

30th ALADIN Workshop & HIRLAM All Staff Meeting

Ljubljana, 30th March – 3th April 2020

INFORMATION PACK

CONTACT

Local organizer:

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NWP group at the Meteorological Office, Slovenian Environment Agency

VENUE

The event will be held at **Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana**. The HMG-CSSI meeting on Thursday afternoon will be at the hotel and on Friday morning at Slovenian Environment Agency (ARSO).

Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana

Address: Dunajska cesta 154, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Tel.: +386 1 588 2500

Email: reservations.ljubljana@austria-trend.at

Web: <https://www.austria-trend.at/en>

Slovenian Environment Agency

Address: Vojkova 1b, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Web: <https://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/en>

ACCOMMODATION

Block reservations (with a limited number of rooms) have been made at two hotels:

Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana

Address: Dunajska cesta 154, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Please, fill and send them the [registration form \(pdf file\)](#), special price is valid till 16.3.2020.

City hotel Ljubljana

Address: Dalmatinova 15, 1000 Ljubljana

Please, fill and submit the registration form <https://www.cityhotel.si/events/eid/319/>, special price is valid till 28.2.2020.

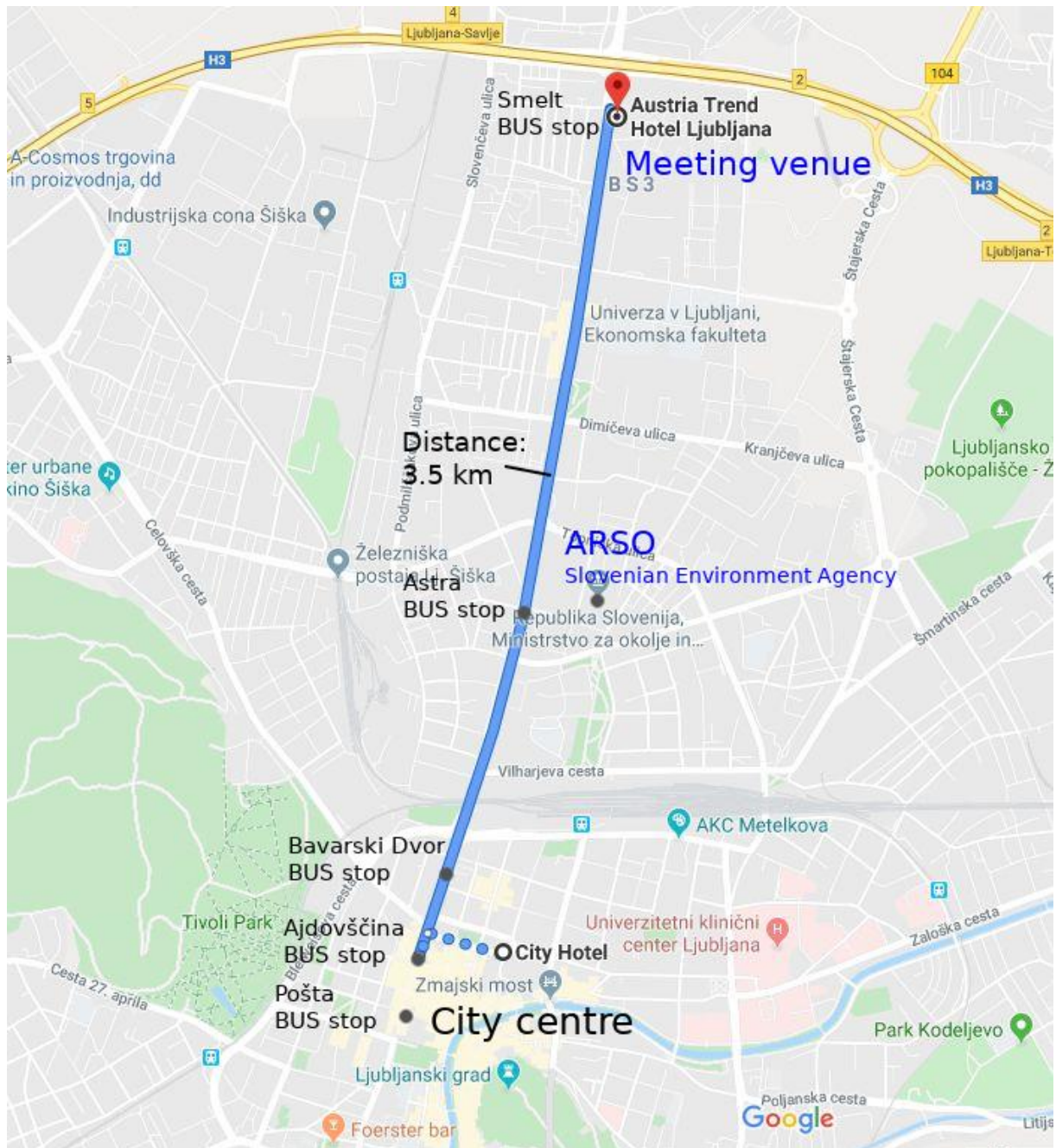
Other suggested hotels in Ljubljana are:

