

VENUE

The 2017 Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity will be held at:

Pesti Vigadó

Vigadó tér 2. 1051 Budapest, Hungary Official website <u>here</u> Google map <u>here</u>

The dinner venue on 26th:

Lázár Equestrian Park

47. Fenyő utca, 2182, Domonyvölgy, Hungary Official website <u>here</u> Google map <u>here</u>

A shuttle service will be available departing at 18:15 from the venue to transfer participants to the dinner location.

Participants will be dropped off at a central location within walking distance from their hotels after dinner.

REGISTRATION AND BADGE

In order to obtain a badge, all delegates must register for the Conference by returning their completed registration form to (Productivity@oecd.org) and (oecd_gfp2017@ngm.gov.hu) by 30 May 2017. For security reasons, delegates are asked to wear their badge during the entire conference and dinner, and to show their badge upon request. All delegates are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) in order to obtain their badge at the registration desk, which will be located at the entrance hall of the Pesti Vigadó.

FACILITIES

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided on both 26 and 27 June and will be served at the Panoráma Corridor.

A **Dinner and a Folk Show** will be organised on Monday, 26 June at the **Lázár Equestrian Park**. We ask all delegates to bring their conference badge with them. All delegates will be asked to present their badge prior to boarding the bus.

Lunch will be provided and served on both days of the conference in the Pesti Vigadó Restaurant.

DOCUMENTS AND INTERNET

Please note all conference documents will be sent to delegates prior to the event.

Copies of presentations will not be available during the Conference, but can be found on the conference website after the event, where authorised.

Connection to Wifi is available in public areas and meeting rooms.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

General information on the 2017 Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity can be found on the **GFP website**: http://oe.cd/GFP2017



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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Please be informed that there are no pre-reserved rooms for participants. We therefore advise you to book a room at your earliest convenience. For assistance with bookings, please contact oecd gfp2017@ngm.gov.hu.

Budapest Marriott Hotel

Apáczai Csere János utca 4.

1052 Budapest, Hungary
Google map here
Located on the bank of the Danube, next door to the venue
Official website here

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Erzsébet tér 7-8.

1051 Budapest, Hungary
Google map <u>here</u>
Located between Deák tér and Vörösmarty tér metro stations
Official website <u>here</u>
Booking link <u>here</u> (20% discount)

Mercure Budapest City Center

Váci utca 20.

1052 Budapest, Hungary
Google map here
Located between Ferenciek tere and Vörösmarty tér metro stations
Official website here
contact: Kinga Kelemen, e-mail or call +36 1 485-3152

Hotel Zenit Budapest Palace

Apáczai Csere János utca 7. 1052 Budapest, Hungary Google map <u>here</u>

Located between Ferenciek tere and Vörösmarty tér metro stations

Official website here

contact: e-mail or +36 1 799 8400

City Hotel Mátyás

8. Március 15. tér 1056 Budapest, Hungary Google map <u>here</u> Located near Ferenciek tere metro station Official website <u>here</u>

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Promenade City Hotel

22. Váci utca
1052 Budapest, Hungary
Google map <u>here</u>
Located between Ferenciek tere and Vörösmarty tér metro stations
Official website <u>here</u>

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TRANSPORTATION IN BUDAPEST

Transportation from Liszt Ferenc International Airport

Liszt Ferenc International Airport has two terminals in use, located next to each other: Terminal 2A and 2B. The airport is located about 20 km from Budapest city centre. You can either use taxi, the airport shuttle bus service, or the public transport system. It takes about 30-60 minutes to get to the city centre, depending on traffic.

Taxi:

This is the most comfortable way to travel from the airport to your hotel. There are several taxi companies operating in Budapest, and a taxi car can be easily spotted by its distinctive yellow colour. There are taxi stands right outside Terminal 2 for Fotaxi, or you can call **City taxi** on +361-2-111-111. There are *fixed tariff rates*: 450 HUF (basic fee) + 280 HUF/km. A ride to the city centre is about 6500-7000 HUF, depending on traffic conditions and on the location of your hotel. Most taxis have POS terminals. Another choice could be **Ferihegy Express** service, more information here.

