



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference language

The official language of the conference is English. Please note that interpretation will not be provided.

Internet and email facilities

Wireless internet access is available free of charge throughout the venue.

A designated area will be set up with tables and chairs and can be used to network, work, and charge laptops and phones.

Lunches and coffee breaks

Tea and coffee breaks are included in the registration fee and will be held mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Please consult the programme for exact times of all breaks. Coffee and soft drinks will be available throughout the day on the coffee stations.

Lunch is not included in the conference registration fee. There are several restaurants and cafes nearby.

WIFI and Conference App

There will be WIFI available in the session and office rooms. The username and password will be communicated on site.

We have developed a practical conference App that you can download to your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. The App offers many useful functions:

- Conference programme
- Agenda builder
- Real-time programme updates
- Messaging function
- Floor plans
- Information about the networking events

The link to download the App will be emailed to you shortly before the conference.

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Posters

Posters are an important feature of the conference enabling you to get in-depth information from the speaker and improve your networking. General viewing will be from Monday to Friday during the coffee and lunch breaks. In addition, two dedicated poster sessions will take place during which coffee, tea, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages will be served.

- Tuesday, 16 September from 16:00 – 18:00
- Thursday, 18 September from 16:00 – 18:00

The poster dimensions are 84cm (33 inch) wide x 120cm (47 inch) high, (portrait format), equivalent to A0 size. Unfortunately, we cannot accept posters in landscape format.

Poster boards are made of felt, and posters can only be affixed with pins, which will be supplied by the venue. No other affixing materials will be allowed.

Poster presenters are responsible for setting up their poster in accordance with the plan provided on site and for removing it before their departure.

Poster presenters will also have the opportunity to showcase their work in dedicated lightning sessions, where each presenter will highlight their research in a single-slide presentation.

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PRACTICAL TIPS FOR THE JOURNEY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency

The Euro (EUR) is the official currency. All major credit cards (including Visa, Master Card, Diners, American Express) are accepted in most places.

ATMs are available throughout Germany. Most accept all the major bank cards, including Visa and American Express.

Stores and supermarkets

Please note that stores in Germany are generally open until 18:00 during weekdays, while supermarkets may be open until 22:00. All stores are closed on Sundays.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that participants take out insurance to cover loss (including registration fees) incurred in the event of cancellation, medical expenses and loss of personal effects. The Congress Organiser will not accept liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to participants, either during or as a result of the event.

Power supply

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Germany are Type C (CEE 7/16 Europlug) and Type F (CEE 7/6 plug & CEE 7/5 socket) and supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency.

More information and images can be found [here](#).

Adapters can be purchased at the airport. Participants from the US with 110V equipment will need a transformer which can be purchased at most hardware stores.

Time zone

Germany uses Central European Time. In September, the time will be UTC/GMT + 1 hours.

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Tipping

It is customary to leave a small tip for taxi drivers, room maids, or other service persons. Service and VAT are included in the menu price in restaurants, bars, etc. all over Germany. Still, it is typical to "round up" the amount. A rule of thumb is to add 5-10%, generally ending with a full Euro amount.

Public Wi-Fi

Free public Wi-Fi is available in nearly every café, restaurant, hotel, and hostel, as well in open spaces such as city squares and parks.

Medical services and police

In case of an accident or sudden illness, call for an ambulance or the police free-of-charge from any phone: 112.

Pharmacies are usually open between 08:00-20:00. Smaller branches may close over lunchtime.

Weather in Darmstadt in September

The temperature can be very variable at the end of September. Daytime temperatures average between 12°C (during the nighttime) and 23°C (between 54°F to 73°F). Pullovers, jackets, and an umbrella are recommended.

Local weather info is available [here](#).

For your own safety

Darmstadt is a very safe city, still the usual safety rules should be respected.



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TRAVELLING TO DARMSTADT

Travelling by train

The congress centre is located at the heart of Darmstadt and easily reachable with public transportation.

