

12th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

Łódź, Poland, 20-22 September 2023

Practical Information



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Introduction

The Annual Advisory Forum is a meeting of representatives of Member States and Observers of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and candidate networks, International Organisations, Universities and academic institutions as well as stakeholders from cultural, heritage and tourism sectors and is the most important and significant event of the Cultural Routes programme. This year's meeting will be held in Poland, in the city of Łódź, on 20-22 September.

Visa requirements

Participants who require a visa must contact the competent diplomatic or consular authorities of the Republic of Poland and apply for a Schengen short-stay (C-type) visa at least three weeks before their intended date of arrival in Łódź. In countries where the Republic of Poland does not have diplomatic or consular representation, visa applications may be submitted to the consular authority of a State party to the Schengen Agreement acting on behalf of the Republic of Poland in the country concerned. For more information visit the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas> .

Currency

The złoty (PLN) is the official currency and legal tender of Poland. The current euro to złoty exchange rate is: EUR 1 - PLN 4.6.

Travel

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to get to Poland.

*****Travel expenses to/from Poland shall be borne by participants themselves.*****

By plane

The nearest airport is Władysław Reymont Airport in Łódź: www.lodz-airport.pl. It is located 6 km from the centre of Łódź. The Łódź Airport has regular flights to/from Alicante, Bergamo, Charleroi, Dublin and London Stansted. All these destinations are operated by Ryanair. Detailed information about flight connections is available at <https://www.lodz-airport.pl/en/passenger-zone/flight-timetable>. Public bus stops are located directly in front of the terminal entrance (lines 65A and 65B).

Another airport is Fryderyk Chopin Airport in Warsaw, located ca. 130 km from the Forum's venue: <https://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/index.html>. To get from this Airport to Łódź, you can use intercity buses or regional trains (one change). Transfer from Warsaw Chopin Airport to Łódź takes minimum 1.5 hours and costs ca. PLN 650 by taxi.

By train

From Warsaw you can also get to Łódź by train from Warszawa Centralna (or Warszawa Główna, as well as Warszawa Gdańska) station. To get from Warsaw Chopin Airport to Warszawa Centralna station, you can take urban bus line 175 (30 minutes, PLN 4.40) or taxi

(20 minutes, approx. PLN 50). There are about 20 direct connections a day on working days, 14 – on weekends, the trip takes ca. 1.5 hours. The current timetable is available at <https://rozklad-pkp.pl/>. Using this website you can find connections to Łódź from other Polish cities as well as from abroad.

You should know that there are several train stations in Łódź, including Łódź Fabryczna – the largest and most modern underground railway station which is located in the centre of Łódź. Other major stations are Łódź Kaliska or Łódź Widzew. However, in order to reach to the Forum's main venue we recommend using Łódź Fabryczna station (if you arrive at other stations, change trains to this station).

By bus

Łódź enjoys direct coach connections with Prague, Brno and Vienna. This means of transport can also be used on the Warsaw Chopin Airport – Łódź Fabryczna route. Current timetables of the Flixbus company are available at <https://www.flixbus.pl/>.

Local transportation

Transport provided

Two meeting points will be set up near the recommended hotels to transfer the Forum participants from their hotels to the Forum venue in the morning of September 21 and 22. Guests will also be transferred to these points after dinners on September 20, 21 and 22. In addition, transport will be provided for all participants from the Forum venue to the venues where the dinners will be held on September 21 and 22. We also provide transport to and from the "Underground Cathedral" tours on September 22.

Public transportation




Public transportation in Łódź includes trams and buses (also night lines). Detailed information on this communication timetables and current ticket prices is available at <https://www.mpk.lodz.pl/lang.action?lang=en>. In Łódź, time tickets are available (up to 20, 40 and 60 minutes); there are also one-day and short-term tickets, such as the weekend or 5-day ones. It is possible to buy them at kiosks, ticket machines located at selected public transport stops in the city centre, at railway stations, as well as on board buses and trams. In most of them you can pay with coins and/or a payment card, however some of them accept card payment only. A city bike system complements the public transport in Łódź. The network consists of 157 stations. To be able to use city bikes you have to register earlier on <https://lodzkirowerpubliczny.pl/> or via Nextbike – a free mobile application – and pay the initial fee of PLN 20. The first 20 minutes of a ride are free. For the following 60 minutes you will be charged PLN 1.

