



Dubrovnik Conference: International Conference on Digital Platform Governance

Building a Global Forum of Networks

18 – 19 June 2024

Practical Note

Welcome to Dubrovnik!

We are delighted that you will be joining the [International Conference on Digital Platform Governance in Dubrovnik: 'Building a Global Forum of Networks'](#), during which we will commemorate [International Day for Countering Hate Speech](#). The conference is organized by the Croatian Agency for Electronic Media (AEM) and is supported by UNESCO.

This year, international regulators and various stakeholders will come together in Dubrovnik, Croatia to foster the development of global networks and inclusive forums and to discuss and share best practices in the governance of digital platforms through a human rights-based approach.

We hope you will have a productive work session and enjoy your stay in Dubrovnik. Please find below practical information you may need during your stay in Croatia.

*****Some of the information provided here may be subject to change during the conference.**

DATES OF THE EVENT

Main conference: June 18 to 19

Side events: June 17

Programme available [here](#).

EVENT LOCATION

The conference will be held at the **Hotel Valamar Lacroma** in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Please find the location on Google Maps: [Ul. Iva Dulčića 34, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia](#)

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Registration to participate in the Conference can be made via this link: [Registration](#).

For guests attending the conference in person, please pick up your name badge at the reception desk. For guests attending the conference online, a link will be sent a few hours before the start of the Conference.

To find more information on the Dubrovnik Conference, please visit:

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/digital-platform-governance-building-global-forum-networks>

GETTING TO AND AROUND DUBROVNIK

As of 1 January 2023, the Republic of Croatia became a Schengen Area Member State. Therefore, EU citizens can enter Croatia with either a passport or an identity card, which will both be valid for the duration of stay and exit from Croatia.

For third-country nationals not from the Schengen Area, the passport used to enter Croatia must be valid for at least another three months after departing Croatia and must have been issued within the previous 10 years.

ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT

The city is served by [Dubrovnik airport](#), located 20km South of the city near Čilipi.

Facilities at the airport include:

- **Money and communications:** There is an Exchange office and ATM service
- **Eating and drinking:** There are coffee shops selling hot and cold drinks, snacks and light meals in the terminal building
- **Shuttle:** There is an airport shuttle bus that goes from the airport to the city center in Dubrovnik and to the main bus station in Gruž
- – tel: +385 (0) 99 275 1145, :+385 (0) 99 340 7160 or +385 (0) 99 355 8626; timetable at <https://platanus.hr/shuttle-bus/>; Price: One way: 10,00 EUR, Return: 15,00 EUR

- **Public transportation (bus):** Libertas Dubrovnik bus lines 11, 27 and 38 – more information, timetable and online tickets at <https://www.airport-dubrovnik.hr/en/by-bus-s22>;
- **Taxi:** The taxi stop is in front of the passenger terminal of Building B (Domestic and International Arrivals); Services are available daily during airport openings; Notifications and prices are publicly available at the taxi terminal in Building B (Domestic and International Arrivals) or by phone at +385 (20) 640100; After the ride, at the request of the customer, the driver is required to issue an invoice
 - A taxi from Dubrovnik Airport to the city center or Old Town costs around 40 Euro. The Journey time is about 20 minutes, depending on traffic.
- **Rent-a-car:** more information at: <https://www.airport-dubrovnik.hr/en/rent-a-car-s24>;

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dubrovnik Tourist Board: <https://tzdubrovnik.hr/lang/en/index.html>

The conference will be held at the [Valamar Lacroma hotel](#).

Emergency Numbers: Croatia has developed a single emergency system available 24/7 by calling 112. The phone number 112 is the European emergency line, used in all EU Member States and in most third countries. You can dial it directly from any telephone device, regardless of your telecommunications network.

Health: There is a list of medical services on the Dubrovnik Tourist Board website - https://tzdubrovnik.hr/lang/en/get/savijeti_za_turiste/69704/medical_services.html

Weather: Dubrovnik has a warm and mild Mediterranean climate. Throughout the summer months the temperature reaches a maximum of around 36 degrees Celsius and never falls below 20 degrees.

Time Zone: CEST – Central European Summer Time

Currency: As a member of the European Union, Croatia is part of the economic and monetary union which introduced the euro as the common currency on 1 January 2023. The euro is the only official means of payment in Croatia and replaced the previously used kuna.

Security: Statistically speaking, Croatia meets all the criteria for being an extremely safe destination for an exciting vacation away. In 2023, it was ranked 14th on the list of the safest countries in the world by the Global Peace Index, which evaluated 163 countries in total.

Tobacco regulators: Smoking in Croatia is legally permitted, with certain restrictions. Smoking is banned in all enclosed public spaces, except psychiatric wards and designated smoking rooms. All direct or indirect [advertisement](#) of [tobacco](#) or smoking is banned as well. All tobacco product packaging must, by law, display health warnings.

Public transportation: All parts of the city of Dubrovnik are well connected by frequent, regular bus lines. Bus tickets can be purchased from newspaper vendors or on the bus. It is

recommended to have exact change when buying a ticket from the bus driver. For more information, visit www.libertasdubrovnik.hr.

Local bus lines are the following numbers: 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 17.

A short introduction to Dubrovnik:

[Dubrovnik](#) is a well-known town in [Dalmatia](#), located almost at the very end of Croatian territories. The town stretches about 6 kilometers – starting from the Rijeka Dubrovacka and Ombla rivers in the west to the peninsula of [Sveti Jakov](#) in the east.

The wider area of the town includes the [Lapad peninsula](#), where most of Dubrovnik's hotels and [beaches](#) are located. [Gruž](#) is the western part of town where Dubrovnik's main harbour, ferry terminals and bus station are located. Other areas include [Pile, Ploče, Boninovo](#), and Kono (see all suburbs on the map).

The oldest part of Dubrovnik, [Old Town](#), is located east of Lapad at the bottom of Srd hill. It has a well-preserved cultural and historical heritage and is therefore included on UNESCO's List of World Heritage Sites. Old Town's street and squares are stone-paved while the architecture consists of elegant, terraced houses, monasteries, churches, palaces, galleries and museums.

Except for its [historical heritage](#), Dubrovnik also offers good holiday opportunities in terms of sea, sun, nightlife, [restaurants and taverns](#) with various specialties of local as well as international cuisine. Dubrovnik has a population of about 44 thousand.

