

ALTE 63RD MEETING AND CONFERENCE



5-7 NOVEMBER 2025, PÉCS

Practical Information for Delegates



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WELCOME TO PÉCS

Welcome to the beautiful city of Pécs, one of Hungary's most historic and vibrant cultural hubs. Nestled at the foot of the Mecsek Mountains, Pécs offers a unique blend of rich history, stunning architecture, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere that we hope you will enjoy during your stay.

Pécs is renowned for its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Early Christian Necropolis, which reflects the city's Roman heritage. The stunning Pécs Cathedral, the iconic Downtown Candlemas Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (known as the Mosque of Pasha Qasim by locals), and the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter showcase the diverse influences that have shaped Pécs over the centuries.

As you explore the city, take a stroll down Király Street where you'll find charming cafés, local boutiques, and vibrant street art.

In 2010, Pécs shared the title of European Capital of Culture, and its rich artistic heritage is on every corner. Whether you're interested in art, music, or theater, the city offers exciting events throughout the year.



We hope you take some time to explore and enjoy everything this remarkable city has to offer. We are confident that your stay will be filled with memorable experiences.

Once again, welcome to Pécs! We look forward to a successful and enriching conference.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Conference Venue

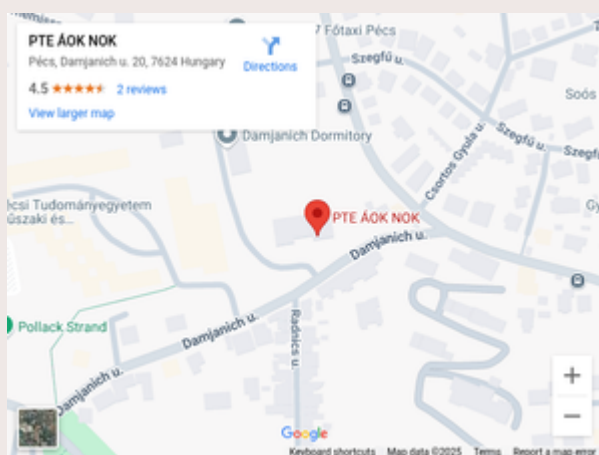
The **63rd ALTE Conference and Meeting** will be held at the ECL headquarters, the **Foreign Language Centre** of the University of Pécs.

The Foreign Language Centre houses the International ECL Language Examination Centre, providing space for language teaching and assessment.

The venue is centrally located and well-equipped to accommodate the diverse activities and networking opportunities that the conference will offer.

Address:

Damjanich utca 30, 7624 Pécs



Participation at the Conference

The Meeting and Conference is scheduled for 5th-7th November 2025. Participation at the conference is possible both on- and offline as parts of the conference will be broadcasted via Zoom. Details will be shared with participants in advance.

Please note that only the plenary sessions on Friday 7th November will be live streamed and video recorded.

Conference Fees

Contributions from ALTE Members, Associate Members and Individual Expert Members are as follows:

- 70€ for onsite participation
- 15€ for online participation.

The conference fee can be paid by bank transfer or by debit/credit card. Please send the payment at the time of registration.

Direct Payment

For a direct payment, please click on the appropriate link below. An invoice will be issued automatically and sent to you by e-mail. Please choose either "natural person" or "company" and give the required information. Please provide the e-mail address that you used for registration.

Onsite participation (70€)

<https://shorturl.at/Vf0tX>

Online participation (15€)

<https://shorturl.at/Dx15q>

Bank Transfer

Payment can also be sent to this bank account:

University of Pécs

IBAN: HU42117633165010288400000000

Swift: OTPVHUHB

Bank's name: OTP Bank Nyrt. Dél-Dunántúli Régió Pécsi Fiók

Bank's address: Rákóczi út 44., 7621 Pécs

Remarks: 304521 + Name

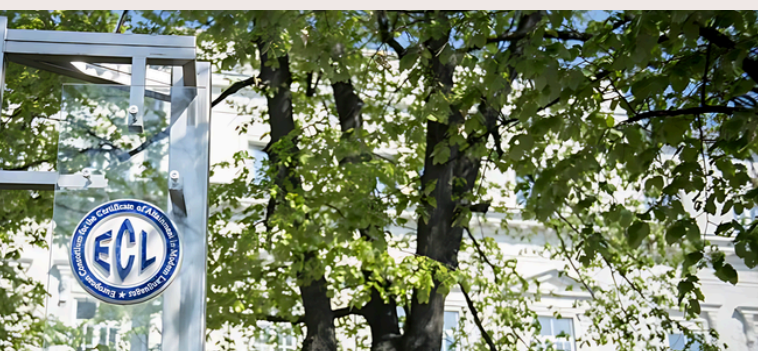
To receive an invoice, please send an email on the day of the transfer to Ms. Kinga Borbás at borbas.kinga@pte.hu with the following information:

For the attendee as a private individual:

- Your name
- Your address

For an institution/company:

- Name of the institution/company
- Address of the institution/company
- EU VAT ID of the institution/company



SOCIAL

Wednesday, 5th November 2025

Excursion and Dinner in Villány

18:00: Departure from the bus parking area at Barbakán Square. Please be punctual, as the bus will depart on time.

