

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Conference venue:

The conference will take place at:

Jelgava Palace

Lielā Street 2, Jelgava, Latvia



Hotels:

Hotel „Zemgale”

Address: Rīgas Street 11, Jelgava, Latvia

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Please see the map of Jelgava indicating the meeting venue as well as the recommended hotels in the last page. The conference venue is located within a 3 minutes walk from the Hotel „Jelgava” and about 15-20 minutes walk from the Hotel „Zemgale”.

Please book and confirm your booking directly with the hotels by giving the code “BEN (or Baltic Euroregional Network) conference”. **Please note that the host cannot guarantee your accommodation if you register for the conference later than 28 September 2007. Accommodation costs will be covered by CBSS for all the participants!**

Conference working languages:

Conference working languages are English and Russian. Interpretation between these languages will be provided.

Meals:

Breakfast is included in the accommodation costs and will be served at the hotel. Furthermore, the organizers will provide a dinner on Wednesday, a lunch and a dinner on Thursday, as well as a lunch on Friday. At the conference venue coffee and snacks will be served in the breaks.

Transportation during the conference

Transportation will be arranged by the organisers on the welcome evening (from Jelgava to "Rožmalas" and back), on Thursday evening (from Jelgava to Vecauce Castle) and on Friday during the technical visit. On Friday, a bus will pick up the participants in front of the hotels. After the technical visit and lunch, the bus will bring participants back to Riga.

More specific information you can find in the Programme of the BEN Final Conference.

Travel to and from Jelgava

By public transport:

From Riga Airport to the Centre:

You can take taxi to Central Train Station or Riga International Bus Station. Or you can take bus Nr. 22 (direction "Lidosta – Abrenes iela") and drive till "Stockmann centre" station that is near the Riga International Bus Station. Bus goes to Riga centre about twice/ thrice an hour (travel time depends on traffic hold-up, normally it takes 30 minutes).

From Riga Central Train Station to Jelgava:

From Riga Central Train Station there are direct connections to Jelgava about once/ thrice an hour (depends on daylight time). Travel time is ca. 50 minutes. The price of a ticket is 0.74 Ls, if one buys it in a ticket office inside the Station. The price is higher 1.04 Ls, if bought from a ticket-collector in train.

For more information: <http://www.1188.lv/satiksme/vilcieni/> (page available in Latvian, English and Russian)

From Riga International Bus Station to Jelgava:

From Riga International Bus Station there are direct connections to Jelgava every 10-15 minutes (travel time is ca. 45 – 55 minutes). The price of a ticket is 1.10 Ls for a ride in a mini bus and 0.95 Ls for a ride in a bus. It is recommended to buy tickets in the ticket office inside

the Station. Last stop is Jelgava Bus Station.

For more information: www.autoosta.lv (page available in Latvian, Russian and English)

From Jelgava Bus Station to Riga:

From Jelgava Bus Station there are direct connections to Riga every 10-15 minutes (travel time is ca. 45 – 55 minutes). The price of a ticket is 1.10 Ls for a ride in a mini bus 0.95 Ls for a ride in a bus. It is recommended to buy tickets in the ticket office inside the Station. Last stop is Riga International Bus Station.

For more information: www.jap.lv (page available only in Latvian)

From Jelgava Train Station to Riga:

From Jelgava Train Station there are direct connections to Riga about once/ thrice an hour (depends on daylight time). Travel time is ca. 50 minutes). The price of a ticket is 0.74 Ls, if one buys it in a ticket office inside the Station. The price is higher 1.04 Ls, if bought from a ticket-collector in train.

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NB! Hosts will provide one bus run to Riga on Friday after technical visit and lunch.

N.B.! Exchange rate: 1 Euro = approx. 0, 7 Ls

Hotel „Jelgava”

Jelgavas' Palace

Hotel „Zemgale”



Buss Station

Train Station