

# NEP4DISSENT TIRANA MEETING INFORMATION PACK

*Launching the New Exploratory Phase in Research on East European Cultures of Dissent*

**European University of Tirana (UET), 30 & 31 May 2019**

Bulevardi "Gjergj Fishta", Nd.70, H.1 1023,  
Tirana, ALBANIA



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## 1. Welcome Letter

Dear NEP4DISSENT Action Colleagues,

This is to provide the final agenda and practical information regarding the NEP4DISSENT MC and WG meetings to be held in Tirana, Albania, on May 30-31, 2019. This document consists of three sections:

- (a) the agenda of the meeting***
- (b) travel information***
- (c) guidelines on the reimbursement procedure***

Wishing you a pleasant trip to Tirana, document will be updated with other useful information on the research and cultural activities to be organized during the meeting, as well as other events on these dates in Tirana.

For any additional piece of information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind collegial regards,

Assoc. Prof. Konstantinos Giakoumis  
**European University of Tirana**





## 2. Meeting Agenda

Please note that small changes in timing of the sessions may occur.

Detailed information about the workshops will be circulated separately.

Information about additional activities (visits to museums) could be found below the table.

### DAY ONE (May 30, 2019)

European University of Tirana, Bulevardi "Gjergj Fishta", Nd.70, H.1, 1023, Tiranë

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
09.00-11.00	Visit at <a href="#">Bunk'Art 2 Museum</a> <sup>*1</sup>	Rruga Abdi Toptani, Tiranë
09:30-11:30	Core Group Meeting (CG MEMBERS ONLY)	Building A, Inno-Lab
11:30-12:00	Registration/Coffee Break	Building A, Aula Magna
12:00-14:30	Plenary Session and Management Committee Meeting (Open to all participants)	Building A, Aula Magna
14.30-15.30	Lunch (see list of restaurants below)	(not arranged, self-paid)
15:30-17:30	<b>Working Groups Break-Out Sessions</b>	<b>WG 1</b> Inno-Lab
		<b>WG 2</b> B304
		<b>WG 3</b> B305
		<b>WG 4</b> B405
		<b>WG 5</b> B406
		<b>WG 6</b> B413
17.30-18:00	Coffee Break	Building A, Entrance Hall
18.00-18.30	Exhibition Inauguration "Religious Dissent in Communist Albania"	Building A, Entrance Hall
18:30-20:00	Panel Discussion "Religious Dissent in Communist Albania"	Building A, Aula Magna
20.00-21:30	Dinner	UET Refectory
...later	Afterparty at <a href="#">LaVeen Tirana</a> .	LaVeen Tirana (self-paid)

<sup>1</sup> Two students will accompany participants to and from the Museum. Meeting: UET's entrance, 8.30.





## DAY TWO (May 31, 2019)

European University of Tirana, Bulevardi "Gjergj Fishta", Nd.70, H.1, 1023, Tiranë

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
09.00-11.00	<u>Workshop 1 (part 1): Genealogies and Framing of Alternative Cultures</u>	B313
	<u>Workshop 2 (part 1): Digital Humanities and Dissent Research: What you and your students want to know (But had no time to ask)</u>	B405
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30-13.30	<u>Workshop 1 (part 2): Genealogies and Framing of Alternative Cultures</u>	B313
	<u>Workshop 2 (part 2): Digital Humanities and Dissent Research: What you and your students want to know (But had no time to ask)</u>	B405
13.30-14.30	Lunch (see list of restaurants below)	(not arranged, self-paid)
15.00-17.00	Visit at <u>National Historical Museum</u> *** <sup>2</sup>	Sheshi "Skënderbej", Bulevardi Zogu I, Tiranë
17.00-17.30	<u>Book presentation</u> : Blaive, Muriel. 2018. <i>Perceptions of Society in Communist Europe</i> . London: Bloomsbury Academic. A roundtable with invited guests.	National Historical Museum, Sheshi "Skënderbej", Bulevardi Zogu I, Tiranë

## DAY THREE (Optional, June 1, 2019)

Tiranë, Albania

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
09.00-12.30	Visit at <u>Bunk'Art 1 Museum</u> * <sup>3</sup>	Rruga Fadil Deliu, Tiranë
12.30-14.00	Lunch (see list of restaurants below)	(not arranged, self-paid)
14.00-17.00	Visit at the <u>"House of Leaves" Museum of Secret Surveillance</u> **	Rruga Dëshmorët e 4 Shkurtit, Tirana

\* Standard Ticket: 500 ALL. Visitors over 60 years-old: 300 ALL. Tour Guide: 2500 ALL

\*\* Standard Ticket: 700 ALL.

