

VISITOR'S GUIDE

Welcome to EWC III ! We hope you will have a pleasant stay. Please find enclosed important information that might be relevant to you.



Venue

Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn (IKBB)
Görresstraße 15
53113 Bonn
<http://www.ikbb.de>



As the conference facilities used to host the German Parliament, it has special historical significance and is therefore a protected building. Eating, drinking, smoking, and the use of mobile phones is therefore not permitted within the plenary and conference rooms and halls. You can find ash trays in the main lobby.



Airports

The nearest airport is the **Cologne-Bonn airport (CGN)**.

Distance: 35 km

<http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de>

Airport shuttle bus (line 670) runs between the airport and Bonn central station every 20-30 minutes on weekdays, and at half-hourly or hourly intervals on weekends.

Journey time: approx. 40 minutes

Departure: Terminal 2 / ground level / D

Düsseldorf Airport (DUS)

Distance: 85 km

<http://www.duesseldorf-international.de>

The Sky Train takes passengers from all terminals to the airport railway station. From there trains run to Bonn central station.

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de>

Frankfurt Airport (FRA)

Distance: 170 km

<http://www.frankfurt-airport.de>

The railway station is located at the AIRail Terminal, right next to Terminal 1. The station is also linked to Terminal 2 via buses and the Sky Line. From there trains run to Bonn central station or Bonn-Siegburg. From Bonn-Siegburg please take line 66 to Bonn central station. <http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de>

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Public Transport



Arriving at Bonn central station take tram / underground lines 16, 63, 66, 67, 68 in direction "Bundesviertel" or Bad Godesberg. Alight at the Heussallee / Museumsmeile stop and follow the signs to the Bundeshaus. For further details please have a look at the maps enclosed.

Upon on-site registration participants will receive a badge which entitles the bearer to full use of public transport (bus and underground) within Bonn's city limits from March 27 to 29, 2006. Thus public transport from Cologne-Bonn Airport (bus 670) upon arrival and from any other airport is not covered.

For further information please contact <http://www.stadtwerke-bonn.de>.



Taxi Service

Taxis are available at airports, central railway stations and in front of the congress center.

It is not recommended to take taxis from Frankfurt and Düsseldorf Airport to Bonn.



Car Parking

Only a few parking lots can be found within the residential area surrounding the conference facility. Please use public transport.

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Visas / Immigration

EWC-III participants are responsible for ensuring that their passports are valid for at least 3 months beyond the date of the conference, and that visa requirements are met. Please submit your visa request by 10 February 2006 at your local consulate/embassy.

To check whether you require a visa to enter Germany, please refer to your local German consulate/embassy or visit <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>.



Customs

The following goods may be imported into the Federal Republic of Germany without incurring customs duty by visitors arriving from countries outside the EU:
200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco; 1l of spirits with an alcohol content exceeding 22 per cent by volume or 2l of spirits or liqueurs with an alcohol content not exceeding 22 per cent by volume or 2l of sparkling or liqueur wine; 2l of any other wine; 50g of perfume or 250ml of eau de toilette; 500g of coffee or 200g of coffee extracts; personal goods to the value of €175.00
For further details please visit <http://www.zoll.de>

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Information

For further information on Germany and the region of Bonn please visit <http://www.deutschland.de>, <http://www.germany-tourism.de>, <http://www.facts-about-germany.de>, <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de> and <http://www.bonn-region.de>.

For all questions and services please contact the on-site Information Desk in the main lobby in front of the main plenary hall. Tourist information, city maps, hotel reservation services, telephone cards, etc. are provided.



Accommodation

Advanced hotel reservations by 1 March 2006 are strongly recommended. After this date reservations will only be accepted according to hotel availability.

The EWC III badge handed out only upon on-site registration entitles the bearer to full use of public transport. Bus 670 from Cologne-Bonn Airport is therefore not covered.

Participants booking a hotel via the below-mentioned link, email, fax or phone number by 1 March 2006 receive a ticket in advance for free public transport (bus 670) from Cologne-Bonn Airport upon arrival on top.

To make an EWC III reservation please refer to <http://www.tcbonn.de/con/html/3208-83.html> or contact

Phone: +49 (0) 228 9104133

+49 (0) 228 9104178

+49 (0) 180 5003365

Fax: +49 (0) 228 9104177

Email: reservierung@bonn-region.de

Last minute hotel reservation service will be available on-site at the Information Desk.

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Medical Services



Medical services will be available on-site on an emergency basis only. Please contact the Information Desk in case of emergency. In cases of emergency outside the conference center please call the ambulance on 112 (free call).

A private medical insurance is strongly recommended, as all expenses for medical care will be the responsibility of the patient. The German pharmacy (Apotheke) symbol is shown left. All pharmacies give alternative addresses of services available outside the normal opening hours (10:00 – 18:00 local time on weekdays).



Cloak Room Luggage Room



Luggage and coats can be left on-site at the cloak and baggage room at the entrance.



Meals

A variety of meals, including vegetarian dishes, will be on offer in the on-site restaurant at the participants' own cost. Public restaurants are located in the city center.



Telephone

For non-mobile phone users, public payphones are located in the main lobby. Telephone cards will be available on-site at the Information Desk. For calls from abroad: The country code of Germany is +49.



