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Dear Participants,

Thank you for participating in the Annual ELPIS meeting and Staff Week held at the Law Faculty of Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE).

In preparation for your stay, we have put together some information that we hope will be useful to you as you begin to prepare for your arrival in Budapest, Hungary.

This package is a starting point for your preparations. We realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material below. For any questions that remain please contact

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We hope your planning and preparation goes well and we look forward to seeing you in Budapest at ELTE Faculty of Law!

Best wishes,

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I. VENUE INFORMATION

Time

- 17 – 21 June 2025 – ELPIS staff week (BIP)
- 19 – 21 June 2025 – ELPIS annual meeting

Venue Address

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Faculty of Law Building 'A'

Egyetem tér 1-3. 1053 Budapest, Hungary

Website

Location

The BIP staff week will take place in Building 'A', the ELPIS meeting in the Rectorate's building next building "A" at [Szerb street 21-23.](#)

The international office is in Building 'B' : Kecskeméti utca 10-12, 4th floor

Internet Access

EduRoam Wi-Fi is available all over Building 'A'. Your password for your online identity is provided to you by your 'home' institution – where you are enrolled in study or are employed. Wherever you see 'eduroam' appear in your list of Wi-Fi networks, you can get online. Wireless Internet access for participants who do not have EduRoam is available free of charge, details of this will be provided at the Information and Registration Desk upon arrival.

ATMs / Cash Machines

ATMs are usually located outside or in the foyer of any bank office. There is one machine of OTP Bank inside the Building 'A' at the main entrance.

Cafés and Restaurants around the Venue



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II. HUNGARY

Hungary is located in East-Central Europe and it occupies an area of 93 030 km². The country's population is a little less than 10 million including several minorities. The capital city is Budapest with almost two million inhabitants. Hungary borders Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. Hungary is a member of OECD, NATO, EU and the Schengen Zone. Hungary is one of the 15 most popular tourist destination of the world.

The official language is Hungarian, and the currency is the Magyar Forint (Hungarian Forint, HUF). Exchange rates are available [here](#)

Hungary has a typical continental climate with hot dry summers and mildly cold snowy winters. There are four seasons in Hungary: winter (December, January, and February), spring (March, April, May), summer (June, July, August) and autumn (September, October, November). Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5 °F). Generally, the weather is warmest from May to September. More information on the official website of the [Hungarian Meteorological Service](#).



III. TRAVEL INFORMATION - HOW TO GET TO THE UNIVERSITY

III.1. Arriving by plane

There are three main modes of transportation available from [Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport \(BUD\)](#) to the city centre of Budapest: taxi, airport shuttle and bus.

The most convenient way to get to the city centre is by hiring taxi. The official taxi service provider of Budapest Airport is [Főtaxi](#). Though it will cost approximately 30€ (~11.500 HUF), it will only take 30 minutes to reach destination.



Since 2013 all Budapest airport taxis are required to be yellow-coloured and have a taxi roof sign.

It is important to note that during rush hour there is a queue for the taxis; you must wait in line to get one. Your taxi ride will be charged by a taximeter, depending on distance.

The official airport shuttle service provider of Budapest Airport is [miniBUD](#). For reservation and further information, check the official website or call +36-1-550-0000.

The alternative and cheaper option is the bus. The [direct airport – city bus \(100E Airport Express\)](#) operates all day long with a special [single bus ticket for 2200 HUF \(~6 EUR\)](#) departing from the exit door of the airport's arrival level to the city centre.

The trip takes approximately 40 minutes.

III.2. Arriving by train

[Hungarian State Railways](#) (MÁV, Magyar Államvasutak) is the national railway company in Hungary. More than fifty trains a day provide direct links between Budapest and twenty-five other capital cities in Europe. Budapest has three major train stations: Nyugati Pályaudvar (West Railway Station), Keleti Pályaudvar (East Railway Station), Déli Pályaudvar (South Railway Station). From any of these train stations you can get to the University very easily by public transportation. Plan the best route via the [trip planner site](#).

