

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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Practical information note

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GETTING TO STRASBOURG

Strasbourg, the host city of the Council of Europe, is the capital of the French region of Grand Est region (Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine), close to the border with Germany. It is accessible by air, rail or car.

By air

Strasbourg-Entzheim International Airport is just 10 km from Strasbourg town centre via the motorway.

Strasbourg can easily be reached from other nearby international airports such as **Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden airport** (Distance: 58 km from Strasbourg), **Basel-Mulhouse airport** (Distance: 130 km from Strasbourg) or **Frankfurt airport** (Distance: 210 km from Strasbourg).

By train

Strasbourg is connected to Paris by a high-speed train called TGV (train à grande vitesse). Paris-Strasbourg is 1.40 hrs with 16 daily return services. There are hourly train connections from Frankfurt Airport with change in Offenburg, every other hour also in Mannheim. There are also several Lufthansa shuttle buses per day, see below.

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From Entzheim airport

Taxis are available at the airport until 11 p.m. (the arrival time of the last flight).

Train shuttles connect the airport to Strasbourg railway station and run up to 4 times per hour, with a journey time of 9 minutes.

From Strasbourg railway station

Take **tram C** from outside the Railway Station, direction 'Neuhof Rodolphe Reuss', and get off at 'République' from where you can take **tram E** direction 'Robertsau-Boecklin' directly to the 'Droits de l'Homme' stop (you are in front of the European Court of Human Rights). Then cross the main road and walk straight ahead to the Agora Building.

From the city centre

Take tram B or C, change at '**République**' and take **Tram E** direction 'Robertsau-Boecklin' directly to the 'Droits de l'Homme' stop (you are in front of the European Court of Human Rights). Then cross the main road and walk straight ahead to the Agora Building.

You may also take the direct **bus 6** and get off at 'Droits de l'Homme' which is in front of the Agora Building.

From Frankfurt airport

From Frankfurt airport you may continue by **train** or Lufthansa **shuttle** bus to Strasbourg.

The Lufthansa shuttle bus is at **Terminal 1: THE SQUAIRE WEST, near the long-distance train station**. It takes 2h30-3h to travel to Strasbourg.

2 stops in Strasbourg: a) Boulevard de Metz station b) Hilton Hotel - intersection of Avenue Herrenschmidt and Rue Fritz Kieffer

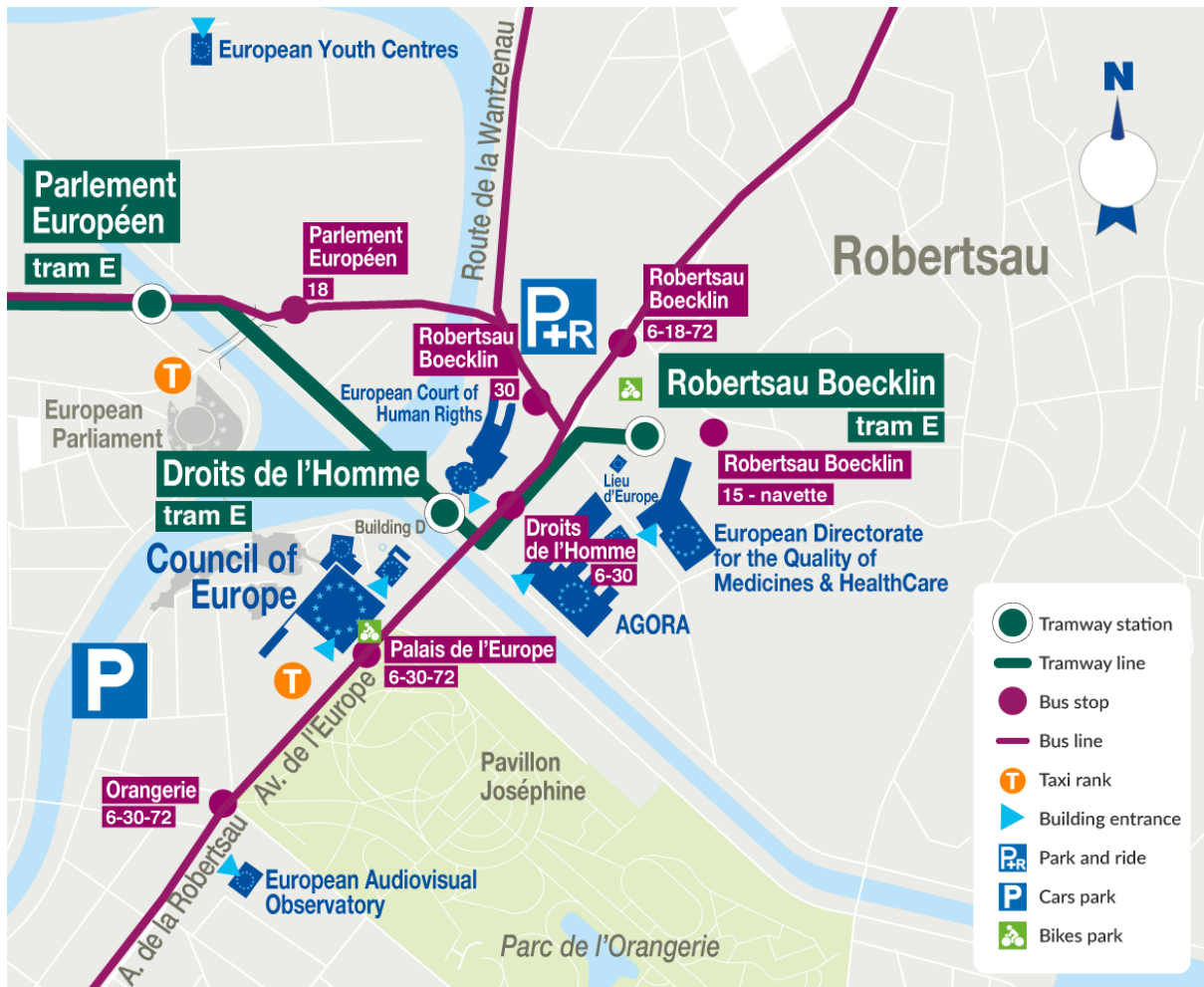
Time schedule: <http://www.lufthansa.com/de/en/Lufthansa-Express-Bus>

