

REFERNET

PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Guide for participants

Zagreb, Croatia
13-14 May 2024



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Welcome to Partnership Forum Zagreb

Dear colleagues,

The Agency for VET and Adult Education (ReferNet Croatia) and Cedefop are pleased to welcome you to **Partnership Forum in Zagreb, Croatia**.

The Partnership Forum, coinciding with the WorldSkills Croatia competition at the same venue, presents a unique opportunity for collaboration and exchange of expertise in the field of vocational education and training.

Bringing together stakeholders from across Europe and beyond, this forum fosters dialogue on emerging trends, challenges, and best practices in skills development. By synergizing insights from both events, participants can leverage diverse perspectives on promoting excellence in vocational skills.

Please confirm your participation in the Partnership Forum in Zagreb by 2 April 2024, 2 PM CET, using Cedefop EU survey registration form.

We invite applications from one participant per country.



Logistical Information

ReferNet Partnership Forum

Dates:

13-14 May 2024

Venue:

Zagreb Fair
(Zagrebački
Velesajam)

Venue address:

Avenija Dubrovnik 15,
10020 Zagreb

Accommodation:

Limited number of rooms have been pre-booked for Partnership Forum participants. To **confirm** your booking, please select the accommodation option in the registration form **by 2 April 2024, 2 PM CET**.

Expenses:

Participants are expected to cover their travel expenses, accommodation and group dinner (optional).

Transfer to the Venue:

Transfer from hotels to the meeting venue will be organized by the Agency for VET and Adult Education (ReferNet Croatia) if participants select pre-booked rooms.

Currency:

EUR



About Zagreb

Zagreb is the capital and largest city of Croatia. It is situated in the north of the country, along the Sava river and at the southern slopes of the Medvednica nature park. At the 2021 census, the city had a population of 767,131, while the population of Zagreb urban agglomeration was slightly above one million people.

The cultural landmarks are centered in the historical city core of Gradec and Kaptol (also called Gornji Grad, the “Upper City”), including the Zagreb Cathedral, St. Mark’s Church, Kamenita vrata (Stone Gate) and tower Lotrščak. Downtown Zagreb (called the “Lower City”) features the Austro-Hungarian style architecture, with cultural landmarks such as the Croatian National Theatre, the Croatian State Archive and the central ban Josip Jelačić square.

Explore other Zagreb landmarks and events at: <https://www.infozagreb.hr/>



Arriving to Zagreb

You can arrive to Zagreb by plane, train, bus or car.

Zagreb International Airport is located at 17 km from the city centre; the duration of transfer to the city centre is about 40 minutes. Transfer time may vary due to traffic so plan sufficient time for your return transfer to the airport.

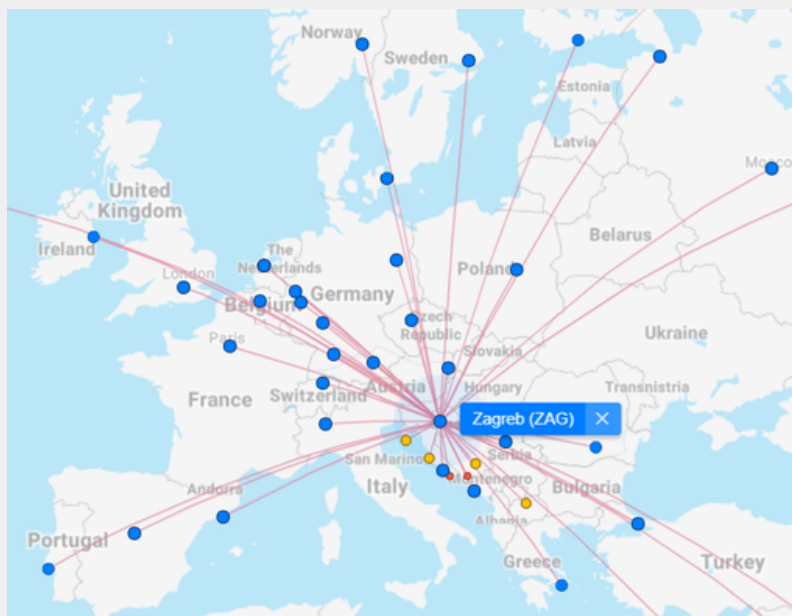
Practical transfer options to the city centre from the Zagreb International Airport include the shuttle service and taxi. The shuttle service costs 8€ and operates in line with international flights arrivals. The ticket can be purchased directly in the shuttle bus. The shuttle drives to the central Zagreb Bus Terminal, close to the city centre.