Accommodation

Every participant will provide for his or her accommodation on his or her own. Special prices for the participants of the Forum, were negotiated in the hotels listed below. In most cases, the discount is based on the rate of the day when the booking is made. In every listed case, breakfast is included in the price. Should you wish to book a room, please contact your preferred hotel in advance. The number of pre-booked rooms is limited.

*****Please note that travel and accommodation expenses will have to be borne by participants.*****

MEETING POINT NO. 1

<p>Vienna House Andel`s Łódź **** 17 Ogrodowa St., 91-065 Łódź phone: +48 42 279 10 00</p> <p>Reservations: Reservation.Andels-Lodz@hrg-hotels.com</p> <p>Price: -15% Rack Rate</p>	
<p>Puro Hotel Łódź **** 16 Ogrodowa St., 91-065 Łódź phone: +48 42 715 90 00</p> <p>Reservations: lodz@purohotel.pl</p> <p>Price: PLN 650 for single BB, PLN 720 for double/twin BB</p>	
<p>The Loom Hotel **** 21 Ogrodowa St., 91-065 Łódź phone: +48 42 292 88 00</p> <p>Reservations: repcja@loom.com.pl</p> <p>Price: -15% Rack Rate</p>	

Hotel B&B Łódź Centrum **

16 Kościuszki St., 90-419 Łódź

Reservations: lodz@hotelbb.com

Prices: PLN 260 single BB,
PLN 315 twin/double BB



MEETING POINT NO. 2

Hampton by Hilton ***

157 Piotrkowska St., 90-440 Łódź
phone: +48 42 202 20 22

Reservations:
reservations@hbh.com

Price: -15% Rack Rate



Ibis Łódź Centrum **

11 Piłsudskiego Av., 90-368 Łódź
phone: +48 42 254 39 11

Reservations: H7830-RE@accor.com

Price: -15% Rack Rate



Novotel ****

11a Piłsudskiego Av., 90-368 Łódź
phone: + 48 42 254 39 00

Reservations: H7830-RE@accor.com

Price: -15% Rack Rate



Ambassador Premium ****
145 Kilińskiego St., 90-315 Łódź
phone: + 48 42 677 15 40

Reservations:
premium@hotelambasador.pl

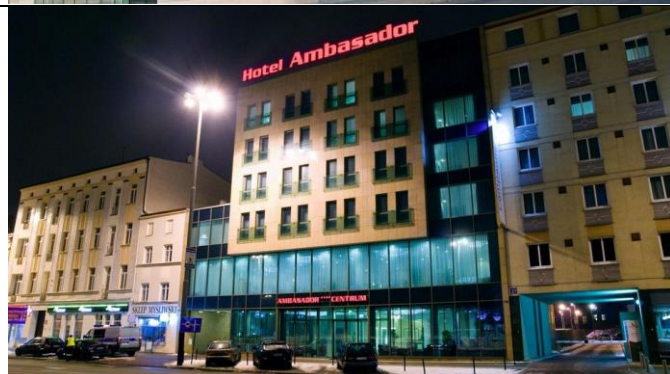
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Ambassador Centrum ****
29 Piłsudskiego Av., 90-307 Łódź

Reservations:
centrum@hotelambasador.pl

Price: -8% Rack Rate



Holiday Inn Łódź ****
229/231 Piotrkowska St.,
90-456 Łódź

Reservations:
reservations@hilodz.com

Price: -15% Rack Rate (valid until
20 August 2023)



Stare Kino Cinema Residence
120 Piotrkowska St., 90-006 Łódź
phone: +48 42 207 27 27