- [From Nyugati Pályaudvar \(West Railway Station\) to the University](#)
- [From Keleti Pályaudvar \(East Railway Station\) to the University](#)
- [From Déli Pályaudvar \(South Railway Station\) to the University](#)

III.3. Arriving by bus

[VOLÁNBUSZ](#) operates most of the international and domestic coaches from Budapest and also the regional lines and the ones traversing the agglomeration.

The main International Coach Station is situated in Népliget, on metro line M3 ([1091 Budapest, Üllői út 131.](#)). To find specific connections, please check the websites of the main international coach companies (e.g. [FlixBus](#) or [Student Agency](#)).



IV. ACCOMMODATION

Participants are expected to make their hotel reservation according to their own choice and on their own account. Hotels within short walking distance from the Faculty of Law are the following:

- [The Three Corners Hotel Art***](#)
- [IBIS Budapest Centrum Hotel***](#)
- [Danubius Hotel Erzsébet City Center***](#)
- [Hotel Mercure Korona****](#)
- [Danubius Hotel Astoria****](#)
- [Hotel Gin****](#)
- [Hotel Rum****](#)
- [Hotel Memories ****](#)
- [Matild Palace Hotel ****](#)
- [Airbnb](#) (apartments are available between 44-54 EUR/night in the 5th district)

V. TRANSPORT AROUND BUDAPEST

Budapesti Közlekedési Központ (BKK, Centre for Budapest Transport) was established in 2010. If you would like to travel by public transport, please always keep in mind that you need to have a valid ticket or season ticket with you. Tickets are available from vending machines all around the city at metro stations, tram stations or you can buy them in BKK offices at larger metro stations' underpasses. You can use the same type of ticket for all forms of public transport, but you need to validate a new ticket for each journey. Additionally, single tickets are available from the driver on board the bus with an extra charge of fee. We recommend you to buy a 72 hour travelcard or if you are staying longer than a monthly pass.

At underground stations, you can only enter upon presenting your ticket or pass. Those who are travelling without valid ticket or pass can be fined by the inspectors.

Ticket inspectors might appear suddenly on the board. A trip planner could be found [here](#).



Nappali közösségi közlekedés
Fővárosi vonalak
Daytime transport services
Key routes



You can also use the [BudapestGO](#) travel app operated by [BKK](#) to buy tickets/ passes or plan your journeys within the city. Several options are available for [tickets and passes](#) and we encourage you to use the public transport network of Budapest as it is safe and dependable.

VI. BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING

What to see in Budapest? As the keeper of several major attractions in Europe – the largest thermal water system in the world, the first Underground Railroad on the continent, the third largest Parliament building in the world and the largest synagogue in Europe – Budapest has no shortage of things to see.



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Budapest is often called the "Pearl of the Danube" and it truly is a stunningly beautiful place. Geography, history and human creativity have all contributed to create a city that simultaneously charms, amazes and fascinates. For further information, go to the website of [Budapest info](#)



- [Budapest attractions](#)
- [Budapest in 1 day](#)
- [Budapest in 2 days \(with museums\)](#)
- [Budapest by locals](#)

VII. ELEVEN ESSENTIAL HUNGARIAN PHRASES YOU NEED TO KNOW

Although there are many tourists and international students in Budapest and you can easily communicate in English in Budapest, it is always useful to say a few words in the local language. If you want to impress the locals in Hungary, being able to use their native tongue is a great way to start! While the language is hard to learn, these essential phrases will have you on your way to conversing in Hungarian in no time at all.

Szia! Sziasztok! ('See-ah! See-ah-stock!')

Meaning: Hello!

One of the first things you'll need to learn if you want to talk like a local is this standard greeting in Hungarian. Szia is used when greeting one person; sziasztok is used for two or more. (This phrase can also be used to say goodbye).



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Köszönöm – Szívesen ('Keu-seu-neum – see-ve-shen')

Meaning: Thank you – you're welcome

Being able to say thank you is an essential. Equally useful is being able to respond when people say it to you! Köszönöm can be shortened to 'Köszi' (keu-see), which is the equivalent to 'thanks' in English. When someone says this to you, the correct response would be "Szívesen".

Nem beszélek magyarul ('Nem bes-el-ek ma-ja-rule')

Meaning: I don't speak Hungarian

This one could come in handy when you greet a Hungarian in their native language.