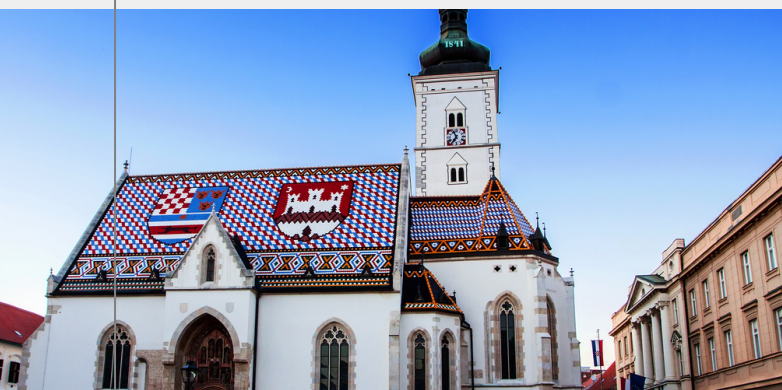
Detailed information is available at the airport website: <https://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/passengers/to-from-the-airport/35>

Please consult the [map of locations](#) for the location of Zagreb Bus Terminal.

Direct flights to Zagreb

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More information about Zagreb

Weather and time

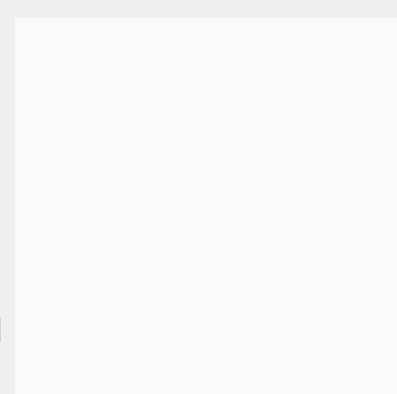
The average temperature in May in Zagreb is 16 degrees Celsius. It is springtime so you can expect the weather to change suddenly, including much higher or lower temperatures, sunshine or rain. Zagreb is in the Central European Time zone (CET).

Personal safety

Zagreb is safe in the evening and at night. As it is a tourist and capital city, visitors should however maintain a common-sense awareness during their stay in Zagreb. The meeting organiser cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants, either during or indirectly arising from attendance. Participants should make their own arrangements of health and travel insurance.

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EMERGENCY NUMBER (police, ambulance and fire department)



Accommodation

Since a major event, WorldSkills Croatia is taking place in Zagreb at the same time, there is a very limited number of accommodation options.

A special rate of 149 EUR per night (including breakfast and tourist tax) has been negotiated for your accommodation at Hotel Blue and Garden Hotel in Zagreb. Please confirm your booking in the application form by indicating the dates for which you need accommodation. The travel agency in charge of the booking process will send you an invoice for accommodation, to be paid via credit card or bank transfer in advance of the event directly to the travel agency.

For organisational reasons, we strongly encourage all participants to stay at the suggested hotels. Please bear in mind accommodation availability in Zagreb is very limited at the time of the Partnership Forum, coinciding with the peak congress season in Zagreb. If you do not wish to stay at the suggested hotels, you can also arrange other hotel accommodation independently.

Please consult the [map of locations](#) for the hotel locations.



Social Event

Cultural tour and a Group dinner
13 May 2024

We cordially invite you to join the cultural tour of Zagreb historical centre and group dinner on the evening of 13 May.

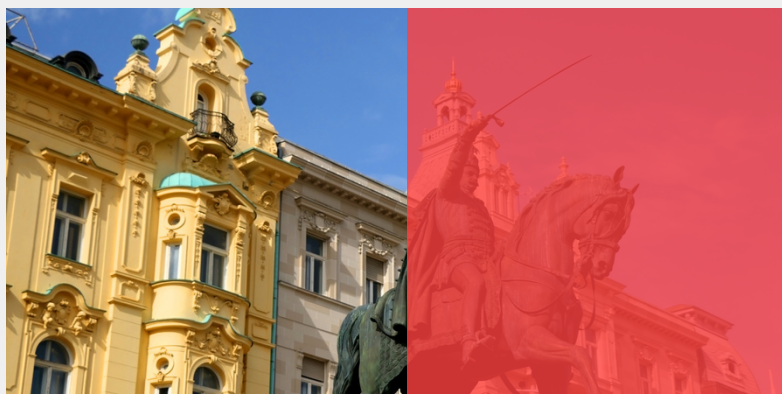
The cultural tour will start at 5 pm on 13 May 2024. The meeting point for the tour is the Zagreb Cathedral.

Group dinner will be organised at the restaurant Kaptolska klet from 7 pm on 13 May 2024. The restaurant is located at Kaptol 5, 10000, Zagreb, directly across the Zagreb Cathedral, which can be easily reached from the main city square (ban Josip Jelačić square).

