

**Practical information for the
Emerald Network biogeographical evaluation Seminar for bird species
(Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia)**

Venue

European Youth Centre (EYC)

Zivatar utca 1-3
1024 Budapest
Hungary

Web site of the EYC:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/eyc-budapest>



View over Budapest from the 4th floor of the EYC

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Working language

The working language of this seminar will be English

Visa

Hungary is a member of the Schengen Agreement so all citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) do not need a visa to enter the country. Most other nationalities will need a visa and must apply for it online with supporting documents to be presented at the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence or closest location.

Please note that it is not possible to acquire a visa upon arrival in Hungary. Furthermore, airline companies do not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

How to reach the venue

Budapest International Airport (Ferenc Liszt) is located 25km from the EYC.

It will take approximately 50 minutes by taxi and more than 1 hour by bus and metro (with 2 or 3 connections). Uber does not exist in Budapest anymore.

➤ **Public transport**

In Budapest tickets cannot be purchased in public transport vehicles. They need to be bought in advance, at metro stations or at the reception of the EYC.

Single tickets are valid for one trip on one vehicle. It is also possible to buy one-day, three-day, weekly and multi-passes at the main metro stations.

Ticket inspectors regularly check tickets so please remember to validate your ticket in advance by punching it in the machine on the bus/tram at the start of your journey or in the metro station before you board.

Bus **100E** runs from the airport to the centre every 20 minutes and costs approximately 3 €.

Then bus/tram from the center to the EYC with 2 connections.

Timetable about Budapest transports: <https://bkk.hu/en/timetables/>

➤ **Taxi**

The only taxi company which is allowed to wait at the departure/arrival exits of the airport is [Fótaxi](#).

Tel: +36 1 222 2222 • +36 20/222 2222 • +36 30/222 2222 • +36 70/222 2222

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Price from the airport to the centre is approximately 30 €.

Accommodation

No accommodation will be provided. Participants should book rooms at the hotel of their choice.

The nearest and cheapest hotel to the EYC (2 minutes by foot) is: Hotel Papillon

<https://hotelpapillon.hu/en/prices>

Electricity

The plug type used in Hungary is Type C, the one mainly used in Europe (voltage 220-240, 2-pin plugs). Socket adapters are usually freely available or can be purchased in hotels.

Lunches on 29 & 30 October (paid directly by each participant)

- 29 October: according to the draft agenda, the lunch break will be from 12.30 to 13.45

Lunch will take place at the self-service restaurant of the European Youth Centre which offers a three-course lunch and a fresh salad-buffet. The kitchen is pork-free, and a vegetarian/vegan alternative is possible upon request (the restaurant should be given one week notice for any special dietary needs).

- 30 October: the meeting will finish at 13.00, lunch can be taken at the EYC until 14.30

Currency

1 € = 335 HUF (Hungarian Forint)

There are several Automatic Teller Machines in the airport and close to the EYC. All major credit cards are accepted.