Darmstadt has one main train station (Hauptbahnhof), slightly decentralised compared to the city centre.

Travel to Darmstadt Hauptbahnhof and then take tram 2 or 9 direction Stadtmitte or buses that run towards the city centre. Get off at Schloss or Alexanderstrasse to reach the congress centre.

Special Deutsche Bahn train booking page

If you are travelling with Deutsche Bahn, we offer a **special booking page with a discounted rate**. Please [click here to book in German](#), and [here to book in English](#).

Travelling by plane

The closest airport is Frankfurt International Airport, which is one of the main European hubs for international flights. Darmstadt is connected to Frankfurt Airport via the “[AirLiner](#)” bus, which runs every 30 minutes and stops directly at the congress centre.

How to get to the city centre

Depending on which hotel you are staying at, you can take a taxi or use public transport. A taxi stand is located just outside the train station.

Public transport in Darmstadt

Darmstadt is a relatively small city and easy to get around and reaching farther out destinations is simple thanks to the city's network of buses, and trams.

Public transport timetables and maps are available here: <https://www.rmv.de/c/en/homepage>

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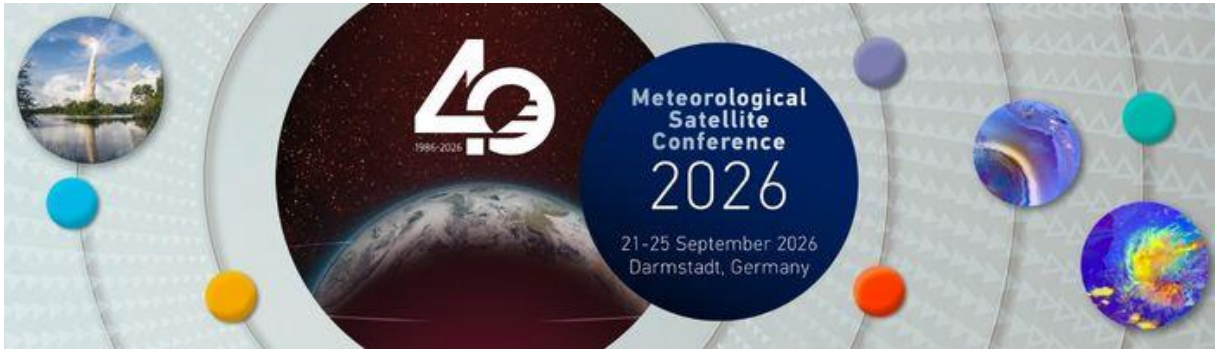
Visa requirements

Germany is a member of the European Union. Participants of some nationalities may require a visa. A complete list of countries and the respective visa requirements, as well as application forms for download can be found on the following website:

[Schengen Travel Insurance: EU Requirements, Best Plans & Affordable Options for Visa Approval](#)

Note: obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the participant!





THINGS TO DO IN DARMSTADT

Darmstadt is a dynamic city in the state of Hesse, Germany, located just south of Frankfurt and known as the “**City of Science**” thanks to its strong research and space communities. It is internationally recognised for its **Art Nouveau (Jugendstil)** heritage, notably the **Mathildenhöhe Artists’ Colony**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its mix of culture, green spaces, and excellent transport links, Darmstadt offers a welcoming and easy-to-explore environment for visitors.

Here are some top things to do Darmstadt:

1. Visit Mathildenhöhe (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Iconic artists’ colony and symbol of Art Nouveau (Jugendstil)

2. Explore Darmstadt Palace (Residenzschloss)

Former residence of the Grand Dukes of Hesse, it features a mix of Renaissance and Baroque architecture.

3. Relax in Herrngarten

Large central park (Herrngarten) with cafés and walking paths, close to the congress centre and perfect for a break.

4. Discover Kunsthalle Darmstadt

Renowned contemporary art museum hosting regular international exhibitions.

5. Stroll through Luisenplatz & City Centre

Main square with shops, cafés, and restaurants: good place for souvenirs or dinner.

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