
**GLOBAL CRYOSPHERE WATCH (GCW)
CryoNet Team, Best Practices Team
Fifth Session**

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

Venue: University of Graz (Karl-Franzens-University), Department of Geography and Regional Science, Heinrichstraße 36, 8010 Graz.
<https://goo.gl/maps/aUnJhqojHwj>

Time: From 20 September 2016 (09:00 h) to 22 September 2016 (18:00 h)

Meeting language

English will be the language used at the meeting and for all documents.

Lunch, coffee and beverages

Coffee and beverages will be taken care of by the Institute. There is also a café inside the building and several options for lunch and dinner nearby (5 - 10 min walk).

2. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Languages, Currency, Credit Cards

The official language spoken in Austria is German. English is spoken at hotels, many restaurants and shops.

The currency is the Euro (EUR). Generally, hotels, restaurants and shops accept internationally valid credit cards. Some restaurants accept cash only, so please check when entering the restaurant. ATM's are available throughout the city of Graz, currency exchange is possible at banks or at airports.

Time Zone

Austria follows Central European Time, which is Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) +2 during the period of the meeting.

Electricity

The electricity voltage is 220V 50 Hz. Plugs/outlets are 2-prong as used in most other European countries.

Shopping

Shops are usually open on Monday - Friday between 09:00 – 18:00, Saturday 09:00 – 12:00 h. Supermarkets have longer opening-hours on Monday - Friday ~07:30 – 19:30, Saturday ~07:30 – 18:00 h.

3. TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

The city of Graz is easily reachable via plane (Graz Airport or Vienna Airport), railroad (oebb.at) bus or car. The travelling time between Vienna Airport and Graz is ~3h by train or ~2.40h by bus.

You can find useful information here: <https://www.graztourismus.at/en/travel-and-transport/getting-here>

Train from Vienna International Airport

Take the train from Vienna Airport to "Wien Hbf" (central station) and then to Graz, a direct ticket to Graz is recommended.

Bus from Vienna International Airport

There are also direct bus-connections from the airport of Vienna to Graz, f.e. via flixbus.com (Vienna Airport to Graz Girardigasse) which can be booked in advance.

Connection from Airport Graz to Graz City

Public bus or train bring you from the airport to Graz railway station, see: <http://www.flughafen-graz.at/en/terminal/anreise-parken/bus-bahn.html> (fare is EUR 2.20). There are also taxis available. Fare for one way trip is about EUR 35,-

Public transport within Graz

The university is within a 20min walking-distance from the city center.

The public transport system of Graz (verbundlinie.at/en/) consists of busses and tram´s. A 3-day pass or hourly tickets are recommended and can be bought either from the driver or preferably at ticket machines. With the network tickets you can also use the funicular up to the Schlossberg, a separate fare is needed to the Schlossberg lift.

To reach the University from the train station, take the bus 58 to direction "Mariagrün" until "Mozartgasse" or the bus 63, direction "Schulzentrum St.Peter" until "Universität" or "Uni Mensa". From the city center take 31/31E from Jakominiplatz to direction "Uni Resowi" until "Uni Resowi".

Bike rental

Graz is a rather small city and very bike-friendly! You can rent bikes at several locations, f.e. grazbike.at/en/, free offline-bike-maps for navigation via smartphone are easily available, f.e. via www.bikecitizens.net/app/.

Useful Information

Information about Graz may be found on the official website: www.graz.at/en

Hotels

Hotels can be found here: www.graztourismus.at/en. Please find below some hotels near the city center:

Hotel Weitzer
www.hotelweitzer.com/en/
 Grieskai 16
 > € 78,-

Hotel Mariahilf
www.hotelmariahilf.at
 Mariahilferstraße 9
 > € 52,-

Hotel Wiesler
<http://www.hotelwiesler.com/en/service.html/>
 Grieskai 4-8
 > € 89,-

Pension "Zur Steirerstub´n"
www.pension-graz.at
 Lendplatz 8
 > € 59,-

Hotel Feichtinger
<http://www.hotel-feichtinger.at>
 Lendplatz 1a
 > € 81,-

Hotel Daniel Graz
<http://www.hoteldaniel.com/de/graz/>
 Europaplatz 1
 >€ 64,-

The hotels „Weitzer“, „Wiesler“ and „Daniel Graz“ have special agreement with University of Graz. You will get some discount if you mention your activity with University of Graz. Hotel Weitzer is a good choice. You will find a lot of other hotels www.graztourismus.at/en or using other booking platforms of the web.

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