

Third GCOS Joint Panels Meeting



Bonn, Germany
26-30 June 2023

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Arriving in Bonn

By airplane

Express bus line SB 60 connects the Cologne/Bonn Terminals with the Central Station in downtown Bonn in only 25 minutes. There is an Intercity-Express (ICE) from Frankfurt Airport to Cologne with a stop at the town of Siegburg. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes. The suburban tramway line 66 links Siegburg Station with Bonn Central Station.

By train

Bonn Central Station and the regional-train stations in the districts of Bad Godesberg, Beuel and Duisdorf account for Bonn's excellent integration into the network of both long-distance and regional lines of Deutsche Bahn national railways.

By bus

For the long-distance bus lines, there has been set up a bus stop near the Museumsmeile, at the corner of Joseph-Beuys-Allee and Marie-Kahle-Allee. For information (in German and English) about travelling to Bonn by air or train as well as about travelling within Bonn by public transport, rental car, taxi or bicycle, see the City of Bonn website Transport and Travel section [here](#).

2. Venue - Getting to ECMWF Bonn

The meeting will be held at the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), which is temporarily located in Robert-Schuman Platz 3, Bonn, Germany.

Bonn has good car, cycle, walking and public transport networks:

- train, tram & metro map available at [2212_nvr6_GB_Mini_A_PDF-WEB \(vrs.de\)](https://www.vrs.de/2212_nvr6_GB_Mini_A_PDF-WEB(vrs.de));
- bus map available at [VRS_Liniennetzplan2023_RSK_Irh_RZ.indd](#)).

Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt Airports are well connected by bus and train. Excellent infrastructure affords direct trains from German and European cities, very good motorways and a dense network of local public transport.

By public transport

The closest public transport stop to ECMWF is 'Robert-Schuman-Platz' (approx. 2-minute walk):

- Underground (*U-Bahn*) lines 66 and 68
https://www.vrs.de/fileadmin/Dateien/Downloadcenter/Netzplaene/Schienennetz_Flyer_en_gl_2023.pdf

- Bus routes 631 and 638

Alternatively, either the stop 'Olof-Palme Allee' (approx. 12-minute walk):

- Underground (*U-Bahn*) lines 16 and 63

or the stop 'Rheinaue Parkrestaurant' (approx. 8-minute walk):

- Bus route 610 or 611

By car/taxi

From Cologne-Bonn airport: approx. 40 minutes; taxi fare approx. EUR 60.

From nearest train station (Bonn UN Campus): approx. 5 minutes. Head on Joseph-Beuys Allee bear right onto Nahum-Goldmann Allee, road name changes to August-Bebel Allee. Turn left into Marie-Schlei Allee, which becomes Heinemannstrasse after the crossroad. Turn left into Jean-Monnet Strasse, then turn right on to Kurt-Georg-Kiesinger Allee. The BMUV building is straight ahead, behind a row of flagpoles where you will see the ECMWF flag among others. Report to security officers at Reception.

The BMUV ministry visitor parking lot is accessible to visitors that have been previously announced to Security by email. The entrance is located between the Robert-Schuman-Platz metro exit and the BMUV building. Visitors should ring the bell in the white column and announce their names. It is open from Monday to Friday from 7:00 to 21:00. Cars cannot stay there at night. It can contain about 40 cars and is managed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you wish to travel by taxi and pay by card, it is recommended to check with the driver first if card payment is accepted. Please note that some drivers only accept cash therefore it is advised to check in advance.

Note: For those traveling by car and regarding the parking lot, please note there are maximum 40 outdoor places available on a first-come first-served basis provided that the drivers have been announced to Security through a separate list. Specific information will be shared with each expert coming by car.

3. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their hotel booking. Please find below three hotels conveniently located to the venue:

1. [Maritim Hotel Bonn](#) is at walking distance from the office but it is usually expensive, the area is quiet/isolated at night.
2. [IntercityHotel Bonn](#) is close both to the train/metro/bus station and also to the town centre. One can reach ECMWF by metro line 66 in 10 minutes from Bonn Central Station (get off at Robert-Schuman-Platz, the ticket costs EUR 3: [route planner](#)).
3. Motel One Bonn Hauptbahnhof ([Motel One | Make a reservation at affordable design hotels in Berlin, Munich, Vienna or Manchester \(motel-one.com\)](#)) (close to the train station and convenient)

4. Entry Requirement

Germany Travel & Entry Requirements

Germany is part of the border-free Schengen Area, which guarantees free movement to more than 400 million EU citizens, including non-EU nationals. This makes moving around Europe easy, whether for work, study or other similar purposes.

Required Documents to Show at the Port of Entry in Germany

When entering Germany, you will need to show the following documents, depending on your nationality:

- EU nationals: Valid passport or national ID card.
- Non-EU nationals who are visa-exempt: Valid passport or travel document.
- Non-EU nationals with visa requirements: Valid passport with a [Schengen or German national visa](#).

Additionally, non-EU travellers showing up at the German port of entry may be asked to present the following documents in order to be allowed to enter Germany:

- A passport or travel document. Issued within the last ten years and valid for at least three more months beyond their planned exit date from Germany.
- Proof of sufficient funds for the entire stay in Germany. Travellers to Germany must be able to attest possessing at least 45€ per day they plan on spending in German territory.
- A round-trip ticket to Germany and back.
- [Travel insurance coverage for the entire stay in Germany.](#)

Ensure that the German border officer stamps your passport if you are permitted to enter. Without a stamp, you could be fined or detained from Germany. For more details on entry requirements please refer to this [website](#).

5. Getting around Bonn

The Bonn Information Center is open for the public.

The Bonn-Information service team will be happy to advise you on site, by phone or by e-mail Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The popular double-decker bus started running

Get to know Bonn with a tour in the HopOn HopOff convertible bus. Guests can follow the explanations of the sights on a German, English, French, Dutch, Spanish and Japanese language channel. Other languages, as well as a children's channel, are being planned.

All information, additional information, departure times and tickets can be found at www.citytour.de.

More tourist Information is available on their [here](#).

6. Miscellaneous

- Time zone is CET (Central European Time), UTC/GMT +1 hour.
- Currency is Euro €.
- The average temperature in Bonn in June for a typical day range from a high of 71°F (22°C) to a low of 52°F (11°C). Some would describe it as mildly cool with a gentle breeze.

For comparison, the hottest month in Bonn, July, has days with highs of 76°F (24°C) and lows of 56°F (13°C). The coldest month, February has days with highs of 40°F (5°C) and lows of 28°F (-2°C). This graph shows how an average day looks like in Bonn in June based on historical data.

- Electricity in Germany

In Germany the power plug sockets are of type F (also known as "Schuko"). The standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. Check out the following pictures. This socket also works with plug C and plug E.