Hotel pick-up services are usually available and can be arranged with the hotels directly. Uber is not available in Hungary.

Airport shuttle bus service:

This is an official airport shuttle bus service operated by miniBUD, which collect passengers at the airport and drops them off one by one. Same to airport: it collects people individually before going to the airport. You can book online here.

Public transportation system:

You can buy tickets at the BKK (Budapest Public Transport Company) points at the airport at Terminal 2A and 2B or at the ticket machines located outside the Terminals at the bus stop. You can usually use your bank card at these locations. A single ticket is 350 HUF, 10 tickets in a bulk is 3000 HUF (good for metro lines, buses, trolleybuses and trams). You will need 2 tickets to get to the city centre by metro: 1 for the bus, 1 for the metro. Please validate when/before boarding. You do not need to use a new ticket when changing between metro lines.

More information about tickets, maps, timetables, planned engineering work, and **public transportation in Budapest** can be found <u>here</u>.

Metro:

Use bus 200E to reach Metro line 3 (blue) to get to the city center. Alight at 'Kobanya-Kispest' metro station (last stop).

Metro and suburban railway lines map can be downloaded <u>here</u>. You do not need to use a new ticket when exchanging between metro lines.

It is possible that Metro line 3 will have restricted service, because of planned engineering work starting in June, however, there is no set date yet, and in case the work begins, shuttle bus services will be provided. Please check the link here before your trip for the latest information.

Train:

It is a good alternative to the metro to quickly get to the city centre.

Use bus 200E to get to the train station. Alight at 'Ferihegy vasutallomas' train station. You can buy a different ticket for the train from ticket machines or at the ticket office for 370 HUF. Trains arrive at Nyugati Railway station downtown.

VISAS

All delegates are responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure to Hungary, they can check online whether they need visa here, but are advised to contact their Hungarian Embassy or Consulate to verify the information.

European Union citizens do not need a visa to travel to Hungary.

OECD CONTACT

For any queries, please send an e-mail to Productivity@oecd.org

HUNGARIAN CONTACT

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OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Brief history: Budapest, the capital of Hungary, was created in 1873 by the merger of three cities: Buda, Óbuda and Pest. It is the administrative, cultural, scientific, economic, trade and transportation center with about 2 million inhabitants. The town spreads on the banks of the river Danube, and is administratively divided into 23 districts. Buda extends to the hills on the west bank of the Danube and Pest on the left bank of the river in the lowlands. In Buda, the 235 m high hill (Gellért-hegy) rises from the river bank and offers a remarkable view of the whole city. There are 7 bridges and 2 railway bridges In Budapest.

There are a lot of sights and locations that are worth visiting. Some of them are marked on the map (last page), e.g. world heritage sites; exceptional buildings; Buda and Pest embankment; protected monuments etc.

Climate and weather: June in Budapest can get quite hot during the daytime. However, there can be a lot of rain during this month as well. The average daytime high temperature is 24°C, while the average night-time low is a comfortable 14°C. Both the average day and night temperatures tend to increase in the course of the month. The overall daily average temperature in June is 19°C. June receives about the average total of rainfall. A total of 60mm of precipitation falls down on Budapest this month, spread out over 12 rainy days.

Currency: The unit of currency in Hungary is Hungarian Forint (HUF). There are many currency exchange offices in downtown Budapest, which will give you better rates than exchanging abroad or at the airport. Most businesses have POS terminals, with some exceptions.

Electric voltage: 220V, EU standard electric sockets.

Time zone: GMT+1, DST

Telephone Area Code: The international code for Hungary is +36. To make an international call from Hungary, please dial 00 followed by your country code.

Emergency telephone numbers:

General emergency: 112

Police: 107 Ambulance: 104