By taxi

There is a taxi rank at the airport, at the railway station and by the main entrance to the Council of Europe (Tel. +33 (0)3 88 36 13 13)



Le réseau Tram fonctionne tous les jours dès 4h30 et jusqu'à 0h30 (Homme de Fer).



ENTRY VISAS FOR FRANCE

Participants in Council of Europe events requiring visas are responsible for obtaining their own visa.

For holders of diplomatic passports, visa requests should be made at the Consulate at least 10 days before the date of departure. In order to obtain a visa valid for the Schengen area, requests should be made at the Consulate at least 5 working days before the date of departure. Please note that these are minimum delays; participants should apply for visas as early as possible.

Please check the website of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France](https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr) whether you need a visa.

The Council of Europe Secretariat can supply individual invitations or support letters, on request, upon presentation of a copy of the traveler's passport and travel schedule.

INDICATIVE LIST OF HOTELS IN STRASBOURG

Please note that accommodation is not provided to the participants. They should make their own hotel arrangements as soon as possible as Strasbourg can be quite busy at certain times of the year. For more information about accommodation, hotels and general information about the City of Strasbourg, please visit the Strasbourg Tourist Office at <http://www.otstrasbourg.fr>. Be aware that while public transportation between the city centre and the Council of Europe is generally good, the frequency of service is less in the evening than during the day.

The following list of recommended hotels is indicative, some of them accord special rates to participants taking part in a Council of Europe meeting.

Hotels with special CoE rates *(when booking please mention that you will attend a CoE event)*

[Hôtel des Princes](#) *** 33, Rue Geiler (very close to the Council of Europe)
contact@hotel-princes.com

[Hôtel Villa d'Est](#) **** 12, rue Jacques Kablé
contact@hotel-villa-est.com

[Arok Hôtel](#)***, 7 place de la Gare (code to indicate when booking on their website: CORPO2019)
contact@arok-hotel.fr

[Hôtel de l'Orangerie](#)*** 58 Allée de la Robertsau (very close to the Council of Europe)
info@hotel-orangerie-strasbourg.com

Appart City Strasbourg Center*** 11 rue de Molsheim
reservations@appartcity.com

Hôtel BOMA **** 7 rue du Vingt-Deux Novembre
bienvenue@boma-hotel.com

Cour du Corbeau**** 8 rue des Couples
reservation@cour-corbeau.com

Le Grand Hôtel*** 12 Place de la Gare
reservation@le-grand-hotel.com

Hôtel Hannong **** 15 rue du 22 Novembre
nfo@hotel-hannong.com

Hôtel Les Haras **** 23 rue des Glacières
reservation@les-haras-hotel.com

Hôtel des XV **** 46 rue du Conseil des Quinze
contact@hoteldesxv.com

HILTON **** 1 avenue Herrenschmidt
reservation@hiltonstrasbourg.com

KYRIAD Strasbourg Nord Palais des Congrès *** 6 avenue Pierre Mendès France (Schiltigheim)
strasbourg.pdc@kyriad.fr

Mercure Palais des Congrès **** 20 Place de Bordeaux
mercurestrasbourg@alliance-hospitality.com

Pavillon Régent Petite France 6 rue des Moulins
reservation@regent-petite-france.com

Régent petite France ***** 5 rue des Moulins
reservation@regent-petite-france.com

Régent Contades **** 8 avenue de la Liberté
reservation@regent-contades.com

SOFITEL Strasbourg Grande Ile ***** 4 place Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune
Tél: +33 (0)3 88 15 49 00

Other recommended Hotels:

[Hotel Kléber](#), 29 place Kléber

[Hôtel Gutenberg](#), 31 rue des Serruriers

[Hôtel du Rhin](#), 7/8 place de la Gare

[Hôtel Suisse](#), 2/4 rue de la Râpe

[Le 21ème](#), Hôtel 2**NN, 21-22 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs

[Citadines Apart'hotel](#) 50-54 rue du Jeu des Enfants

[Hôtel Maison Rouge](#), 4 rue des Francs Bourgeois

[Best Western Hôtel de l'Europe](#) 8 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs

[Ibis Strasbourg](#) (7 hôtels)

[Holiday Inn Strasbourg](#), 20 Place Bordeaux

Wifi

The Council of Europe has an open Wifi network, **Guest**, everywhere in the building. No password is needed.

SERVICES IN THE COUNCIL

The Agora Building of the Council of Europe includes the following services available to all guests:

Société Générale Bank:

Tel: +33 (0)3 88 24 59 51

Tuesday and Thursday: from 1.30 pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: from 11 am to 12.30 pm

Friday: from 11 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 2.30 pm

Cafeteria: 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Please note: No food or drink (except water) is allowed in the meeting rooms

BADGES TO ENTER THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The main entrance of the Agora Building of the Council of Europe opens at 08:00.

Participants should bring an **identity document**, in order for them to receive nominative badges that will allow them to access to the building and to gain the **meeting room**.



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