HOTEL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	WEB PAGE
HOTEL EMONEC	Wolfova 12, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 200 15 20	https://www.hotel-emonec.com/
HOTEL GALLERIA LJUBLJANA	Gornji trg 3, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 421 35 60	https://www.hotelgalleria.eu/
GRAND HOTEL UNION	Miklošičeva 1, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 308 12 70	http://www.union-hotels.eu/sl/grand-hotel-union/
GRAND HOTEL UNION BUSINESS	Miklošičeva 3, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 308 11 70	http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/grand-hotel-union-business/about-hotel/
HOTEL LEV	Vošnjakova ulica 1, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 308 70 00	http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/hotel-lev/about-hotel/
CENTRAL HOTEL	Miklošičeva 9, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 308 43 00	http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/central-hotel/about-hotel/
BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL SLON	Slovenska cesta 34, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 470 11 00	http://www.hotelslon.com/en-gb
HOTEL PARK	Tabor 9, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 300 25 00	https://www.hotelpark.si/en/
HOTEL CENTER	Slovenska cesta 51, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 520 06 40	http://www.hotelcenter.si/
HOTEL MRAK	Rimska cesta 4, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 421 96 50	https://hotelmrak.si/
M HOTEL LJUBLJANA	Derčeva ulica 4, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 1 513 70 00	https://www.m-hotel.si/eng
INTERCONTINENTAL LJUBLJANA	Slovenska cesta 59, 1000 Ljubljana	+386 5 912 80 00	https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/reservation/

How to reach the venue

From downtown:

The best way to reach the venue from the city centre is by bus. Go to the closest bus stop on Slovenska cesta (Bavarski dvor, Ajdovščina...) and you can take buses number 6 or 8 (directions: Črnuče; Brnčičeva) towards north. The bus stop (Smelt) is in front of the Austria Trend Hotel. The ride takes approximately 9 minutes. You can also walk along Slovenska and Dunajska cesta, around 3.5 km (50 min).



ARRIVING TO LJUBLJANA BY PLANE

Ljubljana International Airport is located about 25 km north-west of Ljubljana. Sometimes it's worth checking for more affordable flights to neighbouring airports (Trieste, Venice, Zagreb and Klagenfurt) but you have to keep longer transfer times in mind. The best way to reach the city from the airport is by airport shuttle or taxi. A shuttle typically costs €10 / person and a taxi €30-35 (you have to book both in advance with one of the shuttle or taxi providers below, otherwise prices may double). The ride to the city centre takes approximately 25 minutes. Usually you can be dropped at the hotel even when taking the shuttle service.

Taxi

You can order your taxi at the hotel (see hotel link) or directly with one of taxi providers:

Taxi Ljubljana: www.taxi-ljubljana.si +386 1 234 9000, info@taxi-ljubljana.si

Taxi Metro: www.taximetro.si +386 41 240 200, info@taximetro.si

Taxi Laguna: www.taxi-laguna.com +386 1 511 23 14, taxi.laguna@siol.net

Shuttle transfers

Go Opti : www.goopti.com/en/

Nomago : <https://shuttle.nomago.si/en/>

Markun shuttle: www.markun-shuttle.com/en/

First two offer affordable shuttle transfers to and from Ljubljana Airport and to and from major airports and train stations in Slovenia (Ljubljana) and neighbouring countries (Trieste, Venice, Zagreb, Graz, Klagenfurt, Vienna and Munich).

