

ESPON seminar 'Transforming Territorial Thinking Through Digitalisation'

6-7 December 2017 // Tallinn, Estonia

// Practical Information

Venue

The ESPON Seminar will be held at:

Sokos Hotel Viru Tallinn

Viru Väljak 4

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<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>



Registration

You can register on the ESPON Website: <https://www.espon.eu/node/1447/register>

The deadline for registration is open until 22 November 2017.

Accommodation

Please find all the relevant information at the end of this document.

Please make your booking as soon as possible.

The number of rooms available are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Participants are responsible for making their own reservations and covering the related costs.

Arrival and Departure

The Tallinn Lennart Meri International Airport is located just 4 km from the city centre making the airport easily accessible.

More information about Tallinn Lennart Meri International Airport services can be found: <http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/>

Estonia's national airline company is Nordica: <https://www.nordica.ee/en/home/>

Public Transport from and to the airport.

Tram line N°4 runs from airport to the city centre (direction “Tondi”). The airport tram stop is located next to the terminal towards the city (exit terminal at arrivals hall level, direction to the right from terminal). Timetable for the tram N°4 can be found here: <https://transport.tallinn.ee/>

To arrive at the meeting venue, please exit at stop “Viru”. The tram ride takes 20 minutes.

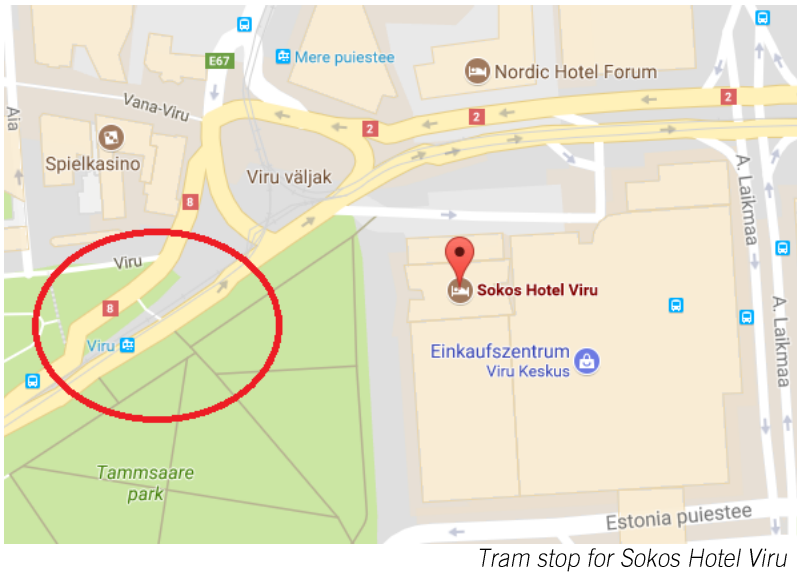
To return to the airport, you can take the same tram in the opposite direction (“Lennujaam”).

A taxi stand can be found just outside arrivals hall. The fare from airport to the city centre is about 7€ to 10€.

If you use a smartphone then you can also download one of several driver-requesting apps. The following apps are widely used in Estonia:

1. Taxofon, which offers only taxis: <https://taxofon.ee/en>
2. Taxify, which offers verified private drivers as well as taxis: <https://taxify.eu/>
3. Uber, which offers only private drivers: <https://www.uber.com/en-EE/>

Please note that if you are eligible to have your travel costs reimbursed by the ESPON Programme, fees related to taxi's and similar services cannot be claimed.



Tram stop for Sokos Hotel Viru

Transport

Organized bus transfers

There will be no bus transfers organised from the hotels to the meeting venue.

More information about Tallinn public transport can be found:

<https://www.visit tallinn.ee/eng/visitor/plan/getting-around/public-transport>

<http://transport.tallinn.ee/>

Catering

Lunch and coffee breaks are offered free of charge.