\*\*\* Standard Ticket: 300 ALL.

<sup>2</sup> Two students will accompany participants to and from the Museum. Meeting: UET's entrance, 14.30.

<sup>3</sup> Two students will be waiting at UET's front entrance at 08.00 to accompany participants who so wish to and from the Museum. Participants will also have to cover their own bus tickets, in total 2 tickets at 40 ALL each,







### 3. Meeting location

Meetings are going to take place at Concilium Hall of the European University of Tirana. The campus is located adjacent to the Lana River and it is about 20- min walk from the centre of Tirana.

(You can find the map below)



#### **ADDRESS**

European University of Tirana Bulevardi “Gjergj Fishta”, Nd.70, H.1 1023, Tirana  
ALBANIA







#### 4. Travel information

**BY PLANE:** Tirana's International Airport "Nënë Tereza" (TIA) (<http://www.tirana-airport.com/>) is situated in Rinas. The distance between the airport and the city is about 20 min drive (ca. 17 km).



#### How to Get to Tirana from the Airport

**By Taxi:** The fastest way to get from TIA is by taxi. Tirana Airport taxi service is provided by ATEEx shpk. To reserve online, please visit [www.atex.al](http://www.atex.al). **Please consult OTRR guidelines below for eligibility of taxi travel.**

**By Bus:** LUNA shpk offers a shuttle service from TIA to Tirana and vice- versa. The rate for a single fare is 300 Albanian Lek. Contact:

E-mail: [bilbilraki@yahoo.com](mailto:bilbilraki@yahoo.com); [lu\\_na@yahoo.com](mailto:lu_na@yahoo.com). Mobile: +355 69 57 27 261 / +355 69 37 94 848.

**Car Rental:** For options from a variety of operators, visit <http://www.tirana-airport.com/l/4/24/getting-here-parking/car-rental/>.

**BY CAR OR BUS:** Albania is pretty easily accessible by car from Greece, North Macedonia, Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro and Italy (by ferry and car).

**BY FERRY:** From various destinations.

<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.





## 5. Accommodation

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THE ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE FOR THE MEETING HAS BEEN DECREASED BY MC VOTE TO 80 EUR PER NIGHT PER PARTICIPANT (FLAT RATE, NO RECEIPTS).

Thanks to the location of UET, many good and affordable hotels are situated nearby the campus at walking distance from the city centre. UET has made deals with the following hotels offering better prices to the meeting's participants in the 28.05.2019 to 01.06.2019 period:

1. [Classic Hotel](#), 350 m. from UET, Rruga Sulejman Delvina, Nd.61, Hyrja 21022, 1001, Tirana, Albania. E-mail: [info@classichotel.al](mailto:info@classichotel.al).

ROOM TYPE	B & B	HB
1. DBL Room	48 Euro	68 Euro
2. Twin Room	48 Euro	68 Euro
3. Double Deluxe	58 Euro	78 Euro
4. Twin Deluxe	58 Euro	78 Euro
5. Single	42 Euro	52 Euro

2. [Hilton Garden Inn](#), 650 m. from UET, 146 Bulevardi Gjergj Fishta, Tirana, 1001, Albania TEL: +355-4-2200444 FAX: +355-4-2200373

ROOM TYPE	Offer
1. Standard / 1 person	68 € + 350 ALL per person/room (breakfast & VAT incl.)
2. Standard / 2 persons	78 € + 350 ALL per person/room (breakfast & VAT incl.)

3. [Theranda Hotel](#), 1000 m. from UET, Rr. Andon Z. Çajupi, Tirana, Shqiperi, +355 04 2273766, [reservations@therandahotel.com](mailto:reservations@therandahotel.com).

- Single Room - 55 € / night
- Double Room- 60 € / night

The offer includes breakfast, internet, parking, local taxes AND VAT

For a cosy stay and a grasp of local culture and lifestyle, one may use Airbnb apartments in nearby area.

In your reservation, please quote “NEP4DISSENT TIRANA MEETING @ UET” in the subject line to refer to the offers above.

