* Double: 216 €*
APARTHOTEL ADAGIO VIENNA CITY	Uraniastrasse 2 1010 Vienna, AT	★★★★ (8.2)	+43 (0)1-908303 <a href="mailto:H7216@adagio-city.com">H7216@adagio-city.com</a> <a href="http://www.adagio-city.com/Aparthotels/Vienna">www.adagio-city.com/Aparthotels/Vienna</a> <i>*) Please use the reservation code "BMVIT2019"</i>	Single: 115 €* Double: 130 €*
HOTEL CAPRICORNO	Schwedenplatz 3-4 1010 Vienna, AT	★★★★ (9.1)	+43(0)1-533 31 04-0 <a href="mailto:capricorno@schick-hotels.com">capricorno@schick-hotels.com</a> <a href="http://www.hotelcapricorno.wien/">http://www.hotelcapricorno.wien/</a>	Single: 148 € Double: 198 €
HOTEL POST	Fleischmarkt 24 1010 Vienna, AT	★★★ (8.4)	+43(0)1-51583-0 <a href="http://www.hotel-post-wien.at/">www.hotel-post-wien.at/</a> <a href="mailto:office@hotel-post-wien.at">office@hotel-post-wien.at</a> <i>*) Please use the reservation code "OeNB"</i>	Single: 149 €* Double: 179 €*

*The following hotels also have rooms available, but do not offer a conference rate:*

	ADDRESS	RATINGS (BOOKING.COM)	CONTACT	PRICE PER NIGHT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
HOTEL URANIA	Obere Weißgerberstr. 7 1030 Vienna, AT	★★★ (7.7)	+43(0)1-713 17 11 <a href="http://www.hotelurania.at">www.hotelurania.at</a> <a href="mailto:vienna@hotelurania.at">vienna@hotelurania.at</a>	Single: 95 € Double: 80 €
RUBY SOFIE HOTEL	Marxergasse 17 1030 Vienna, AT	★★★★ (8.5)	+43(0)1-20 57 71-200 <a href="mailto:sofie@ruby-hotels.com">sofie@ruby-hotels.com</a> <a href="https://www.ruby-hotels.com/en/hotels-destinations/vienna/ruby-sofie">https://www.ruby-hotels.com/en/hotels-destinations/vienna/ruby-sofie</a>	Single: 89 € Double: 98 €
HILTON VIENNA	Am Stadtpark 1 1030 Vienna, AT	★★★★★ (7.9)	+43(0)1-717 00 <a href="mailto:Info.vienna@hilton.com">Info.vienna@hilton.com</a>	Single: 187 € Double: 242 €
HOTEL AM PARKRING	Parkring 12 1010 Vienna, AT	★★★★ (9.0)	+43(0)1-514 800 <a href="http://www.schick-hotels.com/hotel-am-parkring/index.html">www.schick-hotels.com/hotel-am-parkring/index.html</a> <a href="mailto:parkring@schick-hotels.com">parkring@schick-hotels.com</a>	Single: --- Double: 220 €

## 6. INTERNET ACCESS AND WIRELESS COVERAGE

**Wi-fi** is available in most hotels, numerous cafes and bars, and (increasingly) for free in public spaces. Many tourist offices also have WLAN ('vee-lan') as it's called in German.

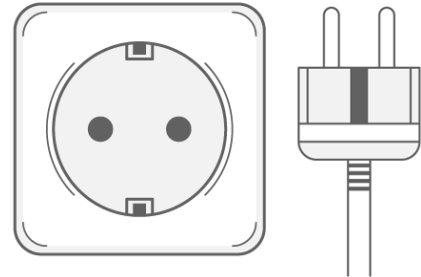
**Internet Terminals** Some hotels have internet terminals that guests can use for free or for a small cost.

**Internet on Smartphones** GPS and navigation work fine in most areas.

**Hot Spot Resources** See [www.freewave.at/en/hotspots](http://www.freewave.at/en/hotspots) for free hot spots in Vienna, and [www.freewlan.at](http://www.freewlan.at) for Austria-wide hot spots.

## 7. ELECTRICITY

Standard electrical voltage in Vienna is 220V AC, 50Hz. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use non-European standard electrical appliances. European-type plugs come with two round pins (see infographic). Adapters are available in most hardware stores.



## 8. USEFUL INFORMATION



Austria uses the Euro as its currency. Online exchange rates are shown at:

<https://www.wienerbourse.at/marktdaten/wechselkurse/price-list-currencies/eur/>

Exchange rate                      US dollar: 1\$    Euro: 0.8933 €  
(August 2019)



While all shops readily accept cash payments, the use of credit cards can be subject to a minimum purchase amount. Some ATM machines will deduct service charges.

Most banks are open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some banks offer 24-hour self-service foyers.