OTHER RECOMMENDED HOTELS

DoubleTree by Hilton Łódź ****

29 Łąkowa St., 90-554 Łódź

Reservations: lcjdl.res@hilton.com

Price: -15% Rack Rate



Hotel Tobacco ***

64 Kopernika St.,
90-553 Łódź

Reservations:
repcja@hoteltobaco.pl

Prices: PLN 300 single BB,
PLN 360 twin/double BB



Qubus Hotel Łódź ***

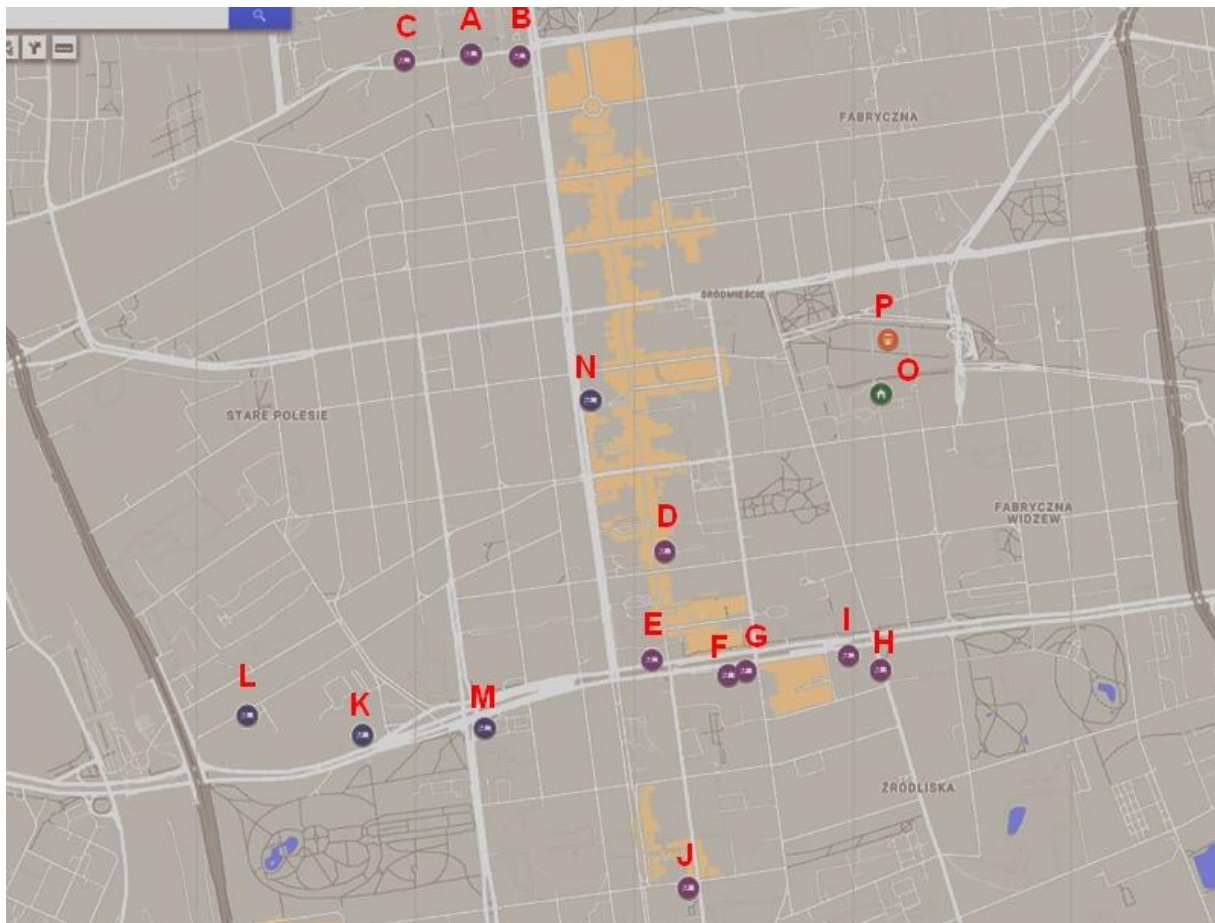
7 Mickiewicza Av., 90-443 Łódź

Reservations: lodz@qubushotel.com

Price: -10% Rack Rate



The location of the hotels



- A**  Vienna House Andel's Łódź
- B**  PURO Hotel Łódź Centrum
- C**  Hotel The Loom
- D**  Hotel Stare Kino Łódź
- E**  Hampton by Hilton Łódź City...
- F**  Hotel ibis Łódź Centrum
- G**  Novotel
- H**  Ambassador Premium
- I**  Ambassador Centrum
- J**  Holiday Inn Łódź
- K**  DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Ł...
- L**  Hotel Tobacco
- M**  Qubus Hotel Łódź
- N**  B&B Hotel Łódź Centrum
- O**  EC1 Łódź - Miasto Kultury
- P**  Łódź Fabryczna

