

Welcome to Oslo

17-19 March 2026

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

Intersessional Working Group Meetings on Establishment Listing Guidance and Consolidation of Guidance on Equivalence

Dear Colleagues

As chair of the CCFICS Electronic Working Group (EWG) on Establishment Listing Guidance, the Norwegian Food Safety Authority, together with the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, chair of the EWG on Consolidation of Guidance on Equivalence, is pleased to welcome you to Oslo for the back-to-back intersessional working group meetings taking place 17–19 March.

Over the three-day programme, as we gather with Codex colleagues onsite and online, we look forward to productive and constructive discussions that build on the achievements of both EWGs.

Schedule Overview

All times are in Norwegian local time (CET)

Date	Key timings	Activity
Monday 16 March	16.00 – 17.00	Early Arrival Registration (Scandic Vulkan, Hotel Lobby)
Tuesday 17 March	08.30 – 09.00	Registration
	09.00 – 17.30	Day 1
	18.00 – 20.30	Evening Programme at MUNCH, Bjørvika
Wednesday 18 March	08.00 – 08.30	Registration
	08.30 – 17.30	Day 2
Thursday 19 March	08.00 – 08.30	Registration
	08.30 – 17.30	Day 3

Online Participation



- For delegates **participating in the Intersessional Working Group online**, login details will be shared with you ahead of the meeting to allow sufficient time for preparation and testing.
- Should you have any technical issues during the working group sessions, a contact person will be available for support.

Oslo Essentials for Delegates

Oslo, Norway's capital, offers a distinctive blend of modern architecture, fjord scenery, and a vibrant cultural landscape. This note provides practical information to help you prepare for your stay, including guidance on weather, clothing, transportation, dining, and other local considerations.

A warm welcome to Oslo – we look forward to seeing you soon.

Travel Between Oslo Airport and the City Centre

Oslo has an efficient, well-connected public transport network of metros, trams, buses, and local/regional trains. The **Ruter app** is the easiest way to purchase tickets and plan routes. [Go to the travel planner.](#)

Travel Options: Oslo Airport Gardermoen (OSL) - Scandic Vulkan

- Both **Vy Train** and **Flytoget Airport Express** (more expensive) will take you to **Oslo S** and take around 25 minutes and runs frequently.
- **From Oslo S to Scandic Vulkan** (3 options):
 - Bus 54 to **Møllerveien** (from Jernbanetorget, platform D - right outside the train station)
 - Taxi directly to the hotel
 - Walk 15-18 minutes
- **Airport Coach:** to Jernbanetorget (City Centre). From there, take Bus 54 or walk. Taxis are also available right outside the arrivals hall.



About Scandic Vulkan Hotel

The venue for the intersessional working group meetings is *Scandic Vulkan*, a hotel centrally located in the vibrant Vulkan area, right by the Akerselva river and just a short walk from Grünerløkka. Next door is Mathallen, a popular food hall offering a wide variety of food experiences.

Oslo city centre is only a 15-minute walk from the hotel. It takes 10 minutes by bus from the hotel to Oslo central station.

- The working group meetings are held on the third floor.
- On weekdays breakfast is served from 06.30 – 09.30 (first floor).
- The hotel restaurant *Ferro* is open Monday – Saturday from 16.30 - 21.30.
- For assistance, please contact the 24-hour reception at 21 05 71 00.
- Address: Maridalsveien 13A, 0178 Oslo, Norway.