We have arranged three dinner menu options: meat, fish, vegetarian, and vegan at the price of 30 EUR. Drinks are not included in the price of the menu. Kindly indicate your participation in group dinner in the application form, including your choice of menu, required for the dinner arrangement.

Participants will pay for the dinner from their own expenses. The restaurant accepts credit cards and cash payments. We strongly encourage you to pay by cash to speed up the payment process at the end of the dinner.

Please consult the [map of locations](#) for the meeting point for the guided tour and group dinner.



Partnership Forum

The ReferNet Partnership Forum will be held on 14 May 2024 at the Zagreb Fair, conference hall Brijuni, located at the 1st floor of the main entrance building of the Zagreb Fair (see photo: blue building, entrance South (Jug), at the address: Avenija Dubrovnik 15, Zagreb).

On 14 May 2024, coffee, lunch and refreshments will be served at the meeting venue at Zagreb Fair.

Transfer to the meeting venue will be organized for Partnership Forum participants only from the suggested hotels (see section on hotel accommodation of the Participant guide). If you are staying in a different hotel, please make arrangements for your arrival to the meeting venue independently.

Please consult the map of locations for the location of Zagreb Fair.



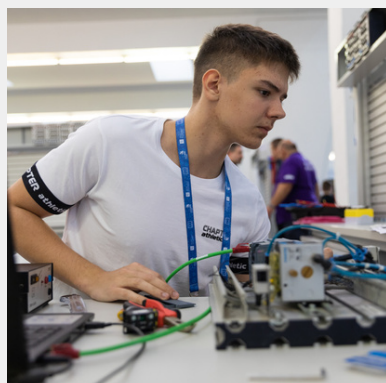
WorldSkills Croatia Competition

The agenda of the Partnership Forum includes a guided tour of the WorldSkills Croatia state competition of IVET learners.

The Agency for VET and Adult Education organises the WorldSkills Croatia competition from 13-15 May 2024 for the fifth time.

The competition represents the largest skills showcase in this part of Europe and an important platform for promoting the attractiveness of VET and cooperation of VET schools and companies.

In 2024, the WorldSkills Croatia competition will feature 42 skills competitions with over 350 competitors from two thirds of all VET providers in Croatia. 10,000 people are expected to visit the event, including primary school pupils from more than 100 schools from across Croatia.



Practical and tourist information

Zagreb International Airport <https://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/>

Zagreb Fair: <https://www.zv.hr/en>

Hotel Blue: <https://www.hotelblue.eu/en/>

Garden Hotel: <https://www.gardenhotel.hr/en/>

Zagreb Tourist Board: <https://www.infozagreb.hr/>

Croatia Tourist Board: <https://croatia.hr/en-gb>

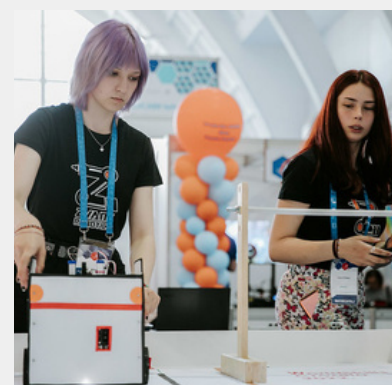
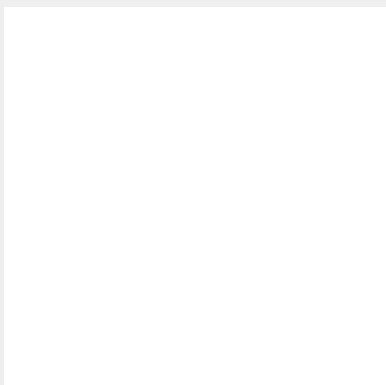
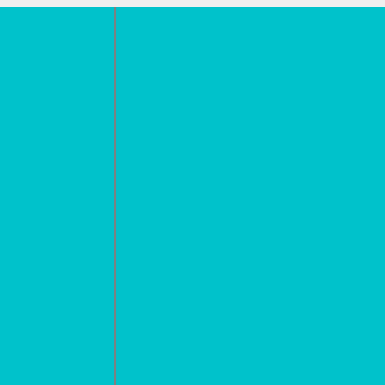
Agency for VET and Adult Education, Croatia:
<https://www.asoo.hr/>

Ministry of Science and Education, Croatia:
<https://mzo.gov.hr/en>

ReferNet Croatia: <https://www.refernet.hr/en/home/>

WorldSkills Croatia: <https://worldskillscroatia.hr/>





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