Internet-Cafe

Free access to the internet is provided on-site in the lobby at the back of the main plenary hall. Commercial internet-cafes can be found in the city center.



Meeting Point

You can find the meeting point on-site at the Information Desk. A messageboard is provided.

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Bank Service

The currency of Germany is Euro (€).

Cash machines are located in the city center and at the airports. Credit cards are widely accepted by department stores, taxis, and restaurants. Currency exchange facilities are available at Cologne-Bonn Airport, Terminal 1, Departure level, opposite to Germanwings (Reisebank, open daily from 07:00 – 20:00) and at Bonn Central Station opposite to Ticket Sales (Reisebank, open Monday to Friday 09:00 – 19:00, Saturday 09:00 – 15:00).
<http://www.reisebank.de>



Time Zone

UTC (GMT) + 2 hours.



Electricity

230 volts, 50 Hertz (round, two-pin plugs)



Emergency

Phone numbers in cases of emergency (free call from any phone):

Police: 110

Fire / Ambulance: 112



Disabled Access

There is full access for wheel chairs within the conference center.



Recreation Area

A recreational area / a multi-faith prayer room in the basement of the conference center will be open to all participants. No smoking, eating and mobile phones permitted.



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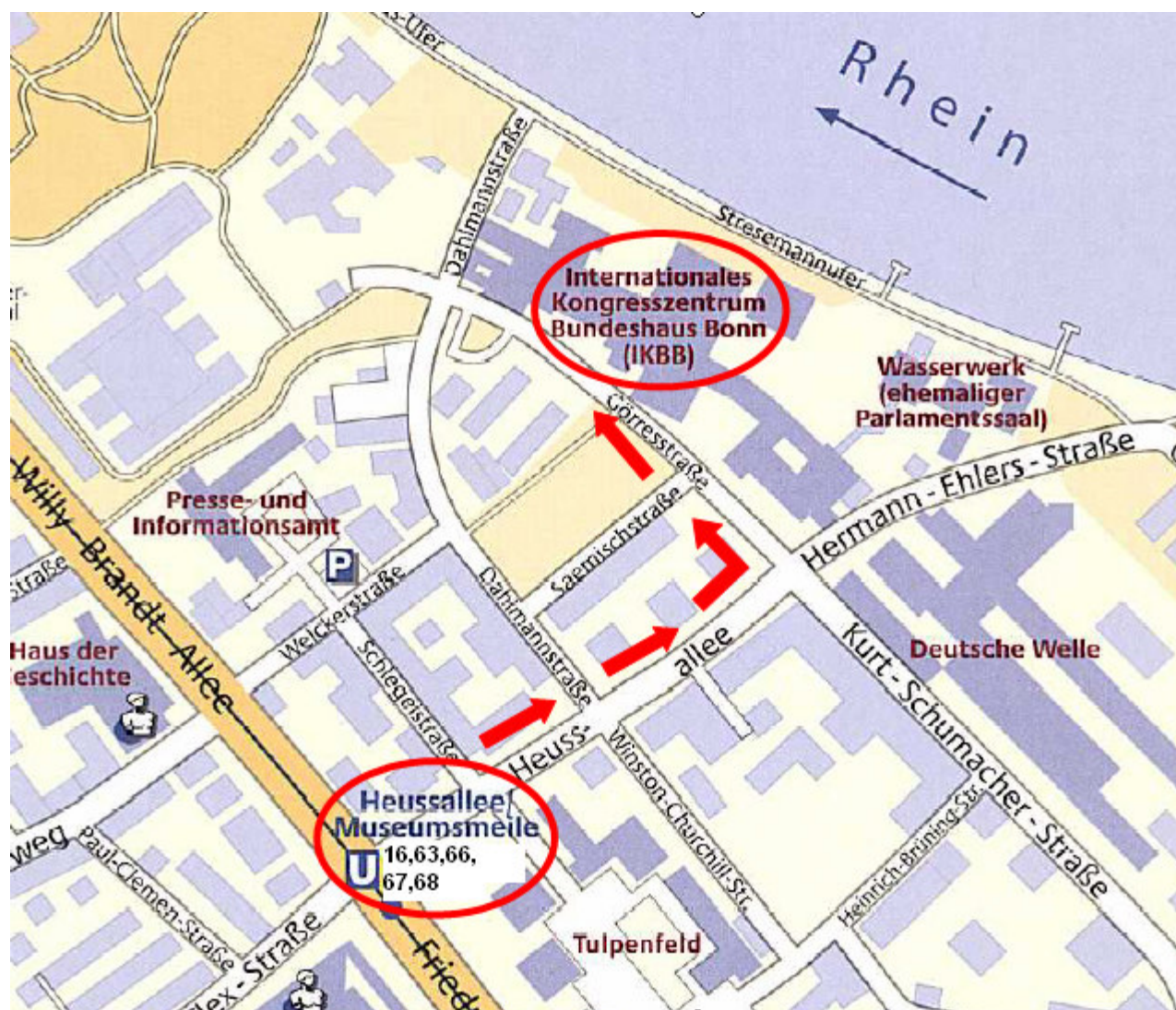
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