



***48<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON  
METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS)***

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND  
GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

***13-18 MAY 2024***



# **VENUE OF THE SESSION**

## **Venue: Radisson Blu Beke Hotel**

H-1067 Teréz körút 43. (Teréz boulevard 43.), Budapest, Hungary

Conference room: Julia + Shakespeare

Delegates are advised to bring computers and, if they prefer to use, hard copies of the working documents, as due to protection of the environment, documents will not be printed at the venue.

# **TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> CCMAS meeting will be conducted in English, French and Spanish.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages during the session and also during the session of the physical working group. The physical working group on endorsement of methods of analysis will take place on 13 May (Monday) after a short opening and adoption of the agenda, while the ceremonial opening session will start at 10.00 on 14 May (Tuesday).

# **HOST INSTITUTION – HUNGARIAN SECRETARIAT**

## **National Food Chain Safety Office**

Address: H-1024 Budapest, Keleti K. u. 24.

E-mail: [hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu](mailto:hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu)

Web: <http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/>

Codex related information may be accessed at:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>

<http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/ccmas>

<http://elelmiszerlanc.kormany.hu/codex>

# REGISTRATION

## Advance registration

The participants of the meeting should provide the information (names, official titles and addresses) through the online registration system by accessing the following link:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/registration/en>

Login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Members and Observers. If the login and password have not been received, please contact [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org).

In case of technical difficulty, the registration may also be sent to the Hungarian Codex Contact Point directly ([hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu](mailto:hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu)).

## Registration on site

Registration facilities will be located at the conference room and will be opened on Monday, May 13 at 8:00.

Participants will receive their identification badges and all necessary organizational information at the time of registration. It will be required to carry your identification badge visible during the whole meeting.



# VISA REQUIREMENTS

Hungary is part of the group of Schengen Countries. Valid visa to any of those countries is automatically accepted in Hungary as well.

Participants who travel first time to Hungary and must have entry visa are advised to contact the Hungarian Embassy in their home country and enquire about the conditions and time required for obtaining visa, or download relevant information from:

<https://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa>

Those participants who would need endorsement letter from the organizers for the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs should provide the necessary information (name, affiliation, passport number) to the technical Secretariat of the CCMAS ([hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu](mailto:hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu)).

Please, consider that for VISA request only an original, signed and stamped endorsement letter can be accepted, therefore it can last for some days to e-mail the letters.

**VISA process is suggested to start at least 6 weeks before the target date of entry to Hungary.**



## **ACCOMODATION**

### **The organizers do not provide accommodation for participants.**

Participants should make their own arrangements; special conference rate is available at the venue of the session:

#### **Radisson Blu Béke Hotel**

Address: H-1067 Teréz körút 43. (Teréz boulevard 43.), Budapest, Hungary

Phone: +36-1-889-3900

E-mail: [Sales.Budapest@RadissonBlu.com](mailto:Sales.Budapest@RadissonBlu.com)

Website: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-budapest>

Online registration for accommodation is available by using 'CCMAS' promotional booking code (in the Special rates field):

#### **[HOTEL LINK](#)**

Special conference rate is available **until 28 April 2024.**

<b>Room</b>	<b>Price for 1 person</b>	<b>Price for 2 persons</b>
Superior room	150 €/night	168 €/night

Prices include buffet breakfast, free WiFi, taxes (VAT and city tax), the use of the fitness gym and the hotel sauna.

Please note the special rate is available only until 28 April 2024. Any reservations requested after this date will be based on availability.

We encourage all delegates to secure a reservation as early as possible.

## **MEALS AND INSURANCE**

Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be provided during the lunch break on the days of meeting.

A reception for registered participants and accompanying persons will be held at the Restaurant of the Hotel on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.

The organizers are not responsible for accidents, losses and/or damages that may occur. Delegates are advised to obtain their own travel, medical, personal, accident and luggage insurance prior to departure.

# TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY

## Airport: Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest

The Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport (Terminal 2A and 2B) is located approximately 16 kilometers southeast of the city centre. All terminals are accessible by public transport, private car, shuttle bus as well as by taxi. For further information visit: [www.bud.hu/en](http://www.bud.hu/en)

### 1) Shuttle bus

The company miniBUD is the official airport shuttle service provider for Budapest Airport. They provide comfortable, fast and favorable transfer solutions for passengers wishing to travel from the airport to the districts of Budapest, and from the city to the airport. For further information please visit: <https://www.minibud.hu/en>

### 2) Taxi

Főtaxi, the taxi company transports passengers between the terminals and Budapest. International bank cards, credit cards are accepted for payment.

Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits at Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi rank in front of the stands, taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers.

From 6 March 2023 a modified Taxi Decree was introduced in Hungary regulating the price of the taxis at a fixed tariff of 440 HUF/Km (1.2 EUR/Km) in addition to the one-off basic fee of 1100 HUF (2.95 EUR) and waiting fee. A ride to the city center should typically cost around 11000 HUF (29.45 EUR) depending on traffic conditions.