19:00: Visiting the Gere Attila Winery in Villány.

20:00: Dinner and (optional) wine tasting.
If you would like to take part in the wine tasting, please indicate this when registering.

23:00: Estimated arrival in Pécs, at Barbakán Square.

Participation is free of charge, but please note that places are limited to 40 participants and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



ACTIVITIES

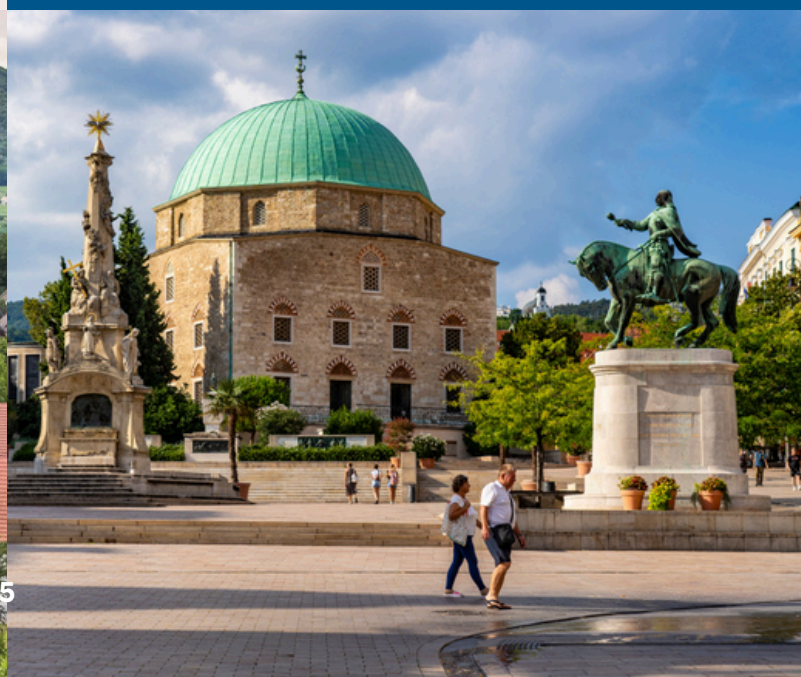
Thursday, 6th November 2025

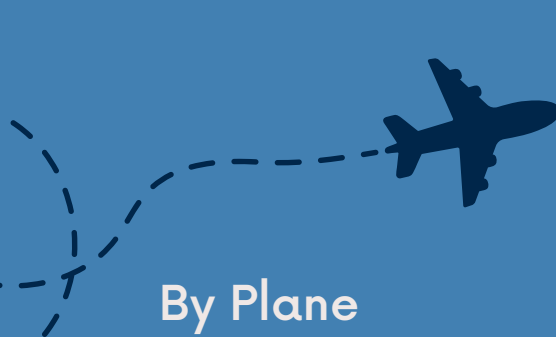
Guided City Walk

You are welcome to join a guided walk through the historical centre of Pécs.

Meeting point: Széchenyi Square, "under the horse's tail" (see statue in the picture below), at 18.30.

The walk will conclude at the Conference Dinner venue (Palatinus Grand Hotel).





By Plane

Attendees flying into Hungary will arrive at **Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD)**, which is Hungary's largest and busiest airport. Here's a guide on how to proceed from the airport to Pécs:

Budapest to Pécs by Airport Transfer

Private Airport Transfer:

- For a direct and hassle-free journey, you can book a private transfer service from Budapest Airport directly to Pécs. Several companies offer door-to-door services, which can be pre-booked online.

Shared Shuttle Services:

- Alternatively, you can opt for a shared shuttle service, which may stop at multiple locations but is a more economical option. These shuttles can also be booked in advance and provide a convenient, direct route to Pécs without the need for train or bus transfers.

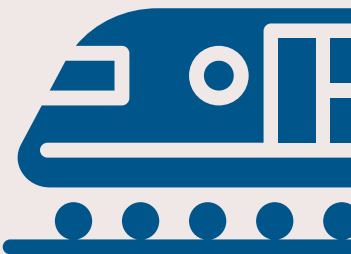
The drive from Budapest Airport to Pécs takes approximately 2.5 to 3.5 hours depending on the type of service you choose. Transfers are typically done in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles, and drivers usually speak English.

