Participants Booklet

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Practical Guide

Registration and Agenda

Registration for onsite attendance is open until 6 December, until midnight CET. Please follow the link. The event is free of charge.

Please refer to the ECCP website for the most up-to-date version of the agenda: Clusters meet Regions - Kraków, Poland | European Cluster Collaboration Platform

Online Participants:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the event online. Please use the following links to connect and follow the event:

Day 1: https://youtube.com/live/cxP9ZtNfFZI?feature=share
Day 2: https://youtube.com/live/sUv3ii51urw?feature=share

In-person participants:

When and where is the meeting being held?

The event is taking place on 11 - 12 December 2023 in Międzynarodowe Centrum Kultury (International Cultural Center), Rynek Główny (Main Square) 25 in Kraków, Poland.
How to reach the venue?

**Travelling by plane**

Kraków Airport in Balice is located just 11 km from the city center. Access from the airport to the city center is possible:

**by direct train:**
Kraków Airport station is located near the passenger terminal and is connected to the terminal building by a footbridge. It takes only 17 minutes to get to Kraków Główny (Main Station). The train departs every 30 minutes during the day. You can search for the connections [here](#). Tickets cost PLN 17 (~ EUR 4). They can be purchased in the ticket machine in the passenger terminal on level 0, at the train station or from a train conductor on board, paying in cash or by card. The International Cultural Centre can be reached by tram or on foot from Kraków Main Station.

**by bus:**
Kraków Airport is served by three regular bus lines: 209 and 300 and night line: 902. Get on one of them and at the bus stop Muzeum Narodowe (National Museum) switch to the tram number 1 or 20 in the direction to the Main Square. Get off at UJ/AST stop (only 1 stop) and then walk 6 minutes to the International Cultural Center, Rynek Główny (Main Square) 25. You can find connections [here](#). Tickets cost PLN 6 (~ EUR 1.5). They can be purchased in the ticket machine at the stop or on the bus/tram, paying in cash or by card.
by taxi: Airport Taxi is the official taxi service at the airport. A 30-minute ride to the city centre costs PLN 109, ~ EUR 25, to be paid in cash or by card.

**Travelling by train**

The distance between the venue and the Kraków Główny Main Station is possible to cover by foot in 20 minutes, 15 minutes by public transport, and 9 minutes by taxi.

**Travelling by car**

The city is well-connected by road with the rest of the country (the A4 motorway, and the S7 motorway nearby). If you come by car, please note that the Old Town is in a restricted traffic zone. Further streets, which are located in the city center, are included in the paid parking zone (zone A) from 10 AM to 8 PM (fee per 1 hour: PLN 6, ~ EUR 1.5).

The most convenient way to park your car is in one of the large underground car parks: under the Main Building of the National Museum (50°03'34.8″N, 19°55'28.0″E), with a fee per 1 hour: PLN 6, ~ EUR 1.5 or next to the Wawel Castle, under the Plac na Groblach (50.0560868915074, 19.931938384659833) with fee per 1 hour: PLN 10, ~ EUR 2.5.

**Site Visit**

On the second day, 12 December, a study visit is planned to the ASTOR Showroom, located at 29 Smoleńsk Street, a mere 10-minute walk away. A guided tour of the place will be organised.

**Accommodation**

Kraków has a very wide range of hotels, three, four or five-star hotels are available in the immediate vicinity. They include hotels of large international chains and boutique hotels. Hotels located nearby and highly recommended: Leonardo Boutique Hotel (****), Hotel Logos Kraków (**), Hotel Atrium (**), Campanile Kraków Old Town (**), Portal House Apartments (**), Best Western Plus Kraków Old Town Hotel (**), Hotel Polski Pod Białym Orłem (**), Radisson Blu Hotel Kraków (**), Holiday Inn Kraków City Center (**), Hotel Betmanowska Main Square Residence (**).
What to see?

Kraków, a city on the original UNESCO World Heritage List, offers many options for spending time. The numerous monuments of the historic old town, the rich artistic and cultural life and great cuisine create a magical atmosphere that allows you to slow down and relax.

Take a quick glance at Kraków.

Highly recommended top 10 places to see in and around Kraków:

- Wawel Royal Castle, The Dragon’s Den and The Wawel Royal Cathedral
- The Sukiennice
- Kościuszko Mound
- Christmas Market on the Main Square
- St. Mary’s Basilica with Wit Stwosz Altarpiece
- Krzysztofory Palace and The Kraków Nativity Scene Contest Exhibition (starts from 11th December) – Last year’s exhibition.
- Jagiellonian University Museum Collegium Maius
- Rynek Underground
- The “Wieliczka” Salt Mine
- Kazimierz – the Jewish Quarter

Movies that show what to visit in Kraków during winter:

Kraków in the winter by Daphne Xplores

Kraków Christmas Markets by Catherine Kay

See you soon in Kraków!