## 6. Currency

### Local Currency

The local currency is the Albanian Lek (ALL). 1 € = approx. 123 ALL



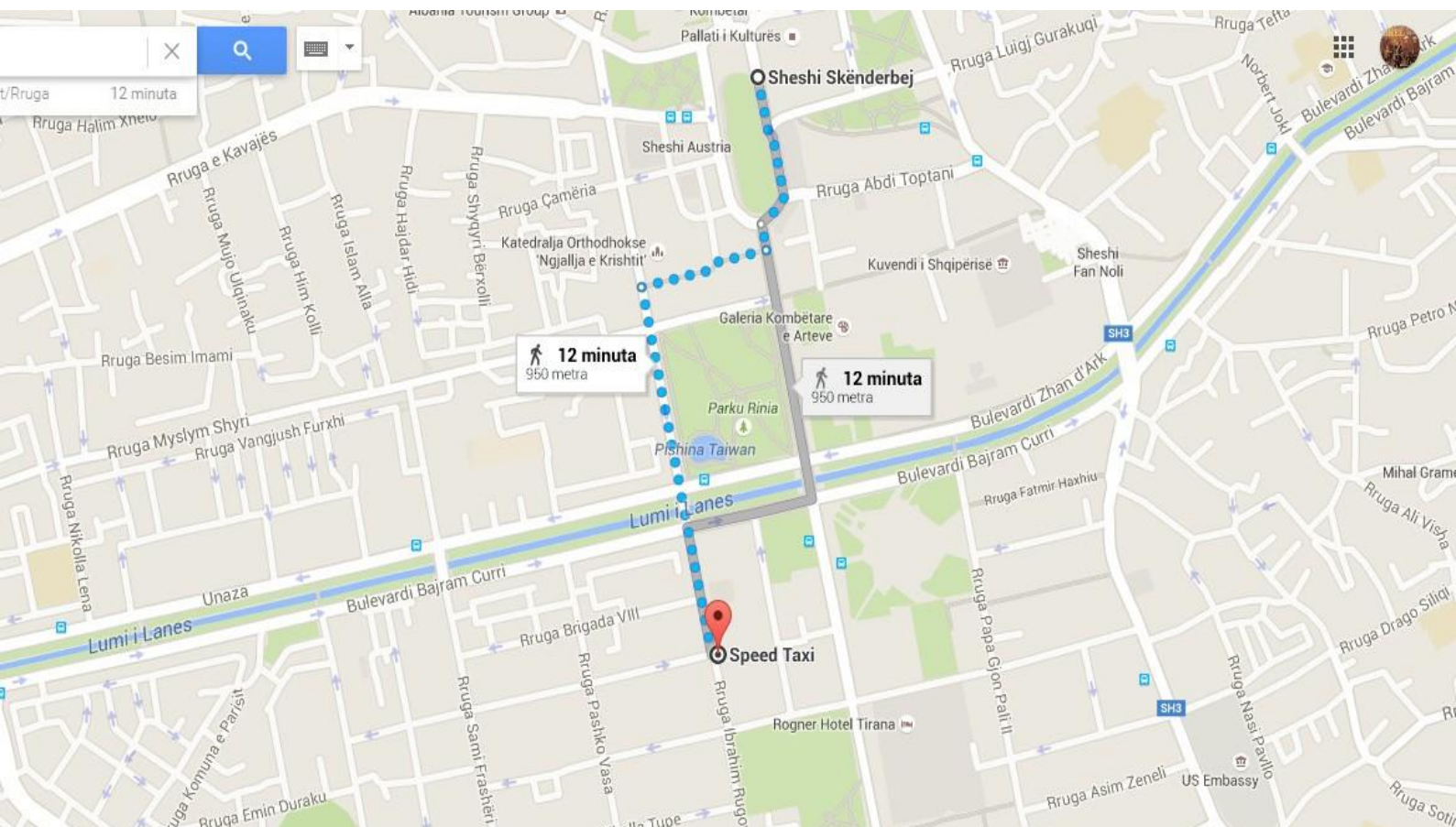
## 7. Transport within Tirana

We suggest you to use taxi as a transportation vehicle, as the bus transport system in Tirana has no fixed schedule. A good and affordable option is SPEED TAXI, whose cost is about 5 € (euro) within the city. **However, please consult OTRR guidelines below about eligibility of taxi travel.** Speed taxi also has introduced the new app accessible at <http://speedtaxi.al/en/meet-the-speed-taxi-app> (You can find the map below)