Prices usually increase closer to the day of departure so try to book well in advance. Shuttles collect several passengers in a certain time window. At the time of the booking you can select the length of the time you are ready to wait for other passengers (fix time or up to two hours, prices change accordingly).

ARRIVING BY TRAIN

Ljubljana has many train connections (especially from neighbour countries Austria, Hungary and Croatia, but also Germany and Switzerland). However, taking a bus or a shuttle might be a faster option. If you are arriving from Italy, we recommend taking the train to Trieste and continuing with a direct shuttle (Go Opti, Nomago).

International train timetables can be found at www.bahn.de.

ARRIVING BY BUS

You can check connections and timetables at

www.flixbus.com or www.arriva.si/en or <https://shuttle.nomago.si/en/>.

ARRIVING BY CAR

Ljubljana is located at the intersection of all main Slovenian traffic routes, making it convenient to reach the city by car. A **vignette** (€15/week) is required on Slovenian highways and can be bought at all service stations and dedicated locations at the border. The vignette has to be applied to the inner side of the windshield before entering any of Slovenia's highways. The fines for driving without the sticker are exceptionally high (€300–800)!

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LJUBLJANA

Payment for the use of public transport in Ljubljana can only be made through the use of Urbana public transport card. You cannot pay for a bus ride in cash on a bus!

The Urbana card can be obtained in physical form from green stand-alone machines at the bus stops "Urbanomats", LPP ticket offices, tourist information offices, most of newspaper kiosks and post offices for €2. A single journey fare costs €1.30 and covers a 90-minute one-way travel including interchanging buses.

More information at www.lpp.si/en/public-transport.

BicikeLJ (city bike)

Another fast option to move around Ljubljana is BicikeLJ (city bike – a bike sharing service). Weekly subscription costs €1. Bikes can be used for one hour free of charge, which should suffice for transfer to any of the bike stations in the city. Bike stations are located all over Ljubljana at the distance of 300-500 m. More information at

<http://en.bicikelj.si/How-does-it-work/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Subscriptions#faq0>

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Drinking water: Everywhere in Slovenia, tap water is clean and of very good quality so there is no need to purchase bottled water. You can find several public drinking fountains all over the city.

Currency: The currency in Slovenia is Euro (€). ATMs are widely available in the city. Currency exchange bureau is available at the airport.

Ljubljana Tourist Information Centres:

Trg OF 6, 1000 Ljubljana (at the central train station),

Adamič-Lundrovo nabrežje 2, 1000 Ljubljana (next to Prešeren Square, and the Triple Bridge)

Free WiFi: The WiFree Ljubljana wireless network allows visitors to Ljubljana city centre to use free wireless internet for up to 60 minutes a day. More info at www.wifreeljubljana.si

Free WiFi is also available in many cafés and restaurants.

Weather in Ljubljana: The April weather can be very changeable in Slovenia. The current weather forecast from ARSO can be accessed here: <http://vreme.si> or www.meteo.si

Additional info mostly in Slovene:

<https://twitter.com/meteosi>

<https://www.facebook.com/ArsoVreme/>

Some climate data for Slovenia is available here:

<http://www.worldweather.org/en/city.html?cityId=54>

or

http://www.meteo.si/uploads/probase/www/climate/table/sl/by_location/ljubljana/climate-normals_81-10_Ljubljana.pdf

Tipping: Tipping is not compulsory, but like everywhere in the world, appreciated. If you want to tip anyway, nothing will stop you from doing so.

Electricity: In Slovenia the power sockets are of type C (known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F) and F (this socket also works with plug C and plug E.).

Health and Safety:

Emergency Assistance/Fire brigade: 112

Police: 113

VISIT SLOVENIA

If you wish to extend your stay in Ljubljana or any other place in Slovenia look here for some of the options (Bled, Lake Bohinj, Postojna cave, Predjama castle, Skocjan caves, Lipica, Piran), see below:

Roundabout: www.travel-slovenia.com/day-tours/

Slovenia explorer: www.slovenia-explorer.com/

Ljubljana Tourism: www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/

You can order them in advance or at the reception of most hotels.