Austria's country code is	+43
The area code for Vienna is	(0)1
International operator & information:	11 88 77
	(inside Austria, EU and neighboring countries)
	0900 11 88 77
	(other countries)



<b>Austrian ambulance/rescue</b>	<b>144</b>
Emergency doctor	141
ViennaMed doctor's hotline (0-24)	+43(0)1-513 95 95

<b>Police</b>	<b>133</b>
Car breakdown services	120 (ÖAMTC)
	123 (ARBÖ)

<b>Fire service</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>European emergency (police, fire, ambulance)</b>	<b>112</b>



International pharmacy: +43(0)1-512 28 25  
Kärntner Ring 17  
1010 Vienna, Austria

Evening and Sunday drugstores (0-24) 1455

The time zone in Austria is CET (Central European Time): UTC/GMT +1 hour

Vienna is famous for the high quality of its drinking water. Vienna's tap water is safe to drink.

## 9. ABOUT VIENNA

City of Vienna, Visiting Vienna-site: <https://www.wien.gv.at/english/culture-history/tourism/index.html>

Area: 415 km<sup>2</sup>  
Districts: 23  
Population: 1.9 million  
Elevation: 171 m (Stephansplatz)  
Language: German

The history of Vienna has been long and varied, from the days when the Roman Empire created a military camp in the area now covered by Vienna's city centre. From that humble beginning, Vienna grew from the Roman settlement known as Vindobona to be an important trading site in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. It became the capital of the Babenberg dynasty and subsequently of the Austrian Habsburgs, under whom it became one of Europe's cultural hubs, and temporarily one of Europe's biggest cities. Since the end of World War I, Vienna has been the capital of the Republic of Austria.

Consistently ranked as offering the highest quality of life in the world, Vienna entices locals and visitors alike with splendid attractions, world-class events, excellent public transport and city bike scheme, fabulous eateries, cafés, bars and wineries, artisan shops and exciting street markets.

Most of Vienna's landmarks are in the Innere Stadt (Old Town), encircled by the Ringstrasse, Vienna's grand boulevard. The Innere Stadt is crowned by the majestic spire of St Stephan's cathedral. To the north lies the tree-lined Danube Canal.

Top attractions reminiscent of the Habsburg Empire include Schloss Schönbrunn, Schloss Belvedere and Hofburg.

The main Tourist Office at Albertinaplatz (+43 (0)1 24555; [www.wien.info/en/](http://www.wien.info/en/)) is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A Vienna city Card costs between EUR 17 (for one day) and EUR 25 (for 48 hours). It offers free transport and discounts for more than 200 attractions.

Here are some suggestions for sightseeing in the vicinity of the venue:

#### **An aperitif**

Soak up the nightlife of Leopoldstadt (2<sup>nd</sup> district) by taking the lift to the 18<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sofitel hotel. At the top you'll reach Das Loft (00 43 (0) 1 9061 68110; <https://www.dasloftwien.at/>), a sleek, contemporary rooftop bar with great views across the city centre to the spire of St. Stephan's cathedral.

#### **A spin around Ringstrasse**

Vienna's Ringstrasse is a tree-lined boulevard that encircles the city center, flanked by many of Vienna's top sights. To see the Ring in all its finery, you can hop on a tour bus or take the Vienna Ring Tram. [https://www.viennasightseeing.at/de\\_DE/vienna-ring-tram](https://www.viennasightseeing.at/de_DE/vienna-ring-tram)

#### **A stroll to the city center**

Cross the Ringstrasse and keep walking. The city offers a remarkable ensemble of historic sites, scenic streets, coffee shops, restaurants, museums and boutiques. <https://www.vienna-unwrapped.com/vienna-city-centre/>

#### **Souvenir shopping at Kunst Haus Wien**

Located within 10 minutes walking distance from the venue, at Untere Weißgerberstrasse 13 (3<sup>rd</sup> district) the Kunsthaus is a unique building designed by the visionary artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Termed "Vienna's first green museum", it houses a temporary exhibition, a restaurant and an artsy souvenir shop ([www.kunsthausewien.com/shop](http://www.kunsthausewien.com/shop)). The Café Kunst Haus Wien is a green, romantic oasis and offers a choice of exquisite vegetarian meals.

<http://www.kunsthausewien.com/en/about-us/kunst-haus-wien/>

#### **Lunch on the run – metro U4 stop Kettenbrückengasse**

Dating back to 1786, Naschmarkt is one of Vienna's oldest and most popular markets (9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. daily). It runs for almost a mile between Linke and Rechte Wienzeile streets, selling eat-as-you-go dishes such as bratwurst or sweet dates stuffed with salty cheese and walnuts (from around EUR 1.50 a bite).

#### **Art History and Coffee**

If you are planning on visiting a museum, two top choices are situated along the Ringstrasse. The MuseumsQuartier (<https://www.mqw.at/en/>) and the Kunsthistorisches Museum (<https://www.khm.at/en/>), which impresses with its wealth of neo-baroque decorations, and splendid interiors, probably unrivalled in any other European museum.

