

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Leadership Summit Budapest July 2019

# Dearest participants,

Welcome to the Youth Cancer Europe Leadership Summit! Our event takes place between the 16th and 19th of July 2019 at the <u>European Youth Centre in Budapest</u> (EYCB), Budapest, Zivatar u. 1, 1024 Hungary. Please read below for some very important information you must be aware of during your stay.

#### THE ESSENTIALS

Security / The EYCB enjoys diplomatic status under a seat agreement between the Council of Europe and the Hungarian State. When in the building you must always wear your badge provided at registration by the security desk of the secretariat and your name must always be visible.

**Safety /** Budapest is generally as safe as most big cities in Europe, violent crimes are quite rare, but pickpockets operate in popular tourist areas. The general emergency number is 112.

Medical assistance / If you need medical assistance please contact Reception where you can get appropriate information. When visiting a doctor, make sure to take your passport and insurance documents with you. Please note that the EYCB & Youth Cancer Europe do NOT provide medical insurance.

# Please make sure to take out your own travel insurance BEFORE travelling to Hungary.

Meals and Drinks / Tap water in Budapest is generally safe to drink however purified water stations are available on the 4th floor where the meeting rooms are found. Participants who wish to do so can refill their own water bottles free of charge. Besides the refreshments included with the event meals, coffee or tea and extra drinks can be also bought in the restaurant.

On-site restaurant opening hours: breakfast 07.00-09.30, lunch 12.30-14.30 and dinner 19.00-21.00. The first meal provided by Youth Cancer Europe is a welcome dinner on the 16th of July. There will be breakfast, lunch and dinner served on both days of the Summit (17th & 18th). On the 19th morning breakfast will be available.

Currency / Hungary's official currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). There are a number of places, which accept Euros too, but the exchange rate might not be very favourable. In Hungary you will find a dense network of ATMs (cash machines) that will accept all major credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Plus, Maestro, Cirrus and others). The majority of shops and restaurants also accept cards.

Power source / If you are planning to bring electrical equipment (e.g. battery chargers, laptop power supply, etc.), please check whether you need an adapter. Hungary uses 220 volts AC and the European-style plug (two circular metal pins) Electrical power outlets in Hungary are designed for a two-pin Euro plug (Plug types C & F).

Wireless Internet / access is available in the entire building, including the conference area, ground floor, garden and the bedrooms.



## ARRIVING IN HUNGARY

**Arriving by car /** If you'll use GPS, please use the following coordinates. Latitude and longitude: N 47° 30' 51.4759", E 19° 1' 50.217".

Arriving by plane / In case you need cash for the minibus shuttle / taxi, you can change money in the arrival hall; you can consult the map of Budapest airport to locate the Exchange Office / ATMs. You may find it more advisable to withdraw money from the ATMs, as the exchange rate at the Exchange Office may not be very favourable.

- Transfer from airport with minibus shuttle / The minibus service is provided by Minibud Airport Shuttle Services. Please refer to their website for further information: www.minibud.hu/en. The price for one person door to door one way is €17,5, for two people €10,6 per person, for a group of three €7 a ticket.
- Transfer from airport with taxi / The only taxi company which is allowed to wait at the departure / arrival exits of the airport is **<u>Főtaxi.</u>** Tariffs from the Airport to the EYCB will be between €25 - €30.

- Transfer from airport with public transport services /

100E – a direct bus line (shuttle bus) connecting the airport from the Terminal 2 and Deak Ferenc Square in the city centre. The bus operates in both directions every 30 minutes from 05:00 to 00:30 (from the airport) and 04:00 to 23:30 (from the centre). The ticket costs 900 HUF (2.70 euro) and the journey lasts around 45 minutes. From Deak Ferenc Square you can take a taxi or order a Bolt service to the EYCB building which will cost around €9 - €10.

# **GETTING AROUND IN BUDAPEST**

**Instead of Uber /** There are no Uber's in Budapest so those of you who think might want to use such services are advised to download Bolt (formerly Taxify) instead. This service will be automatically recommended by Google maps but you will still need to download the app. (Android & IOS)

**Taxi /** The EYCB's contractional partner is City taxi. You can order a City taxi to any place in the town by calling their English speaking operator on the following number +36 12 111 111. There are many other companies, of which we recommend the following ones: 6x6 taxi, Főtaxi and Tele 5 taxi.

**Public Transport /** Budapest has a fairly extensive and efficient public transport system, however the downtown area and the Castle Hill are best explored on foot.

- Use the mobile app called BKK Futár (for Android and ios) to get from A to B if you have data on your phone. To set the language to English, just look for the Settings sign ("Beállítások") at the bottom of the menu and choose the first option for Languages ("Nyelv").
- Google Maps also has useful and up-to-date information on timetables and routes.
- For an easy and clear overview of daytime / nighttime public transport including metro, boat, tram or bus, please consult the **Practical Guide**

- For those interested in



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

All our meetings and accommodation are booked in the European Youth Centre, Budapest (EYCB). Youth Cancer Europe pays for every participant's accommodation for three nights: between 16th July Tuesday (arrivals) and 19th July Friday (departures).

You will not be charged for these days.

Please note that the meeting room is air-conditioned but the bedrooms do not have air-conditioning. Accommodation is booked in twin rooms. Each room has a private bathroom and balcony.

## **AMENITIES**

**Gym room /** Equipped with a large wall mirror, contains an exercise bike, treadmills and professional weight-lifting equipment.

**Laundry room /** The self-service laundry room is in the basement and contains two washing machines and a tumble dryer, which you are welcome to use without charge (washing powder provided). In this room you can also find an iron and an ironing board. The iron should only be used in the laundry room. Please do not take it to your room.

**Sauna /** If you wish to use the sauna, please inform Reception one hour in advance. A minimum of two users is required before the heating is switched on. The sauna is free of charge.



## EXTENDED WEEKEND IN BUDAPEST

It is possible to extend your stay over the weekend at your own cost for €76 (board and breakfast, single use) or €92 (board and breakfast for two people, in twin room). If you wish to stay one or two extra nights at the EYCB, you must let us know as soon as possible as direct booking in the building is not possible, it can only be arranged through us, the organisers, notifying them on your behalf.

Please contact Hilda Hajdu at <a href="https://hilda.com

#### THINGS TO DO

Free cultural events / Musical Budapest takes place between 1 June and 18 August in 16 locations and offers 600 free, open-air concerts.

Community hangout / The Liberty Bridge is closed for summertime picnics on the weekends, making it a car-free public hangout on July 20 & 21 from Friday midnight until Sunday midnight. Local bands, flamenco and swing dancers, salsa, zumba and yoga instructors will all flood the bridge and many other exciting events are taking place directly above the Danube.

## **EAT & DRINK**

**Budapest Ruin Pubs / Ruin pubs** ("romkocsma" in Hungarian) are central to Budapest's contemporary culture, lending a unique feature to the city's nightlife. These bars are built in Budapest's old District.

## REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR FLIGHTS

Those participants who have given us prior notification asking for YCE to pay for the transport will be contacted personally. Participants will be required to book their own flights. After the Summit attendees will be reimbursed. For any questions please contact Emanuel Schipor on <a href="mailto:emanuel@thelittlepeople.ro">emanuel@thelittlepeople.ro</a>

We're looking forward to seeing you all in Budapest!









