



45th session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

9-13 March 2026
Budapest, Hungary

Practical Information and guidelines for participants



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OVERVIEW



The 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) will convene as an ***in-person physical meeting*** taking place from 9–13 March, 2026, in Budapest, Hungary.

A live webcast will also be available with no possibility of active intervention.

The ***Physical Working Group*** (PWG) on endorsement of methods of analysis meeting will be convened on Sunday, 8 March, 2026.

The 45th Session of ***CCMAS*** will begin on Monday, 9 March, 2026, at 09:30 and will conclude after the adoption of the draft report on Friday, 13 March.

The meeting and also the session of the physical working group will be conducted in English, French and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

On-site registration (to collect your badges and other materials) will be available on Sunday, 8 March from 8:00.

AGENDA

8 March, Sunday

9:00-16:00

Physical Working Group
(PWG) on endorsement

9 March, Monday

9:30-10:30

Opening

10:30-12:30

Plenary Session

12:30-14:00

Lunch break (on your own)

14:00-15:30

Plenary session

15:30-16:00

Tea/Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Plenary Session

10 March, Tuesday

9:00-10:30

Plenary session

10:30-11:00

Coffee/Tea break

11:00-12:30

Plenary Session

12:30-14:00

Lunch break (on your own)

14:00-15:30

Plenary Session

15:30-16:00

Tea/Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Plenary Session

11 March, Wednesday

9:00-10:30

Plenary Session

10:30-11:00

Coffee/Tea break

11:00-12:30

Plenary Session

12:30-14:00

Lunch break (on your own)

14:00-15:30

Plenary Session

15:30-16:00

Tea/Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Plenary Session

12 March, Thursday

Report writing

13 March, Friday

10:00-14:00

Report adoption

VENUE



DANUBIUS HOTEL HELIA

H-1133 Kárpát u. 62-64. Budapest, Hungary

Conference room: Helia (Floor C)

The wellness and conference hotel is located in Budapest's dynamic 13th district, on the bank of the Danube. The city centre is just 15 minutes away, while the nearby Margaret Island offers a host of recreational activities – from cycling, tennis and swimming to relaxing walks in beautiful parkland.

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.

REGISTRATION

Advance registration

The participants of the meeting should provide their 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.

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

Registration on site

Registration facilities will be located at the conference room and will be opened from Sunday, March 8 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://konzuliszolgalat.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). 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 3 weeks before the target date of entry to Hungary.



ACCOMMODATION

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:

DANUBIUS HOTEL HELIA

Address: H 1133 Kárpát utca 62-64.
Budapest, Hungary
Phone: +36 1 889 5823 E-mail:
helia.reservation@danubiushotels.com

Website:

<http://www.danubiushotels.com/helia>



Online registration for accommodation is available:

HOTEL LINK

Accommodation	Amount
Premium Room with <i>City view</i>	single: EUR 177/night double: EUR 194/night
Premium Room with <i>Danube view</i>	single: EUR 194/night double: EUR 211/night

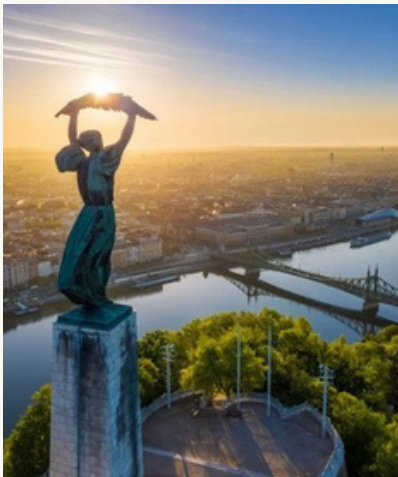
Prices include buffet breakfast, free WiFi, taxes (VAT and city tax), the use of the fitness gym and the hotel sauna and swimming pool.

Please note the special rate is available only **until 24th February 2026**. Any reservations requested after that will be based on availability.

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



MEALS AND INSURANCE



Coffee and tea will be provided during the morning and afternoon breaks on the days of meeting.

