Council of Europe Working Conference
“Competences in action”

Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture: moving towards a competence-based approach to teaching and learning

Florence
14-15 November 2019

Practical Information Note
ACCOMMODATION - HOTELS IN FLORENCE

There are several possibilities for your stay in the historical centre of Florence (as shown on the official website for Florence http://www.firenzeturismo.it/en/ and in the list below), either close to Piazza della Santissima Annunziata and via Laura. All hotels recommended are within 3 to 20 minutes walking distance from the conference venue and close to the Accademia Gallery, the Florence Cathedral, the Palazzo Vecchio and many other historical sites and monuments. Moreover, the suggested hotels are close to a train station (Santa Maria Novella Station). We would advise you to book early, as the hotel situation in the city centre may be difficult.

Hotel possibilities

1. **Hotel Morandi alla Crocetta**
   50, Via Laura, 50121, Florence, Italy
tel. +39 055 2344747

2. **Hotel Cardinal of Florence**
   5, Borgo Pinti, 50121, Florence, Italy
   [https://www.hotelcardinalflorence.com/?lang=en](https://www.hotelcardinalflorence.com/?lang=en)
tel. +39 055 2466450

3. **Hotel dei Macchiaioli**
   21, Via Camillo Cavour, 50129, Florence, Italy
   [https://www.hoteldeimacchiaioli.com/](https://www.hoteldeimacchiaioli.com/)
tel. +39 055 213154

4. **Hotel Colomba**
   21, Via Camillo Cavour, 50129, Florence, Italy
tel. +39 055 289139

5. **Residenza D’Epoca Home In Palace**
   26, Via Gino Capponi, 50121, Florence, Italy
   [https://www.homeinpalace.it/en/homepage](https://www.homeinpalace.it/en/homepage)
tel. +39 3316114399
6. **Solo Experience Hotel**  
4, Via del Canto dei Nelli, 50123, Florence, Italy  
tel. +39 055 212598

7. **Firenze Number Nine Wellness Hotel**  
9, Via Dei Conti, 50123, Florence, Italy  
[https://www.firenzenumbernine.com/](https://www.firenzenumbernine.com/)  
tel. +39 055 293777

8. **Palazzo Castri 1874**  
7, Piazza dell'Indipendenza, 50129, Florence, Italy  
[https://www.palazzocastri.com/](https://www.palazzocastri.com/)  
tel. +39 055 472118

9. **Gallery Hotel Art - Lungarno Collection**  
5, Vicolo dell'Oro, 50123, Florence, Italy  
[https://www.lungarnocollection.com/gallery-hotel-art](https://www.lungarnocollection.com/gallery-hotel-art)  
tel. +39 055 27263

10. **Continente**  
6r, Vicolo dell'Oro, 50123, Florence, Italy  
[https://www.lungarnocollection.com/continentale-hotel](https://www.lungarnocollection.com/continentale-hotel)  
tel. +39 055 27262

11. **Rocco Forte Hotel Savoy**  
7, Piazza Della Repubblica, 50123, Florence, Italy  
tel. +39 055 27351
CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference will be held in two Conference venues:

- the Istituto degli Innocenti, 12, Piazza della Santissima Annunziata, 50122, Florence, Italy, Tel. +39 055 20371 (on Thursday 14 November 2019) http://www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it/
- The Department of FORILPSI, 48, Via Laura, 50121, Florence, Italy, Tel. +39 055 2756101 (on Friday 15 November 2019) https://www.forilpsi.unifi.it/

The venues are close to each other and are 15 minutes away from the Santa Maria Novella tram station.

TRANSPORTATION

Suggestions for your transfer from Florence Airport

1. **By Taxi**

   The taxi fare from Florence Airport Vespucci to the central area of Florence is a fixed rate, which varies according to the time of day or whether it is a public holiday:

   - Day time fixed rate (06:00-22:00) **€22.00**
   - Holidays (06:00-22:00) **€24.00**
   - Night time (22:00-06:00) **€25.00**

   Taxis can usually be found in front of the terminal. But we would also recommend you take these phone numbers with you: +39 055 4242, +39 055 4390 and +39 055 4798 (local numbers to call radiotaxi). Special tip: there is an extra charge of **€2.70** for trips which start from the airport and an extra charge for each item of luggage of **€1**. (maximum 7 items). Taxi journey time from the airport to Florence city centre is about 15 minutes.


2. **By Tramway**

   Since February 2019 a direct Tram line has been in operation between the airport and Santa Maria Novella train station. This is a Monday to Sunday service which runs every 4 minutes, from 5:00 am to 12:30 am and takes approximately 22 minutes (12 stops in total). Tram line tickets cost **€1.50** and are valid for 90 minutes from the time they are validated. More information here. Thanks to the stop being so close to the airport terminal, the tram’s frequency and the speed of the trip, the new tramway service represents a comfortable and ecological way to travel.

3. **By bus**

From the A. Vespucci Airport you can be in the city centre in 20 minutes thanks to the Volainbus shuttle service running every 30 minutes, 7 days a week. The city centre bus stop is the BUSITALIA Bus Station, Via Santa Caterina da Siena, 17, near the Florence SMN Railway Station. A single ticket costs €6. Special tip: a return ticket is €10.00 instead of €12.00.


**CITY ATTRACTIONS AND MONUMENTS**

The most important attractions and monuments of the city of Florence are very near to the hotels we have recommended, as you can see from the map below:
Map of the historical centre of Florence