Companies that we recommend:

- <https://travel4you.hu/en>
- <https://www.norigotravel.hu/en>
- <https://mecsektravel.hu/index.php/en/>

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Budapest to Pécs by Train

From the airport to the train station (Budapest Keleti Pályaudvar)

- **100E Airport Shuttle Bus:** This is an affordable option that takes you from the airport to the city centre (Astoria M) in about 30-50 minutes (depending on traffic). Take the M2 metroline from Astoria directly to Keleti (train station).
- **Taxi:** Taxis are available at the airport. It is recommended to use the official airport taxi service, Főtaxi, which offers fixed rates to the city centre, usually around 25-35 minutes depending on traffic.
- **Bolt or Uber:** Bolt and Uber, both rideshare services, are also available in Budapest, offering a convenient alternative to taxis.

At the train station

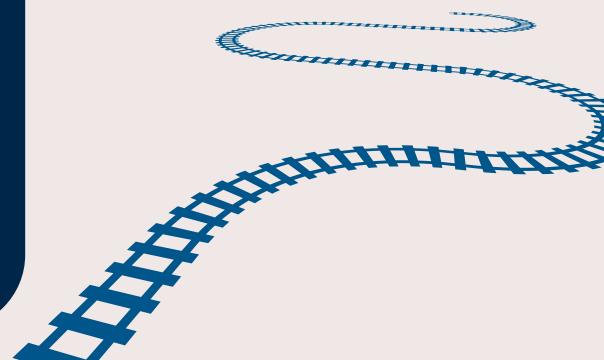
- **Direct Trains:** Direct trains to Pécs from Keleti Station operate frequently throughout the day. The travel time is approximately 2.5 to 3 hours. First-class and second-class seating are available, and trains are usually equipped with Wi-Fi and refreshments.
- **Tickets:** Train tickets can be purchased online via the Hungarian State Railways (MÁV) website or at ticket machines at the station. It's recommended to buy tickets in advance, especially during peak travel times.

Click on the icon to purchase your ticket online:



Currency and Payment

Hungary uses the Forint (HUF). Credit cards are widely accepted, cash may only be necessary in small shops or markets. ATMs are available in bigger cities like Budapest and Pécs.



By Car to Pécs from Europe

Pécs, located in southern Hungary, is easily accessible by car from various parts of Europe.

Hungarian Motorways and Tolls

- **Vignette System:** Hungarian motorways require the purchase of an electronic vignette (e-vignette) as a toll payment. You must purchase this vignette before or immediately after entering the country. Vignettes are available online and at petrol stations. They can be purchased for different periods (1 day, 10 days, 1 month) depending on the length of your stay. Click the icon to buy your vignette:



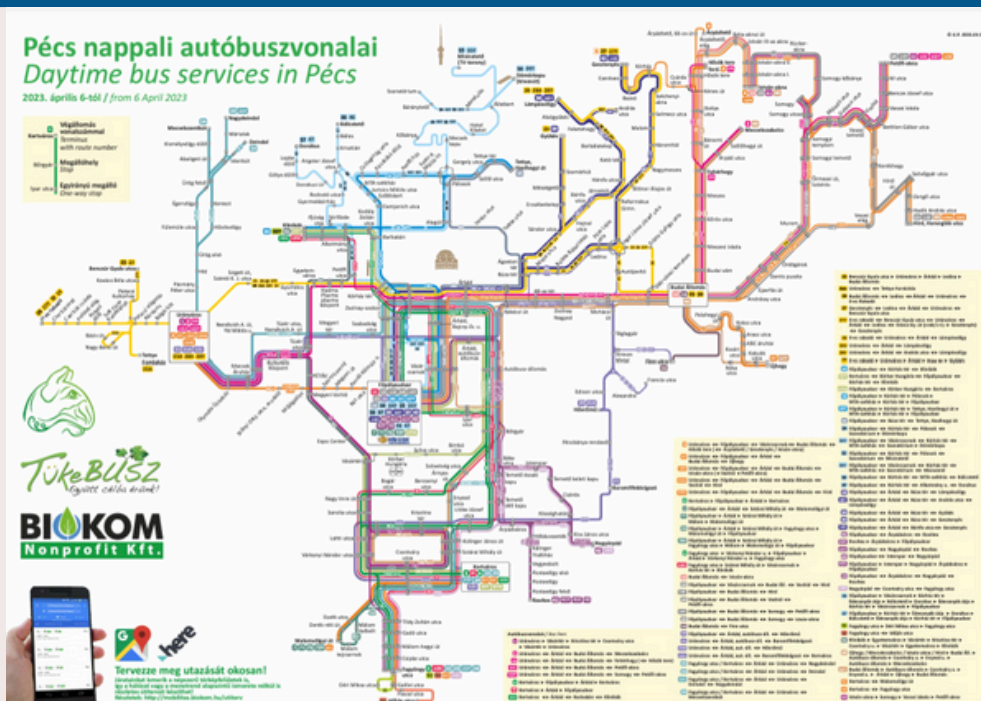
- **Signage and Navigation:** Hungary's roads are well-signposted, and most GPS systems or navigation apps will work accurately. Be sure to set your navigation to include the motorway network for the quickest routes.