<https://www.wien.info/en/sightseeing/museums-exhibitions/top>

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## 11. LOCATION MAP

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[www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6599-sovienna/](http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6599-sovienna/)

### HOTEL CAPRICORNO

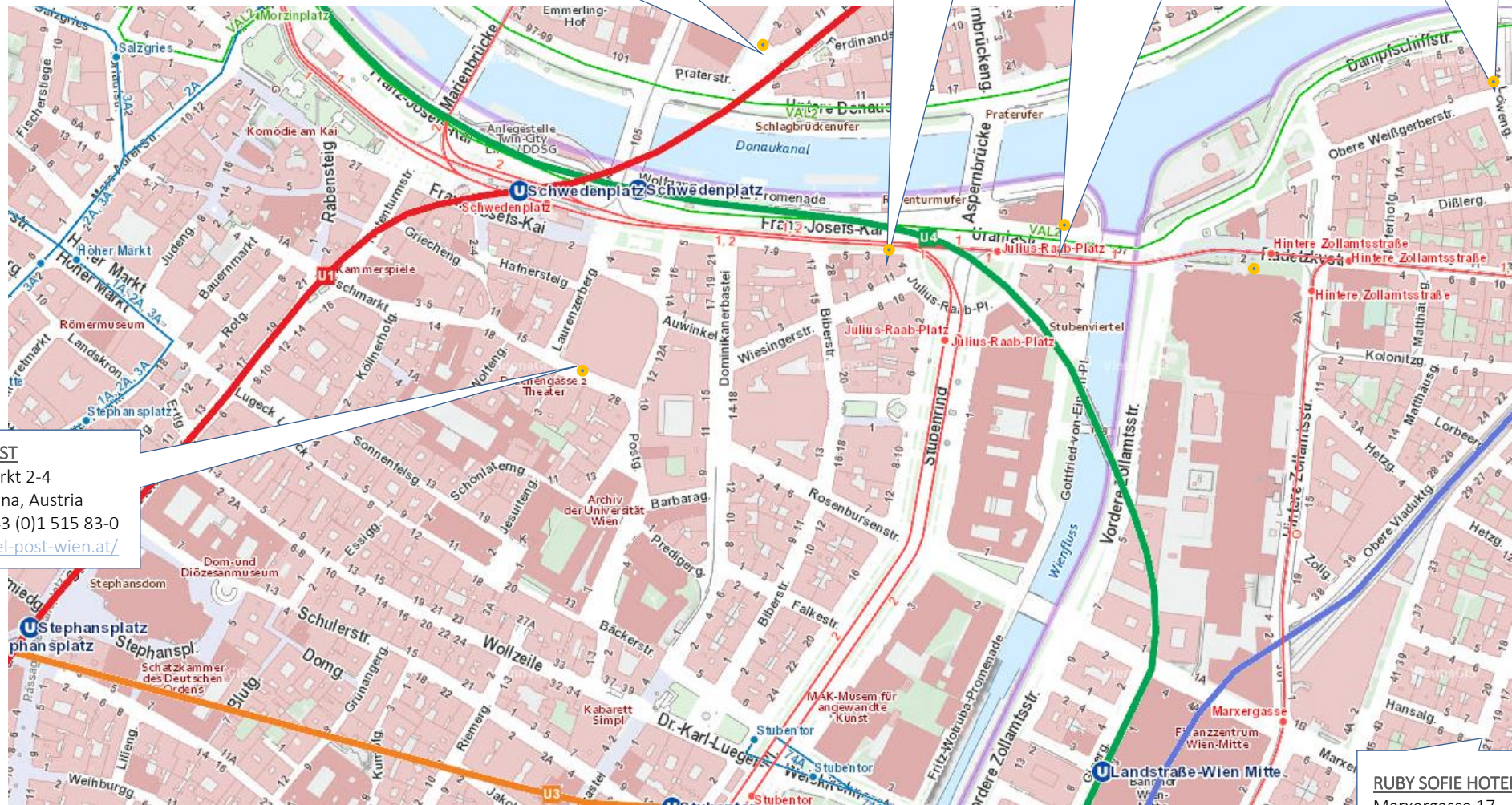
Schwedenplatz 3-4  
1010 Vienna, Austria  
Phone: +43 (0)1 533 31 04-0  
[www.hotelcapricorno.wien/](http://www.hotelcapricorno.wien/)

### APARTHOTEL ADAGIO VIENNA CITY

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1010 Vienna, Austria  
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[www.adagio-city.com/Aparthotels/Vienna](http://www.adagio-city.com/Aparthotels/Vienna)

### HOTEL URANIA

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1030 Vienna, Austria  
Phone: +43 (0) 1 71317-110  
[www.hotelurania.at/](http://www.hotelurania.at/)



### HOTEL POST

Fleischmarkt 2-4  
1010 Vienna, Austria  
Phone: +43 (0)1 515 83-0  
[www.hotel-post-wien.at/](http://www.hotel-post-wien.at/)

### RUBY SOFIE HOTEL

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1030 Vienna, Austria  
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