+355 42 222 555  
+355 68 55 77 600  
+355 69 64 22 211

Map of Speed TAXI location



## 8. A Selection of Restaurants Near UET

1. **TAVERNA AMAZONA**, Bulevardi Gjergj Fishta 42, Tirana, Albania (85 m, 1 min. walk)
2. **FAST FOOD 1000 BUZËQESJE**, Rruga Muhamet Gjollështa 178, Tirana, Albania (140 m, 2 min. walk).
3. **GREPI I ARTE**, Rruga Nikolla Jorga, (650m, 8 min walk).  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/GrepiArte/>
4. **PA PIRUNJ RESTORANT**, Rr. Mustafa Qosja, Tel. +35544521477, (650m, 8min walk)  
<https://www.papirunjrestorant.al/>
5. **VITA 99**, Rr. Komuna e Parisit, Tel.+355698697777, (700m, 9 min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/Vitanatyral/>
6. **AMOR RESTAURANT**, Rruga Komuna e Parisit, Nd10, H.9, +355692684952, (750m, 10 min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/pages/category/Italian-Restaurant/Restaurant-Amor-151739974853939/>
7. **GJAKOVA RESTAURANT**, Rr. Emin Duraku, (800m, 10 min walk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Qebaptore.Gjakova/>
8. **SAPORITA PICERI**, Tel. + 0672348520, (850m, 11min walk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pizzeria-Saporita-197176356987978/>
9. **FISHLAND**, Rruga Myslym Shyri, (1km, 12 min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/fishlandtirana/>
10. **OTIUM**, Rr. Brigada e VIII, Tel. +3554222 3570, (1.1km, 14min walk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/French-Restaurant/Otium-Restaurant-182686481817467/>
11. **SPAGHETTI FISH COLOSSEO**, Rr. Kongresi i Lushnjes, Tel. +355692074555, (1.2km, 16 min walk) <https://www.facebook.com/ColosseoFish/?rf=124465341020951>
12. **À LA SANTÉ**, Rr. Sami Frashëri, (1.2km, 15min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/alasanterestaurant/>
13. **ERA RESTAURANT PICERI**, Rruga Ismail Qemali, +35542243845, (1.3km, 17min walk)  
<https://era.al/en/restaurant/>
14. **COKO BISTROT & BAR**, Rr. Pjetër Bogdani, Tel. +355692070111, (1.4km, 18 min walk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/cokotirana/>
15. **SERENDIVILLE**, Rr. Skender Luarasi 30, Tel. +355686093333, (1.4km, 17min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/serendipity.tirana/>
16. **DA MICHELE**, Tel. +3550692144952, (1.4km, 18min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/RistoranteItalianoatTirana/>
17. **ARTIGIANO BLOK**, Rruga Abdyl Frashëri, (1.6km, 26min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/Artigiano.Tirane/>
18. **XHEKO IMPERIAL - CARLSBERG RESTAURANT**, Rr. Ibrahim Rugova, Tel. +35542259574, (1.7km, 22min walk)  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/karlsbergrestaurant/>
19. **MULLIXHIU**, Shëtitëorja Lasgush Poradeci, Hyrja e Parkut tek Diga e Liqenit Artificial, (1.8km, 24min walk)  
<https://www.mullixhiu.al/>
20. **BUJTINA E GJELIT**, Rr. Don Bosko, Tel. +355672074405, (2.5km, 33min walk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/BujtinaEGjelit/>





## 9. Cultural Life in Tirana

Major sight-seeing sites in Tirana include [National Historical Museum](#) with a very interesting pavilion on communism, dissidence and transition to democracy, and [National Art Gallery](#) with a very interesting collection of socialist-realist artworks and the monumental statues of Stalin at its backyard (it is open, although its website is outdated). At the time of the meeting two exhibitions will be ongoing at Tirana's Art Gallery: 1) The exhibition "Best Wishes for 1999", curated by Arnisa Zeqo re-establishes a unique collection of conceptual artworks collected in 1999 for Tirana's National Gallery of Arts by the conceptual artist Jan Dibbets. 2) The exhibition titled "Neither a Friend nor an Enemy," the first personal exhibit of the artist Sokol Beqiri in Albania.

