CO-OPERATION ON CYBERCRIME & ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

OCTOPUS CONFERENCE

Strasbourg, 4-6 June 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

We are delighted to welcome you to the Octopus Conference in Strasbourg, France. This document will summarise the most important information for your participation.

ABOUT **STRASBOURG**

General information about Strasbourg is available at https://www.strasbourg.eu/ (EN, FR, DE versions).

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GETTING TO STRASBOURG

By Air

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

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 2.20 hrs with 16 daily returns services. For participants using this route, the connection Strasbourg-Paris for return to the airport Charles de Gaulle starting the 7 June, will be made via Gare de l'Est due to restrictions caused by works on the train infrastructure. Additional information may be found here: RER B : works and closures | Network modernisation

By car

Strasbourg can be reached from various directions:

▶ From the west (Paris, Benelux) taking the A4 highway. About 4 hours from Paris;
▶ From the south (Switzerland, Lyon), taking the A35 highway. About 5 hours from Lyon;
▶ From the north and east (Germany), taking the A5 highway.

By bus :

If you're arriving by Lufthansa Express, there are two stations:

▶ Gare Centrale, Boulevard de Metz
▶ Hôtel Hilton (intersection of Avenue Herrenschmitt and Rue Fritz Kiefer),

both arrivals/departures at the Hilton Strasbourg Hotel are 15 minutes later than the published timetable.

VENUE

The event will take place inside the Hemicycle of the Council of Europe, at Palais de l'Europe Building. Address: Avenue de l'Europe, F - 67075 Strasbourg Cedex.

IMPORTANT Access will be granted to registered participants only who will receive a badge valid for the whole duration of the event. Please bring a valid ID card to access the building.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

From Strasbourg 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.

For info: https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est

From Strasbourg railway station

Take Tram C from outside the train station, direction 'Neuhof Rodolphe Reuss' and get off at 'République' from where you can take a Tram E direction 'Robertsau-Boecklin' directly to the 'Human Rights' stop (you are in front of the European Court of Human Rights). Then walk to the Council of Europe entrance.

By taxi

There is a taxi rank at the airport, at the railway station and by the main entrance to the Council of Europe.

By car

From the motorway, take the 'Wacken' exit, then follow the signposts 'Institutions européennes' (European Institutions). Go along Avenue Herrenschmidt, through Place de Bordeaux, along Boulevard Ohmacht and Boulevard Jacques Preiss, and on your left up Allée de la Robertsau to the Council of Europe.

There is a car park near the Council of Europe but public transport is strongly recommended as the number of places are limited in the vicinity.

MEALS

Participants will be offered snacks and drinks during coffee-breaks. However, no lunches will be offered. Cafeterias and restaurants of the Council of Europe are at the disposal of participants.

Social event on 4 June 2025 is offered by the Maltese Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in its premise.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Council of Europe has a free wi-fi service called "CoE-Guest" throughout the building. No password needed, just select it and use it!

TYPE OF ELECTRICAL SOCKET IN FRANCE

For France there are two associated plug types, types C and E. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type E is the plug which has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin. France operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

SERVICES IN THE COUNCIL

- ▶ **Medical care**: Nurse at the Council of Europe - extension 2442. The emergency number in France is 112
- ▶ **Post Office**: services are offered by the newspaper kiosk
- ▶ **Newspaper kiosk**: the kiosk is open every day from 8:15 to 14:00. At the kiosk you will find: French and international press, cigarettes, games/lottery tickets, beauty and care products, souvenirs, regional products and sweets, Council of Europe promotional items, postcards and greeting cards, telephone cards, office and stationery complements.
- ▶ Other **services** in the Palais de l'Europe and/or in the other buildings:

Société Générale Bank:

At the Palais, on the ground floor, on your right below the stairs going to the hemicycle: open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 to 17:.30 pm, and Friday from 8:30 to 15:30. Tel: 03 90 22 93 00

Cafeterias

Café du Palais, Palais de l'Europe, on the ground floor: 8:00 - 16:30 and until 15 :00 on Fridays.

Restaurants

Palais de l'Europe - Blue Restaurant, on the ground floor: 12:00 - 14:00 (closed on Fridays)

Palais de l'Europe - Self-service restaurant, on the ground floor: 12:00 - 14:00 (closed on Fridays)

Palais de l'Europe – Fer à cheval, on the ground floor: Friday, 11 :30 - 14 :00.

Taxi

There is a taxi rank near the main entrance of the Palais de l'Europe.