

**9th meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group
on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape
Diversity (WG Biodiversity)**

30–31 May 2019, Ostrava, Czech Republic

LOGISTIC NOTE

1. Registration:

Please register by 30 April 2019 on this website:

<http://www.carpathianconvention.org/online-registration-wg-biodiversity9.html>

2. Venue:

Impact Hub Ostrava

Sokolská třída 1263/24

702 00 Ostrava

Czech Republic

GPS: 49°50'21.5"N 18°17'32.4"E

<https://www.hubostrava.cz/en/>



Dinner on 30 May will be hosted at [Hotel Mercure Ostrava Center](#) (Českoobrtrská 1742/18; 150 m from the venue).

3. Getting there:

By plane:

Closest airports are Leoš Janáček Airport Ostrava (OSR), Katowice Airport (KTW), Kraków John Paul II International Airport (KRK), Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) or Vienna International Airport (VIE).

By train/bus:

Ostrava has two main train stations: **Ostrava hl. n.** in the north and Ostrava-Svinov in the west of the city. Fast and international trains stop at both of them. The main bus station is **Ostrava ÚAN**. Information on public transport schedule is available at: <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusymhdvse/spojeni> (it is possible to switch the language to English).

Arriving from:

- Bratislava – direct train connection or combination with change in Břeclav/Brno/Žilina; the travel takes 3-4 hours
- Katowice – direct trains and coaches from both Katowice city and the airport (Leo Express); the travel takes about 2 hours
- Krakow – direct train connection or combination with change in Katowice or Bohumín (app. 3 hours). Direct coach transportation (2.5-3 hours) provided by several companies
- Prague – direct trains by several providers (České dráhy, Leo Express, RegioJet) connecting Prague Main Station (Hlavní nádraží) with Ostrava; the travel takes 3-4 hours
- Vienna – several direct trains per day; the travel takes about 3 hours

By car:

Czech driving regulations: <https://www.czechtourism.com/a/transport/>

Paid underground parking close to the venue is available at Prokešovo náměstí.

Public transport in Ostrava:

The venue is easily accessible from the city centre on foot.

In case your hotel is not situated in the city centre, the most suitable stop close to the venue is **Nová radnice**.

Connections and schedule are available here: <https://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/ostrava/spojeni/>
Guide to municipal public transport in Ostrava:
<https://www.dpo.cz/soubory/aktuality/prirucky/pruvodce-guide.pdf>

You can purchase paper tickets from the ticket machines or in the tourist information centres. Moreover, every public transport vehicle is equipped with a contactless credit card terminal.

Further information on transport to/within Ostrava is also available here:
<https://www.visitostrava.eu/en/info-en/transport/>

4. Accommodation:

Participants are kindly requested to make hotel reservation by themselves. Early booking is recommended.

List of hotels is available here: <https://www.visitostrava.eu/en/accomodation/hotels/>
Our suggestions:

- **Mercure Ostrava Centre** (<https://www.mercureostrava.cz/>)

Rooms with special rates are pre-booked for the participants: 2,300 CZK single or 2,645 CZK double (per night; taxes and breakfast included). If you wish to stay at this hotel, please send the reservation form annexed to this logistic note by 30 April to H7051-RE@accor.com.

- Clarion Congress Hotel Ostrava (<https://www.clarioncongresshotelostrava.com/en/>)
- Imperial Hotel Ostrava (<https://www.imperialhotelostrava.com/>)
- Park Inn by Radisson Hotel Ostrava (<https://www.parkinn.com/>)
- Hotel Maria (<https://www.hotel-maria.cz/en/>)

5. Local currency:



česká koruna (Kč) – Czech Koruna (CZK)

1 EUR ≈ 26 CZK

Up-to-date exchange rates are available at: www.cnb.cz/en.

6. Important phone numbers:

Emergency	112	Fire and Rescue Service	150
Emergency Medical Service	155	Police	158

7. Visiting Ostrava:

The metropolis of Moravian-Silesian region is by its area and its overall population the third largest city of the Czech Republic. It has a strategic location: 10 kilometres south of the border with Poland and 50 kilometres west of the border with Slovakia.

Coal, iron and steel changed the life of generations. There is no other Czech city that would reflect the technological development and industrial revolution the way Ostrava does. The industrial architecture with mining towers, furnaces and the skyline of the Vítkovice Ironworks is an unforgettable experience, seen both from the ground and the sky.

The city lies in the valley between the Beskydy and the Jeseníky Mountains, known as the Moravian Gate. In the vicinity of the city, there are over one hundred and thirty important landscape elements, three nature reserves and four natural monuments.

Further information: <https://www.visitostrava.eu/>

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