## 10. Venues of Thematic Interest to our COST Action

Of particular interest to the theme of our COST Action are the two [Bunk'Art Museums](#) operating since 2015 in Enver Hoxha's nuclear bunkers. [Bunk'Art 1](#), at the foot of Mount Dajti, is bigger and more impressive than [Bunk'Art 2](#), which is located in the city centre. Of equal interest is the museum in the premises of the former quarters of the secret police, dubbed "[House of Leaves](#)." See the agenda above for the schedule of guided tours.



[The National Historical Museum](#), Tirana



[The Art Gallery](#), Tirana



[Bunk'Art 1](#)

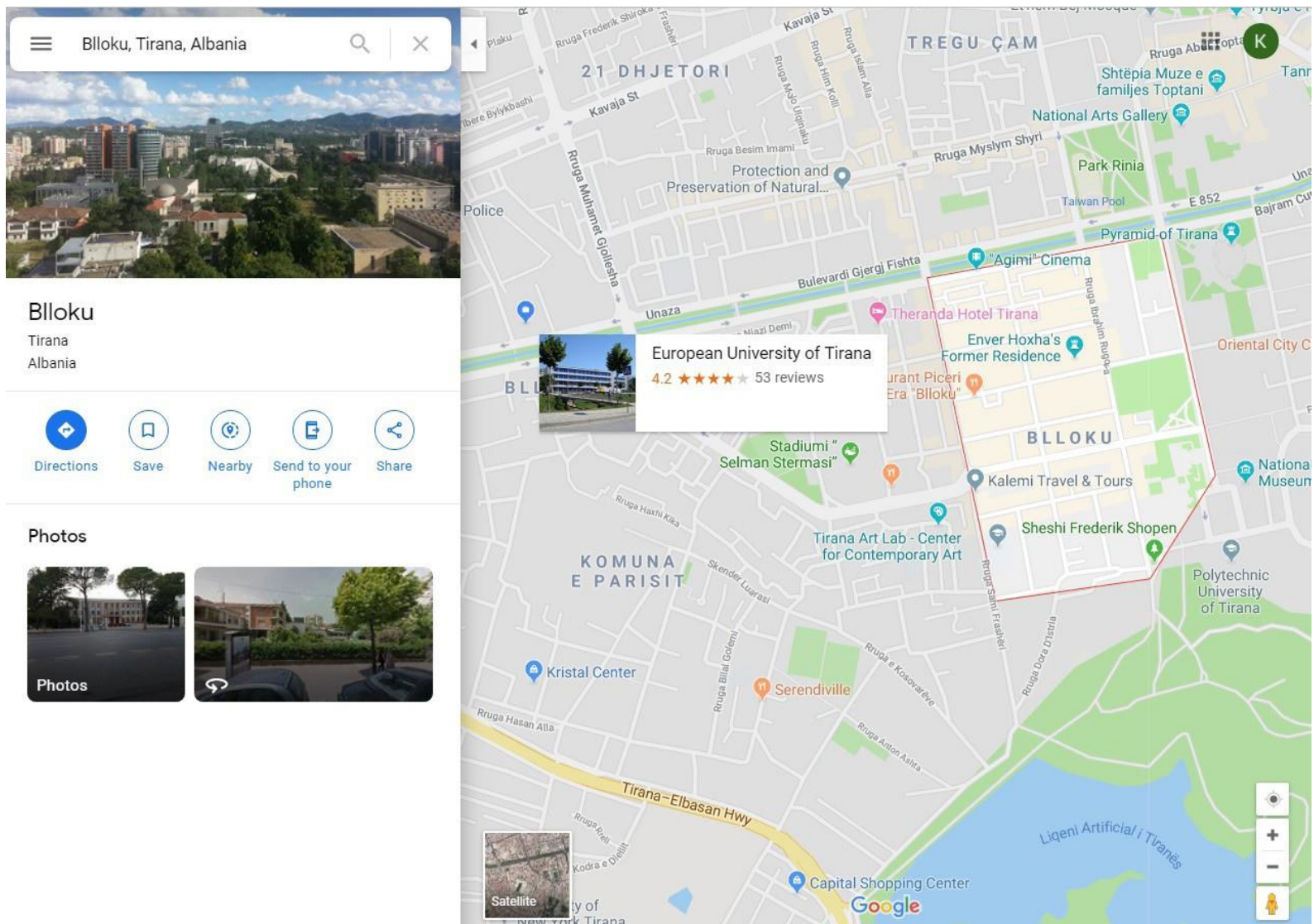


[House of Leaves](#)



## 11. Entertainment in Tirana

Ish-Bloku or commonly known as Blloku is the entertainment and shopping quarter of Tirana with its many boutiques, shops, restaurants, trendy bars, pubs, and cafes.



