

Practical information

DLM Forum Member's Meeting, Riga, 16-17th June 2015

Travel and getting around

By air

Riga International Airport (RIX) is located just 10 km from the city centre and is easily accessible by public transport or taxi. It offers routes to 83 destinations, including most European capitals and transfer hubs.

Riga International Airport

RIGA Airport 10/1

Mārupes novads

Riga, LV-1053, Latvia

www.riga-airport.com/en

Airport inquiries service: +371 29311817

From the airport to the city

Getting to the city centre from the airport takes ~25-30 minutes by public transport or taxi.

Taxi services are available at Riga airport 24 hours a day and are located outside the arrivals area. The average fare from the airport to the city centre (Old Town) is € 15-20. The fare depends on both distance and time. Green *AirBaltic* and red *Riga Cab* taxi services are available and recommended.

Airport Express hotel shuttle operated by *AirBaltic* (green minibuses). This runs every 30 minutes and picks up passengers near the exit of the Schengen arrivals hall (Arrival E). It costs € 4.99 (cash only) for a one-way journey and takes passengers to the following hotel: *Islande Hotel*.

Public transport bus No 22 connects the airport with the city centre. The bus stop is located behind car park P1 opposite Arrival E. The service operates up to every 15 minutes from Mondays to Fridays and up to every 20 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. It can take up to 30 minutes to reach the centre. For fares, see the *Transportation around Riga* section.

More information and the schedule for bus No 22 can be found here:

<http://saraksti.rigassatiksmel.lv/index.html#bus/22/b-a/en>



Bus and taxi stops at the airport

Transportation around Riga

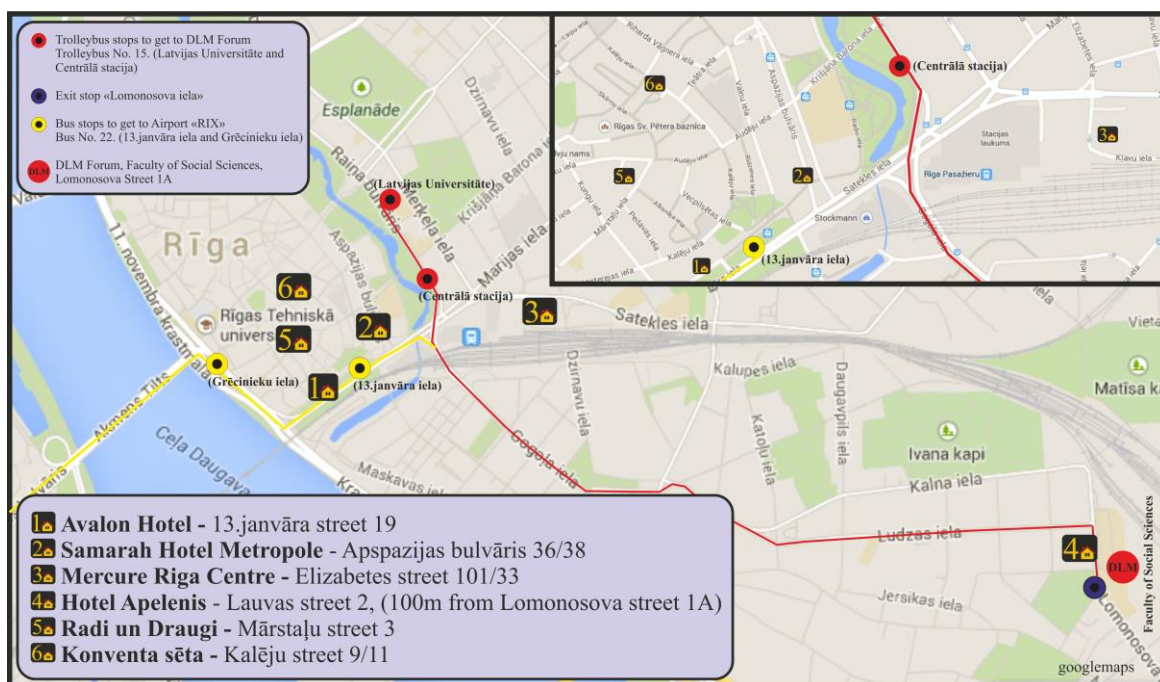
Riga has a frequent and extensive public transport network of buses, trams and trolleybuses which run around the Old Town and across the bridge, with a stop close to the conference venue.

Single journey tickets can be bought from the driver and cost € 2.00 (cash only).

It is also possible to buy a transport card (*e-talons*) for one or more journeys, with each journey costing € 1.15, or a ticket for 24 hours (€ 5.00), 3 days (€ 10.00) and 5 days (€ 15.00). You have to validate the ticket each time you board a vehicle. The tickets can be bought at *Narvesen* kiosks (mini-shops) or from vending machines at a number of public transport stops, including at the airport.

For more information about public transport in Riga, please visit:

www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/



Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for all costs incurred during their stay. We suggest choosing one of the following hotels:

Name	Adress	Homepage
Avalon hotel	13.janvāra iela 19	http://www.hotelavalon.eu
Samarah hotel Metropole	Aspazijas bulvāris 36/38	https://www.semarahhotels.com
Mercure Riga Centre	Elizabetes iela 101 33	http://www.mercureriga.lv
Hotel Apalenis	Lauvas iela 2, (100 m no Lomonosova ielas 1)	http://hotelpalenis.lv
Radi un Draugi	Mārstaļu iela 3	http://www.hotelradiundraugi.lv
Konventa sēta	Kalēju iela 9/11, Rīa	http://www.hotelkolonna.com

About Riga

Riga is the capital of Latvia, officially founded in 1201, the city presents a mix of cultures and architectural styles developed throughout different historical periods. The Daugava, also referred to as the River of Destiny by Latvians, flows through Riga into the Gulf of Riga about 10 kilometres from the city centre. Because of its location and harbour, which rarely freezes, Riga has developed into a significant transportation hub. Riga has always been a dynamic and innovative centre, and remains to this day a vibrant and lively city with a host of creative quarters to explore. It is therefore with good reason that Riga has been called the ‘city of inspiration’. Enjoy a leisurely walk around the Old Town – the historic centre of Riga, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and its surroundings.

Useful information about Riga can be found on www.liveriga.com/en

About Latvia

Weather: Latvia’s geographical location makes it possible to enjoy the differences of four pronounced seasons. The presence of the Baltic Sea means that the climate is temperate and humid. Winter lasts from mid-December until mid-March, with an average temperature of around -6°C . January and February are usually the coldest months of the year when the temperature may drop to -25°C for days. Spring, with average temperatures of above 0°C , comes at the end of March. April is sunny but can be unpredictable and full of surprises (including the possibility both of late snow and temperatures of $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$). May is usually sunny and warm, as is June. For the latest forecast, please visit: www.meteo.lv/en/laiks/

Language: Latvian is the official language of Latvia. English is widely spoken.

Local time: Latvia Time is GMT+2 (from late March until late October Latvia participates in the Western European summer time scheme: GMT+3)

Currency: Latvia's currency is the euro (€). Other currencies can be exchanged for euros at most banks and exchange offices located in the city centre and at the airport.

ATMs and credit cards: there are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the city and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Power supply: The power supply in Latvia is 220V AC at 50 Hz. An adaptor for the (European standard) round two-pin sockets may be required.



Useful numbers

- Dial code for Latvia: +371
- Emergency: call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for the police, fire and ambulance services

Alternatively, call:

- Police: 110 or 112
- Medical service: 113
- Fire service: 112
- Gas emergency: 114