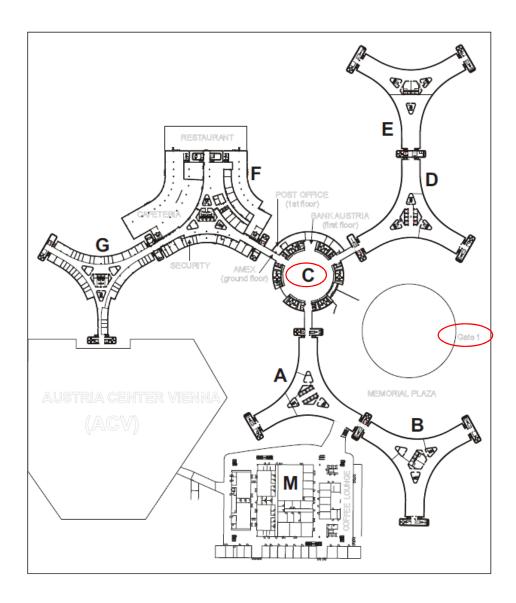
# **HSTI Expert Meeting: Information for participants**

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# 1. Opening day and meeting location

The United Nations Expert Meeting on Human Space Technology: Providing Access to Space will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220, Vienna, Austria.

The event will open on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 10:00 in Conference Room C4, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of the C-building.



## 2. Registration and identification badges

For security reasons, conference/grounds passes are necessary for admittance to the VIC. Conference badges will be issued at the United Nations **Pass Office at Gate 1** of the VIC (please refer to the map above).

The Pass Office is open from 8:00 to 16:00. Meeting participants should arrive at the VIC at least one hour before the start of the meeting on the first day (9:00 for the 10:00 start), in order to allow for sufficient time for registration and issuance of grounds passes. Participants should provide an appropriate form of state-issued photo identification at the entrance, such as a passport.

#### 3. Accommodation

Participants are requested to arrange their own hotel bookings. A list of recommended hotels can be provided upon request.

#### 4. Dining options at the VIC

A cafeteria, a restaurant and a bar are located in Building F on the entrance level of the VIC. The restaurant (table reservations recommended, ext. 4877) is open from 11:30 to 14:30. The cafeteria is open from 7:30 to 10:00 and from 11:30 to 14:30. During the session, a coffee bar located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the C Building will also be open from 9:00 to 16:30. The bar is open from 11:30 – 20:00 Monday to Thursday and from 11:30 until 21:00 on Friday.

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that there will be a coffee breaks area dedicated to this Expert Meeting during the morning and afternoon sessions. Further information will be made available during the meeting.

## 5. Postal services

A post office within the VIC provides all regular postal services, including cable, fax and telephone services. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 18:00 and is located on the first floor of the C Building, immediately above the entrance to the Rotunda.

## 6. Banking

A Bank Austria is located on the first level of the C Building. This bank provides full banking services, including several ATMs. Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 15:00 and Thursdays from 9:00 to 17:30.

#### 7. Medical services

Medical attention can be sought from the clinic operated by the Joint Medical Service located on the seventh floor of the F Building in the VIC (extension 22225 and, for emergencies, 22222). The emergency number at the United Nations in Vienna is 99 from every landline telephone on the premises.

#### 8. Travel services

Amex Travel is at the disposal of participants requiring assistance with such matters as travel, sightseeing, car rental and excursions. The office is located in the corridor in the F Building. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 17:00.

#### 9. Internet and Wi-Fi

At the Vienna International Center, internet PCs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the C Building as well as the W-LAN connection are available free of charge.

The SSID for the WI-FI is "VIC". The connection is public, hence no password is required.

## 10. Currency

The currency used in the VIC is the Euro.

See '7. Banking' for additional information.

## 11. Health insurance

Please make sure that your health/life/travel insurance covers any medical treatments that might become necessary. UNOOSA will not assume any responsibility for life and major health insurance, nor for expenses related to medical treatment or accidental events.

### 12. Transportation

## From Vienna Airport to the City Centre/VIC

#### By bus:

The Vienna Airport Lines operates seven days a week from 6:00 –21:00 from the airport to the VIC on an hourly basis. The VIC bus station is located on Wagramer Strasse in front of Gate 1. The trip lasts approximately 40 minutes. A single ticket costs 8 EUR. You can buy your ticket from the driver. The Vienna Airport Lines also serves other locations in Vienna, should you wish to go to your hotel first.