Jo étvágyat! ('Yoh eht-vah-djot')

Meaning: Bon appetit!

A phrase used multiple times a day, this is a way of letting someone know you hope they enjoy their meal. A Hungarian will always say this if they see someone about to eat.

Kérek egy pálinkát / sört / bort ('Care-ek edge pah-link-cat / shirt / bore-t')

Meaning: One pálinka / beer / wine please

This is the phrase to know if you want to order a beer, wine or Hungary's favourite fruit brandy, pálinka.

Egészségedre! ('Ag-esh-sheg-ad-reh')

Meaning: Cheers!

The equivalent to "cheers!" in English, this is said when raising a glass together while drinking. In Hungary, you should also look in the other person's eyes when you say it.

Tele vagyok ('Te-le vah-dj-ock')

Meaning: I'm full

When it comes to portion sizes, Hungarian cuisine isn't shy of going a little over the top! To that end, this is how to let someone know that the huge meal you just enjoyed was more than enough.



A számlát kérem! ('Aw sam-lat keh-rem')

Meaning: Check, please!

While it's also easy to signal for the check, being able to ask is always appreciated! When it does arrive, common tipping etiquette is between 10 – 15%. However, a number of restaurants will include the service charge in your bill so check first to avoid tipping twice.

Vegetáriánus vagyok ('Ve-ge-tar-i-a-noush va-dj-ok')

Meaning: I'm vegetarian

While Budapest is becoming more vegetarian friendly by the week, with new cafes, shops and restaurants appearing on a regular basis, Hungary is still very much into its meat. If you want to let someone know you're vegetarian, this is the phrase to use.

Egy kávét kérek szépen ('Edge kah-v-it keh-reck say-pan')

Meaning: One coffee, please

For many, the day doesn't begin until they've had their morning coffee. If that sounds like you, then this is one of the most important phrases there is to know. This refers to a black coffee but simply replace "kávét" with your drink of choice to order a cappuccino, latte, flat white or whatever takes your fancy.

Viszontlátásra! Viszlát! ('Vee-sont-lah-tash-ra! Vee-slat!')

Meaning: Goodbye!

As well as being able to say 'szia' when wishing someone goodbye, you can also use this phrase which is a more literal way to say it. Viszontlátásra is slightly more formal, however, it's also a lot more difficult to pronounce!

Hungarian News in English

For the best Hungarian News in English please check out these websites

<https://dailynewshungary.com/>

<https://hungarytoday.hu/>



VIII. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Pharmacies in Budapest are usually open until 8:00 p.m., but there are ones that are open around the clock where there are dispensing chemists on night duty. Note if you go to a pharmacy in the evening or during the night, you have to go to a special window (sometimes with a bell) and pay a small extra fee too.

Here is a list of some 24/7 pharmacies

City centre

- Fővám téri gyógyszertár: 1056 Budapest, Fővám tér 4.
- Teréz gyógyszertár: 1067 Budapest, Teréz körút 41.

Some other districts

- Óbuda gyógyszertár: 1032 Budapest, Vörösvári út 84.
- Elefánt gyógyszertár: 1101 Budapest, Pongrácz út 19.
- Déli gyógyszertár: 1123 Budapest, Alkotás út 1/B.
- Őrs vezér gyógyszertár: 1148 Budapest, Őrs vezér tere 23.
- Thököly gyógyszertár: 1183 Budapest, Thököly út 3.

Some of the hospitals (hospital - kórház)

- Merényi Gusztáv Kórház: 1097 Budapest Gyáli utca/út 17-19.
- Péterfy Sándor utcai kórház: 1076 Budapest, Péterfy Sándor utca 8-20.
- Szent István kórház: 1097 Budapest, Nagyvárad tér 1.
- Szent László kórház: 1097 Budapest, Albert Flórián út 5-7.
- Szent Imre kórház: 1115 Budapest, Tétényi út 12-16.
- Uzsoki utcai kórház: 1145 Budapest, Uzsoki utca 29-41.



Emergency numbers

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| Ambulance | 104 |
| Police | 107 |
| Tourist Police | +36-1-438-8080 |
| Fire Department | 105 |
| Central ER number | 112 |
| Speaking clock | 180 |
| Auto Club help number | 188 |