Welcome reception and guided tour

A welcome reception will be offered free of charge by the Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU on the 5th of December 2017 at 19:00 in Estonian National Opera and Ballet Theatre, White Hall, Estonia Avenue 4, 10143, in Tallinn. The reception venue is within walking distance to the conference venue and hotel.

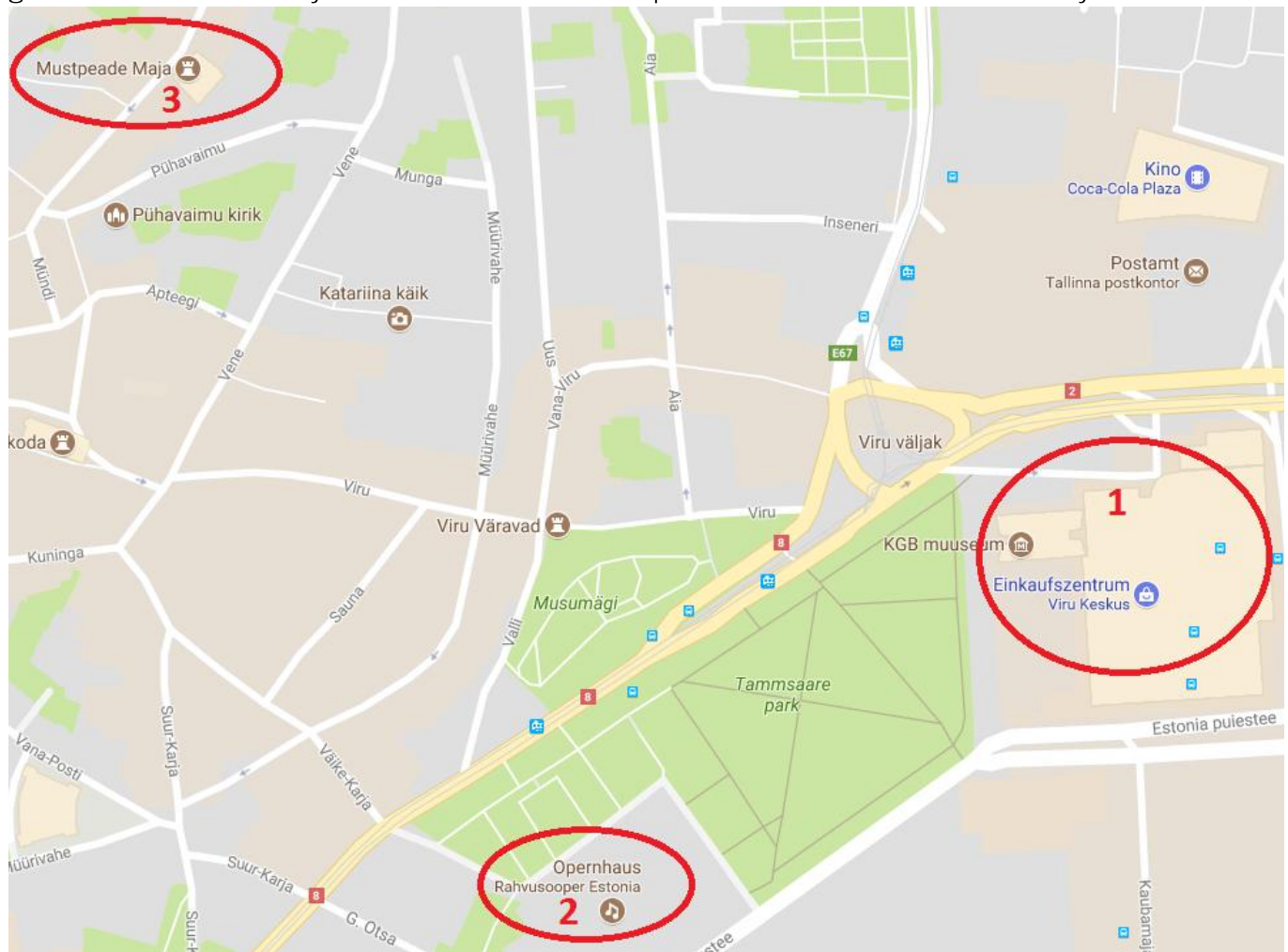
The Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU will offer a guided tour of the Estonian National Opera and Ballet Theatre. Guided tours are organized at 18:30 and 20:30.