For a detailed bus schedule, please consult the following website: http://www.viennaairport.com/jart/prj3/va/main.jart?rel=en&content-id=1249344074246&reservemode=active

By train:

If you chose to arrive by train, there are two options. The first is the S-Bahn from the airport to 'Wien

Mitte' from where you can transfer to the U-Bahn (underground) system to transfer to your hotel or the VIC. S-Bahn trains leave the airport for the city centre every 30 minutes. The trip lasts

approximately 25 minutes.

Further information regarding the S-Bahn can be obtained from the following webpage:

www.wienerlinien.at.

The second option from the airport is the City Airport Train (CAT), which also links the airport to the

'Wien Mitte' terminal in the city centre. The CAT runs daily from the airport starting at 6:09, with the

last one leaving 'Wien Mitte' at 23:07. The trip lasts about 16 minutes. The passenger fare is 11 EUR

for a single ticket. Tickets can be purchased online, from machines and over the counter at both, the

airport and 'Wien Mitte' terminals.

information regarding CAT, please visit the following the webpage:

www.cityairporttrain.com

Both train options link the airport to 'Wien Mitte' station. To get from 'Wien Mitte' to the VIC, you

need to change onto the U-Bahn (underground) system, first taking line U4 (green line) from 'Wien

Mitte' to 'Schwedenplatz' where you change onto the U1 (red line) and get off at 'Kaisermühlen – VIC'.

See U-Bahn map below.

By taxi:

Several companies offer their services to the city centre from the arrivals hall at the airport. One-way

fares are approximately 35 EUR. Please refer to the following link for a list of taxis:

http://www.viennaairport.at/jart/prj3/va/main.jart?rel=en&content-id=1249344074251&reserve-

mode=active

Reaching the VIC from within the city

By public transportation:

The Vienna public transportation system is very reliable and convenient. The VIC can be reached with the underground (U-Bahn) by taking the line U1 (marked in red) towards Leopoldau and getting off at

the station 'Kaisermühlen - Vienna International Centre (VIC)'. Tickets can be purchased from vending machines in all subway stations, at tobacco shops marked Tabak Trafik, and also at the VIC newspaper

stand.

Costs:

single ticket: 2,40 EUR

24 hour ticket: 8,00 EUR

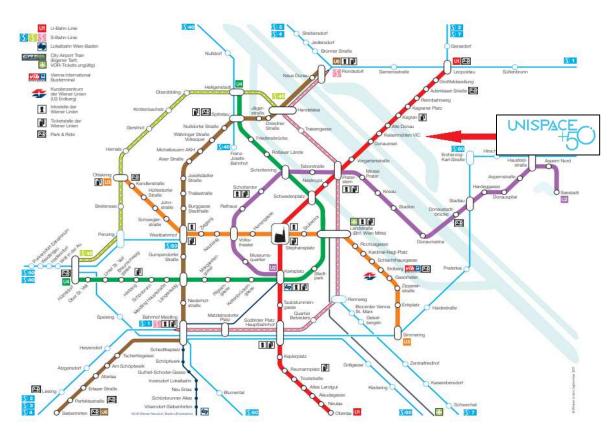
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48 hour ticket: 14,10 EUR72 hour ticket: 17,10 EUR.

Further information can be obtained from www.wienerlinien.at

## By taxi:

As all participants will have to go through the registration formalities at the VIC, passengers should ask the taxi driver to drop them off at Gate 1 (Wagramer Strasse). For departures, a taxi may be requested at Security Services, Gate 1. An additional fee is charged for taxis ordered by telephone. The customary tip in Austria for taxi drivers is 10% of the fare.



## 13. City of Vienna information

Vienna is the capital of the Republic of Austria and is also one of its nine states. With a population of about 1.9 million (2.8 million within the metropolitan area), it is by far the largest city in the country. It serves as the cultural, economic, and political centre. It is the 10th largest city by population in the European Union and was recently listed by Mercer Human Resource Consulting as having the highest quality of living in the world (as of 2017). Vienna is host to many major international organizations such as the United Nations, OPEC and the OSCE. Vienna lies in the very east of Austria and is close to Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Hungary. In 2001, the city centre was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For more information on the city, its surrounding area and upcoming events, please visit the official

Vienna Tourist website at <a href="http://www.wien.info/">http://www.wien.info/</a>.

# 14. Weather and practical information

Weather in Vienna and temperature averages:

http://www.weatherbase.com/weather/weather.php3?s=063011&refer

Vienna webcams:

http://www.wien.gv.at/webcam/

Time and date, dialing code, coordinates:

http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=259

Voltage, plugs, and sockets/power outlets (same as in Germany):

http://www.world-of-islands.com/Infos/Trucs/voltage en.htm