<u>VENUE</u>

34th LACE Steering Committee Meeting

11–12 March 2020 Budapest

The meeting is going to be held at the headquarters of the **Hungarian Meteorological Service** (**Kitaibel Pál street 1, 1024 Budapest**), close to the Széll Kálmán Square (Széll Kálmán tér).

1. Access the meeting place from the airport (Liszt Ferenc International Airport, Terminal 2A/2B)

- **Taxi:** main and trusted taxi company operating at the airport is Főtaxi. A trip to the city centre is around 8 000 HUF (24 EUR) per car. You can ask the taxi at the desks in front of the terminal buildings, they should inform you about the approximate price. More information: fotaxi.hu/?lang=en.
- **AirportShuttle-Minibus:** it takes you to any location in Budapest with a fixed price, transport to the city centre costs 5 000 HUF (15 EUR) per person. You can order the service in the terminal buildings or online in advance. At the airport you might wait a bit for the shuttle and you might not be the first dropped, therefore it could take more time to reach your destination. More information: www.minibud.hu/en.
- **Public transportation:** if you like challenges, we suggest choosing the public transportation. Take the bus 100E to the station called Astoria. Afterwards you can travel by metro line 2 (M2) in direction of Déli pályaudvar to Széll Kálmán tér. You find useful information and a trip planner on the homepage of the Budapest Transport Company: www.bkk.hu/en/main-page/news. See below the price of the transport tickets.

2. Access the meeting place from the railway stations by public transportation

- From railway station **Déli pályaudvar**: you have to take metro line 2 (M2) or tram 56/61/17 to Széll Kálmán tér (1 stop), afterwards by walk (see the map), or you can simply walk from the railway station to the institute in 17 minutes.
- From railway station **Keleti pályaudvar**: you have to travel by metro line 2 (M2) (in direction of Déli pályaudvar) to Széll Kálmán tér, then by walk (see the map).
- From railway station **Nyugati pályaudvar**: you have to take tram 4 or 6 (in direction of Széll Kálmán tér) to Mechwart liget, then by walk (see the map).

Transport tickets

Tickets can be purchased at the major public transport hubs, newspaper stands and on buses on the spot (this latter one costs more). Note that outside the airport terminal ticket vending machines are available (coins, bank notes in Hungarian forint as well as credit card are accepted).

- Single ticket: valid for one uninterrupted trip by metro, bus, tram, trolleybus, suburban railway. *Transfers are allowed only on the metro network*. It costs 350 HUF. You can also buy a set of 10 tickets for 3 000 HUF;
- Single ticket for bus 100E: 900 HUF. Please be aware if you take bus 100E and then metro, you have to buy two tickets: one for the airport bus (900 HUF) and one for the underground (350 HUF), as transfer ticket (below) is not valid in this combination;

- Transfer ticket: equivalent with two single tickets, 530 HUF;
- Budapest 24-hour travelcard (=pass): HUF 1 650;
- Budapest 72-hour travelcard (=pass): HUF 4 150;
- Budapest 5/30 24-hour travelcard (=pass; valid for 5 arbitrary days in 30 days): HUF 4 550;
- Budapest 7-day travelcard (=pass): HUF 4 950.

More information about public transport and the prices: <u>www.bkk.hu/en</u> and <u>www.bkk.hu/en/prices</u>.

Useful to know

- ▲ 1 EUR equals 333 HUF as of 10 January. **Changing money** at the airport/train station is not recommended due to bad conversion rates and high commission. Within downtown, all places are trustworthy and try to pick a place where there are low conversion taxes.
- Metro and HÉV (suburban railway) systems operate until 11:30-11:45pm. Public transportation company offers night bus service operating mainly every 15-60 minutes (passes are valid), but tram 6 is on all night-service every 10-15 minutes.
- ▲ Should you **arrive at the airport very late**, note that last bus 100E leaves at 1:20am. Another option is taxi and airport shuttle (minibus).

Map of the Hungarian Meteorological Service and routes

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