### 3) Public transport

The Airport is relatively well accessible by public transportation. Passengers are taken by a direct bus service (number 200E) from Terminal 2, to 'Kőbánya-Kispest' metro terminal. As of July 2017, a direct bus line connecting the airport with the city center was introduced: the front-door 100E takes passengers to 'Deák tér' (connection to Metro Lines 1, 2 and 3).

To access the venue, from 'Kőbánya-Kispest' metro terminal take Metro Line 3 till 'Nyugati pályaudvar'. Get off and walk ahead on 'Teréz körút'. The Hotel will be at the 3<sup>rd</sup> corner on the left. The walk takes 5 minutes.

For further information regarding public transport in Budapest please visit: <https://bkk.hu/en/>

# METRO MAP



## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Climate**

The average temperature in the middle of May is 14-18°C during the day. May is one of the wettest months of the year.

### **Currency**

The Forint is the only currency accepted in Hungary. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores. ATM machines are available at the airport as well as near the venue hotel. Currency exchange is available at the airport and in the city.

### **Electrical Current**

Electricity in Hungary is 230 Volts and 50 Hertz. Plugs of type C/F are required.

### **Language**

The official language in Hungary is Hungarian. English is widely spoken.

### **Time zone**

Budapest is in the Central European Time zone (CET), which is GMT/UTC +01:00 hour.

### **Important phone numbers**

Country code for Hungary: +36

European Emergency number: 112





# **BUDAPEST ATTRACTIONS**

## **Castle District**

The spectacular Castle Hill, located high up on the Buda side of the city, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monumental Buda Castle (which houses the Hungarian National Gallery as well as the magnificent Széchenyi Library), the impressive Fisherman's Bastion and the beautiful Matthias Church is just a few of the emblematic buildings that can be found there.

The Castle Hill offers beautiful views over the Danube, the bridges and Pest – and it could be reached by the historical funicular.

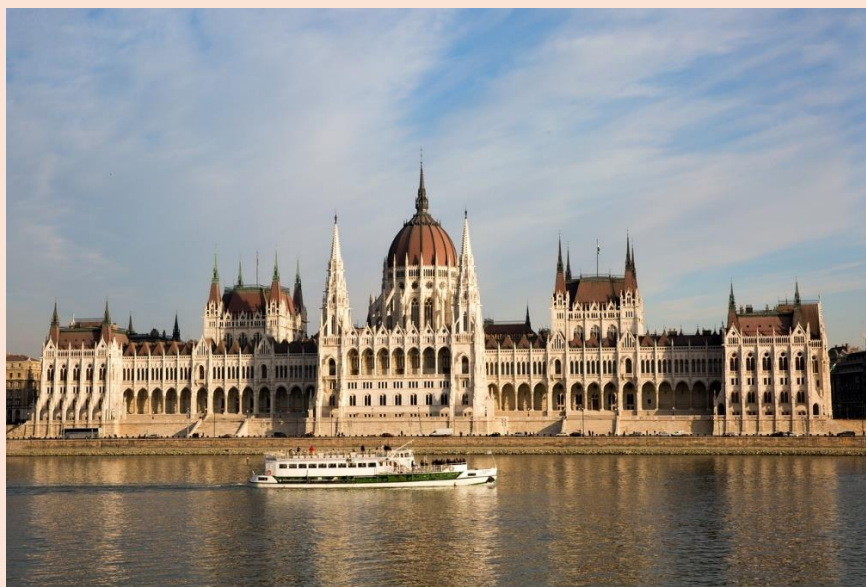


## **Parliament**

The beautiful, neo-gothic Hungarian Parliament Building is located on the bank of Danube.

It's the world third largest parliament building.

It houses the Holy Crown, as well as other royal jewels. 45-minute, English-language guided tours of Parliament are available.



## St Stephen's Basilica

The largest church in Budapest, the Basilica holds one of Hungary's most sacred treasures, the mummified right hand of St Stephen, founder of the nation in the year 1000.

Visitors can climb the 193 steps (or take the lift) to the Basilica's dome for some of the best views of Budapest.



## Heroes' Square and City Park (Városliget)

The Heroes' Square includes the statues of Hungarian rulers, the Millennium Monument and the memorial of The Unknown Soldiers.

Behind the square locates one of the biggest parks of Budapest: the City Park. The popular recreational site has a pretty lake, the famous Széchenyi Thermal Bath, Vajdahunyad Castle and even a hot-air balloon.



You can find more information about Hungary: <https://visithungary.com/articles/practical-info>

Should you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact the Hungarian Codex Contact Point ([hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu](mailto:hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu)).



**SEE YOU SOON IN BUDAPEST!**