Weather in Oslo in Mid-March

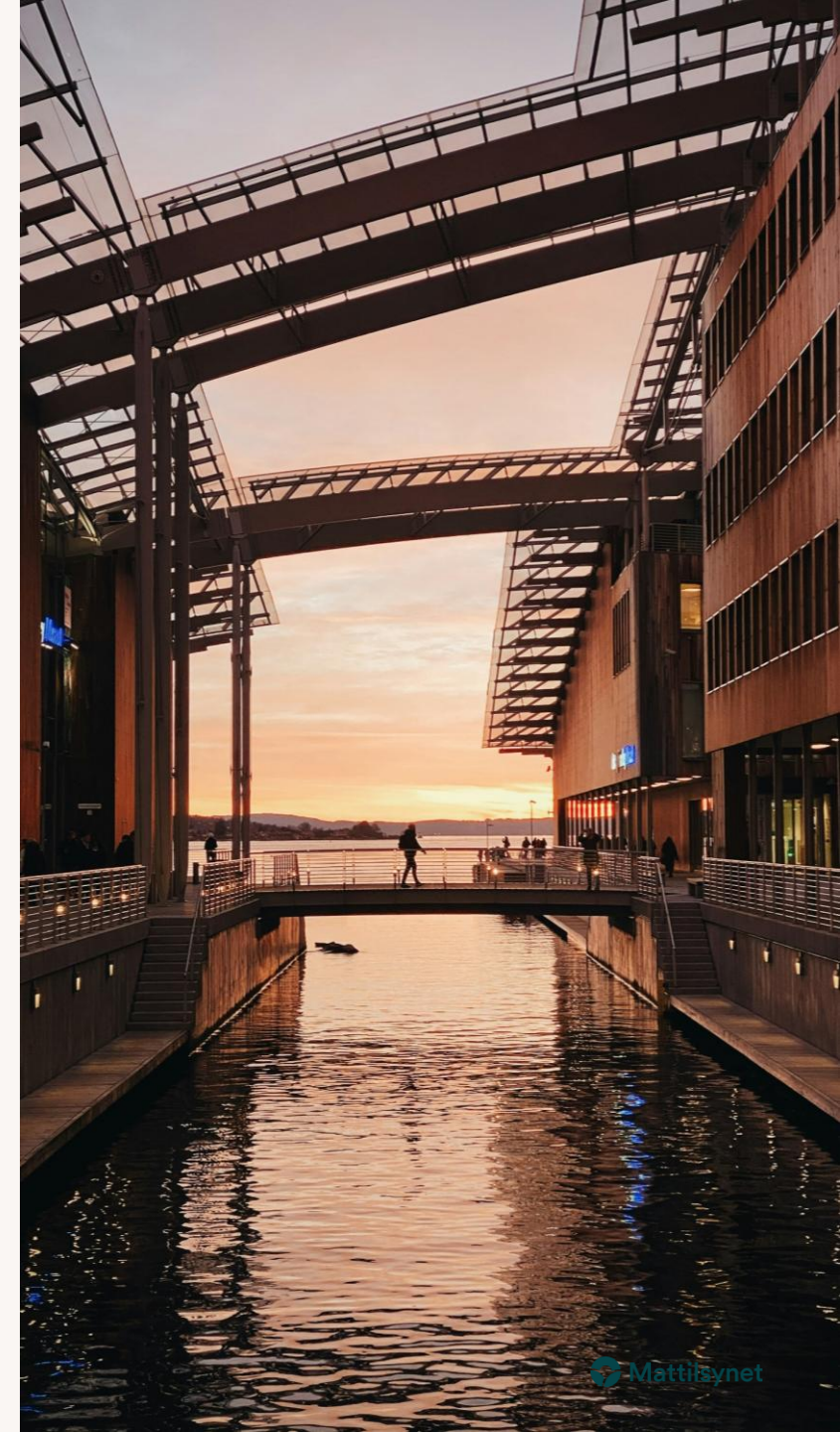
March marks the transition from winter to early spring in Oslo. You can expect daytime temperatures around 5°C and nighttime temperatures dropping to about -4°C, with a mix of dry, crisp days and occasional snow or rain.

Clothing Recommendations

- Dress in layers (thermal base layers, sweaters, insulated jacket).
- Waterproof or sturdy footwear for when walking around Oslo.
- Hat, scarf, gloves are recommended.

For the local weather forecast

Visit: [Yr - Oslo - Long term forecast](#)



Dining in Oslo

Oslo's food scene ranges from lively street-food to contemporary restaurants showcasing seasonal Norwegian ingredients. The city also offers acclaimed fine-dining options for those looking for a more elevated Nordic experience.

Explore more:

- [The taste of Oslo - discover Oslo through food](#)
- [Cafés and restaurants in Oslo: Hidden gems](#)
- [Food & Beverage - Oslobukta](#)



Networking at MUNCH, Bjørvika

On Tuesday evening, 17 March, the Norwegian Food Safety Authority, in collaboration with the [Norwegian Seafood Council](#), invites registered delegates to a networking reception at [MUNCH](#) in Bjørvika.

MUNCH is Oslo's landmark waterfront museum, home to the world's largest collection of Edvard Munch's works, displayed across a striking 13-storey tower overlooking the fjord. Guests will enjoy [Seafood from Norway](#) canapés and a guided tour of the museum.

The reception concludes at 20.30, after which delegates are welcome to explore Bjørvika. The area offers a wide range of restaurants, cafés, and bars for those planning dinner afterwards: [Restaurants, cafés and bars in Bjørvika](#)



Practical Notes



Payment: Card payments (including contactless) are widely accepted.



Language: Norwegians typically speak English well.



Safety: Oslo is a generally safe city; normal precautions apply.



Dining out: Many restaurant kitchens in Oslo close around 21.30.

We look forward to welcoming you

If you need further assistance before or during your visit, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to meeting you and wish you a productive program.

On-site assistance:

Host secretariat + 47 913 44 035

Emergency numbers in Norway:

Medical emergency (113)

Fire (110)

Police (112)

Warm regards,

Your Organising Team