Venue of the Forum

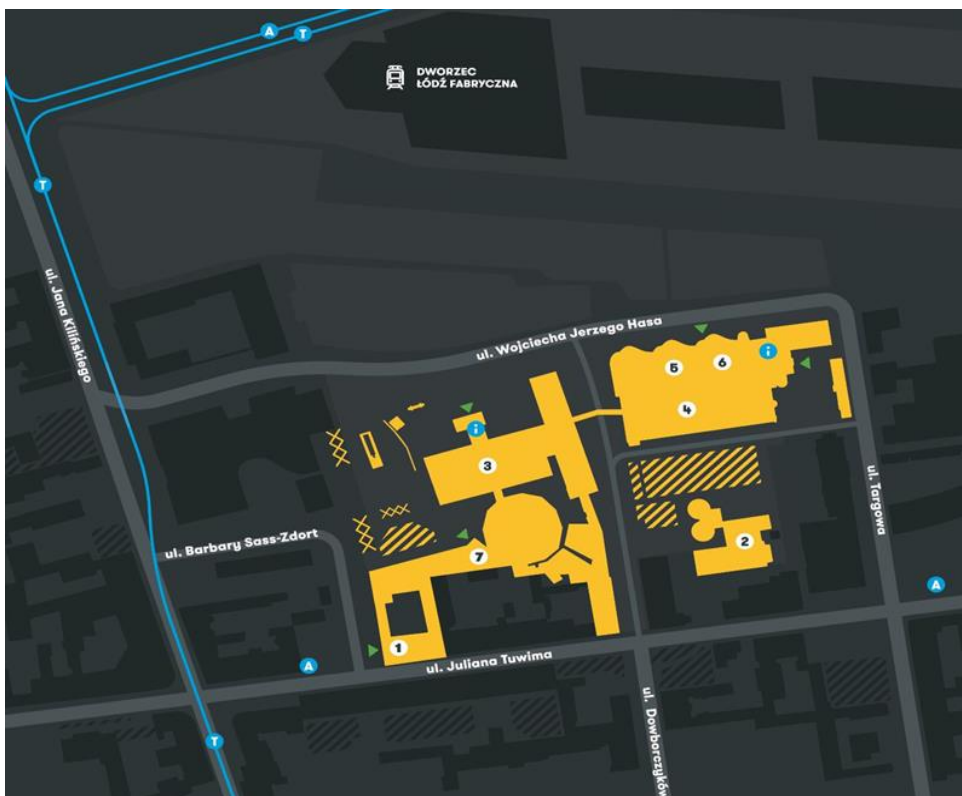
The Annual Advisory Forum 2023 will take place at the EC1 – ulica Targowa 1/3, Łódź



In the revitalised buildings of the former EC1 Łódź (Heat and Power Plant no. 1), there is a unique cultural centre, a place for meetings and a wise way of spending free time. EC1 houses also the most modern planetarium in Poland and the Centre for Science and Technology – the largest centre of this kind in the country. In October 2023, it is planned to open the Centre for Comics and Interactive Narration. It hosts also the main office of the Łódź Film Commission and the National Centre for Film Culture, which will be opened to visitors in 2023.

The history of EC1 began in 1906. The construction was completed in the summer of 1907. EC1 ceased its operations in 2000 and was handed over to the city in 2003. The next milestone in the history of the complex was its revitalisation, which started in 2008.

The Machine Hall, serving as a main venue of the Forum, built in the Art Nouveau style, dates back to that era. Despite the fact that it was twice remodelled, it has retained its original style.



1. Łódź Film Commission Offices
2. The Centre of Comics and Interactive Narration
3. The Centre for Science and Technology
4. Machine Hall and Conference Areas
5. Foyer
6. The EC1 Planetarium and the National Centre for Film Culture (under construction)

Meals

During the Forum, coffee breaks, two lunches and three dinners will be provided to all participants.

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation of the Forum sessions into English, French and Polish will be provided.

Health

In the event of emergency health issues, first medical aid and an ambulance will be assured for the Forum participants. All potential costs arising from a medical treatment, however, will have to be covered by the participants themselves. International medical insurance covering major medical expenses should be purchased prior to arriving to Poland. We encourage the EU citizens to provide for their European Health Insurance Cards.

Emergency Numbers

General emergency number: 112

Police: 997

Fire Department: 998

Emergency Medical Services: 999

About Łódź

A lot of interesting information about Łódź, its monuments, cultural events and tourist offers, as well as practical advices, can be found on website Łódź Tourism Organization - <https://lodz.travel/en/> . [Łódź was enlisted by the National Geographic as the 25 most exciting destinations for 2022](#) . Information on the programme of visiting post-industrial monuments, within the Forum programme, can be found in a separate document.

Weather

Poland is situated in a moderate climate zone. The late summer and autumn weather in Poland is very unpredictable. The average temperature in Łódź in September ranges from a high of 20°C to a low of 8°C, with average precipitations of 50mm, which means there are about 8 days of rain over the month.

Contact

If you have any questions and need more information about the Forum in Łódź, please contact us at forum@kultura.gov.pl .