Conference dinner

A conference dinner will be offered free of charge by the Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU on the 6th of December 2017 at 20:00 in Mustpeade maja/House of Blackheads, Pikk 26, 10133, in Tallinn. The dinner venue is within walking distance to the conference venue and hotel.

Cultural Visits

Side visits will be offered free of charge by the Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU on the 6th of December 2017 at 17:00. You are requested to make your choice in the registration form. There are 3 visits to choose from: A guided tour of the old city; a guided visit of Tallinn town hall or a guided visit of the history museum. All visits will depart from the conference venue by foot.



1: Conference venue; 2. Welcome reception venue; 3. Conference dinner venue

Internet and technical facilities

High-quality wireless internet will be available throughout the conference venue free of charge, the network will give unlimited access to the internet. The password to the wireless network will be provided at the venue.

General information about Estonia and Tallinn

More information about sights and other attractions in Tallinn and Estonia can be found at:

<https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng>

<https://visitestonia.com/en/>

Other practical information

Medical assistance

Local emergency number: 112

Safety

Reflectors are compulsory for pedestrians during night-time or reduced visibility.

Plug socket

Type F, with voltage of 220-230V and frequency of 50Hz.

Time zone

GMT +2 in winter and GMT +3 in summer.

Currency

The currency in Estonia is the Euro.

Country dialing code:

The country dialing code is 00372 or +372.

Weather

Weather in Estonia is very seasonal. The average summer temperature is fairly mild, varying between 16 and 20 degrees Celcius, but can reach up to 30 degrees Celcius. Summer in Estonia tends to be very light, with 19 hours of daylight known locally as the "white nights". Spring and autumn see frequent light rain. In autumn, the monthly average temperatures range between 3 to 13 degrees Celsius. In winter, the rain mostly turns into snow and the temperature drops below zero. Weather forecast for Estonia is available at <https://weather.ee/>.

Contact Information

- For information please contact: info@espon.eu

We look forward to welcoming you in Tallinn!

ACCOMMODATION STYLES in Sokos Hotels Tallinn

Rates available from 3th – 8th December 2017 during conference *ESPON week 2017*

Please make reservation by **3th November 2017**

To get special prices, please book the room from Sokos Hotels official web page www.sokoshotels.fi using the reservation code **BESPON2020** (enter the code to “Reservation code” field).

Don't forget to enter Tallinn as location / **Original Sokos Hotel Viru** or **Solo Sokos Hotel Estoria** as hotel.

If any problems, please contact Sokos Hotels Tallinn sales centre for help (+3726809300; viru.reservation@sok.fi or estoria.reservation@sok.fi)

Standard Class SGL with special rate **90 €** and twin room **95 €** per room, per night
Superior Class is with special rate **110 €** and twin room **115 €** per room, per night

Original Sokos Hotel Viru – address Viru väljak 4, Tallinn

Viru is a legendary hotel in the city centre with excellent views, and it provides a variety of services, from a restaurant featuring entertainment to beauty salons and a convention centre to a KGB Museum. The widest range of hotel rooms 423 in Tallinn is certain to include something to suit every guest.



Solo Sokos Hotel Estoria - address Viru väljak 4, Tallinn

The unique story hotel Estoria has 93 superior styles with funky and vibrant colours.

Solo Sokos Hotel Estoria is a unique hotel that tells Estonian stories and introduces Estonian design in the heart of Tallinn. The hotel has smaller Reception and nice comfortable breakfast area.

Solo King room with special rate **110 €** and twin room **120 €** per room, per night

Both hotel rates include breakfast in restaurant Merineitsi, free wifi all over the hotel, local tax and entrance to our nightclub Amigo (except special events).



Sokos Hotels Tallinn Sales Department – phone number +372 6809300