## **12. Online Travel Reimbursement Requests (OTRR)**

### **WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND?**

THE FULL USER GUIDE TO OTRR SUBMISSION IS AVAILABLE UNDER THIS [LINK](#). YOU SHOULD READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE BOOKING YOUR TRAVEL AND THAN AGAIN WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR OTRR. BELOW YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF PERSISTENT ERRORS, WHICH WE HOPE YOU CAN AVOID IN THE FUTURE.

### **WHEN TO COMPLETE THE OTRR?**

Please do NOT submit your claims before the meeting. Once you submitted, the form is closed for correction and you will not be able to upload the relevant documentation. Note that the submission of the claim before the meeting does not speed up the process, since all claims from all participants need to be processed and validated before we can reimburse you.

### **AIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION**

Always ask a detailed invoice from your travel agent (or online service) and when submitting, you should subtract the ineligible partial amounts.

The supporting documents should clearly detail:

- Name of the service provider
- Name of the passenger
- Booking class (only economy class tickets are eligible)
- Mode of transport
- Full price of the ticket (not exceeding EUR 1200) including the price breakdown (insurance, fees, penalties etc.)
- Dates AND Times of travel

Most often your documentation did not include information about booking class or the price breakdown. We need to know the breakdown, because expenses like travel cancellation or luggage insurance, charges and/or penalties linked to a participant changing or having to rebook travel tickets are NOT eligible – in that case you should subtract the partial amount from the overall price (to save us the trouble). Seat reservations, luggage transportation expenses, fees charged by travel agencies including currency fees are eligible.

### **TRAVEL DEROGATIONS**

As a rule (see p. 25 [Vademecum](#)), you are eligible to travel from the country you represent (i.e. the country of your institutional affiliation, whatever your personal address is) to the place where the Action activity takes place, and back. If you know that you will be traveling to a COST meeting from a different country than the above, you need to provide, ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE, a comparative quote (e.g. from Skyscanner, Opodo, Expedia, Momondo, etc.) which compares the price for the most economical means of travel by the same mode of transport from your COST-approved location versus the actual location of your travel. The lower of the two amounts determines the maximum sum that can be reimbursed. If in your case this is a permanent condition (e.g. you live in one country, but work in another) you can apply for a blanket permission by providing a copy of your residence permit – please contact



IBL team for details.

### **START AND END OF THE TRAVEL**

You start and end the journey in your home. You can claim reimbursement accordingly. Your total travel time would be probably a little bit longer than the start/end time of your flight.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT EXPENSES**

Public transport is bus, train, metro and tram that you use for travel within one country. If you want to claim EUR 25 or less, you don't need to provide any documentation. If you want to claim more than EUR 25, you need to submit invoices / receipts that clearly detail the name of the service provider, the full price of the ticket and the date of travel.

### **TAXI**

Taxi service is eligible for reimbursement only when taken before 7 am to facilitate an early departure and/or when taken after 10 pm due to a late arrival. The maximum amount to be claimed is EUR 80. Taxi receipts must clearly detail the name of the service provider, the full price of the journey and the date and time of travel. Tips are not eligible for reimbursement.

### **ACCOMODATION**

"Plus one" rule applies. The maximum number of nights that can be claimed is calculated against the actual number of days the participant attends the approved activity (as confirmed against their signature on the official attendance list for each day of the event that they attend), plus 1 night. E.g. if your meetings takes 2 days, you will be reimbursed for 3 nights.

Note that this applies to accommodation alone, you can extend your travel (as long as you keep in mind the rule on travel derogation). Note that no receipts are needed, just the signatures on the attendance list.

### **CURRENCY**

Please remember that you should enter the expenses in the currency in which you made the payment.





### 13. Emergencies

#### **Emergency numbers:**

Police 112

Medics 127

Firefighters 128

#### **For any special assistance, please do not hesitate to contact:**

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