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

Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport (Terminals 2A and 2B) is located approximately 16 kilometers southeast of the city center. The terminals are accessible via public transport, private car, shuttle bus, and taxi. For more information, visit: <https://www.bud.hu/en>

1) Shuttle bus

miniBUD is the official airport shuttle service for Budapest Airport, offering comfortable and efficient transfers between the airport and Budapest districts. For more information, please visit: <https://www.minibud.hu/en>

2) Taxi

Főtaxi provides transportation between the airport and Budapest, accepting international credit and bank cards.

Reservations can be made at Főtaxi booths at Terminals 2A and 2B. Taxis are available at the designated rank.

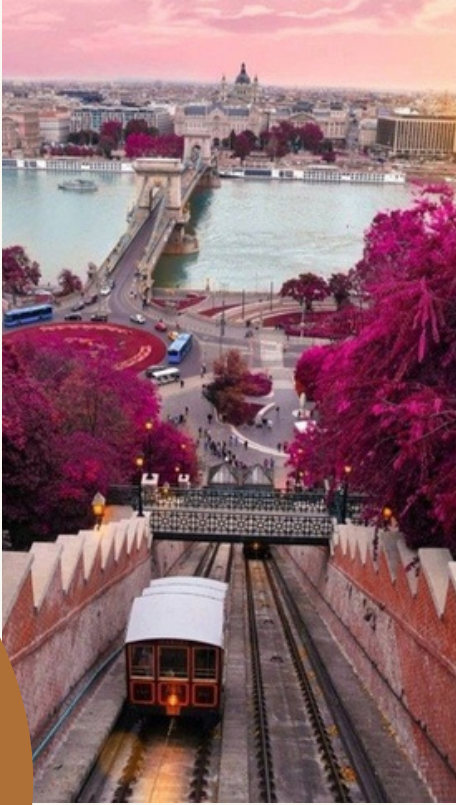
Fares: 440 HUF/km (1.15 EUR/km) plus a base fee of 1,100 HUF (2.85 EUR) and waiting charges. A trip to the city center costs approximately 10,800 HUF (28 EUR), depending on traffic.

3) Public transport

The airport is easily accessible by public transport. Bus 200E connects Terminal 2 to the 'Kőbánya-Kispest' metro terminal (Metro Line 3). Bus 100E provides a direct link to 'Deák tér' (Metro Lines 1, 2, and 3).

To reach the venue, take Metro Line 3 from 'Kőbánya-Kispest' to 'Dózsa György út'. Exit and walk along 'Dráva utca'; the hotel is at the fourth corner on the left.

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



OTHER INFORMATION

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Climate

The average temperature in the middle of March is 10-15°C during the day. The weather is changeable, rain can be expected as well.

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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.

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Electrical Current

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

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Language

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

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Time zone

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

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Important phone numbers

Country code for Hungary: +36
European Emergency number: 112



BUDAPEST ATTRACTIONS

Castle Hill

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.



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



Parliament

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

Heroes' Square and City Park (Városliget)

The Heroes' Square includes the statues of Hungarian rulers, the Millenium 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.



Budapest Inner City

The most significant sights:

St. Stephens Basilica - the neoclassical cathedral is the most sacred Catholic church in all of Hungary and contains its most revered relic: the mummified right hand of the church's patron, King St Stephen.

Great Central Market Hall - one of the largest indoor markets in Budapest and boasts beautiful neo-Gothic architecture. Here, you'll find lots of fresh produce, fish, meat, spices, cured meats, and dairy products. And on the upper floors, you can taste authentic Hungarian cuisine (like goulash with dumplings) at the food stalls and eateries.

Danube Promenade - beautiful esplanade in the bank of the Danube River. The area is full of fascinating historic locations and landmarks.

Vigadó Concert Hall - the second largest and the most beautiful Concert hall in Budapest

Széchenyi Chain Bridge - links Buda with Pest and is one of Europe's most iconic bridges

Váci Street - main shopping street full of shops, banks and some travel agencies



FOR ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT

Hungarian Codex Contact Point

hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu

Host Institution - Hungarian Secretariat

National Food Chain Safety Office
Address: H-1024 Budapest, Keleti K. u. 24.
E-mail: 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>

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

Looking forward to seeing you in Budapest!