Parking in Pécs

- **Street Parking:** Pécs has paid street parking in many areas of the city, especially in the centre. Pay attention to parking zones and meters, which typically operate from Monday to Friday.

LOCAL TRAVEL OPTIONS

Pécs has an extensive bus network that ensures quick and seamless travel within the city. If you choose to stay in an area farther from the city centre, public transportation is the easiest and most affordable option. You can buy tickets online or directly from the driver.



To plan your trip using public transportation you can use

- [HereWeGo](#)

OR

- [Google Maps](#)

If your accommodation is located in the city centre, going on foot or by taxi may be the best option as most destinations can be reached more quickly that way.

You can call one of the local taxi services directly:

- **Volán Taxi: +36 72 333 333**

Alternatively, you can download the **Bolt** application in the AppStore or Google Play and order a taxi easily via the app.

Click on the relevant icon to download the Bolt app:



GETTING AROUND IN PÉCS

ACCOMMODATION



Hotels and Accommodation in Pécs

Pécs offers a diverse range of accommodation options to suit various tastes and budgets, making it easy for conference attendees to find comfortable lodging during their stay. Here's an overview of what you can expect:

Hotel Options in Pécs

- **Four-star Hotels:** Pécs is home to several high-end hotels, offering a blend of comfort, elegance, and modern amenities. Many luxury hotels are centrally located, close to major attractions like Széchenyi Square and the Cathedral.
- **Mid-Range Hotels:** For those looking for comfortable yet affordable accommodation, Pécs has a selection of mid-range hotels offering quality service at a reasonable price. These hotels often provide amenities like Wi-Fi, breakfast, and sometimes even on-site restaurants.
- **Boutique and Historic Hotels:** Pécs is known for its charming, boutique hotels that often reflect the city's rich history and culture. Some of these properties are housed in beautifully restored historic buildings, offering a unique stay. Boutique hotels often have fewer rooms, providing a more personalized and intimate atmosphere.
- **Budget Hotels and Hostels:** For budget-conscious travelers, Pécs offers a range of hotels and hostels that provide clean and basic accommodations.

Apartment Rentals and Guesthouses

- **Short-Term Rentals:** Another popular option in Pécs is short-term apartment rentals. These provide the comforts of home with amenities like kitchens and living spaces for those who prefer a more independent experience. Many apartments are located in the city centre, offering easy access to Pécs' attractions.
- **Guesthouses and B&Bs:** Pécs also has a variety of guesthouses and bed-and-breakfasts, often family-run, that offer a cozy and personalized lodging experience.

You can check available accommodations at



and



HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Please note that, unless stated otherwise, hotel rooms are not pre-reserved for the conference. Booking with the promo codes is only possible if rooms are available. We recommend making your reservation in advance.



PALATINUS BOUTIQUE HOTEL



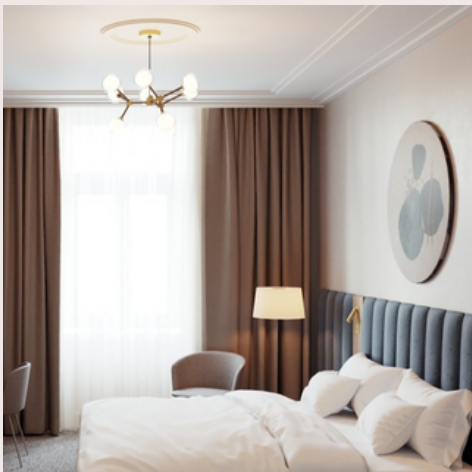
Király utca 3, 7621 Pécs

Palatinus Boutique Hotel is a stylish, historic hotel in central Pécs, featuring elegant rooms and modern amenities in a beautifully restored Art Nouveau building. It offers easy access to local attractions and includes an on-site restaurant.

Use the promo code ALTE2025 when booking to receive a 15% discount at:

<https://palatinus.hu/>

20-minute walk or 7-minute drive from the venue.



PALATINUS GRAND HOTEL



Király utca 5, 7621 Pécs

Palatinus Grand Hotel is a charming, historic hotel located in the heart of Pécs, offering spacious rooms and contemporary comforts within a grand, beautifully restored building. It offers easy access to local attractions and includes an on-site restaurant. The hotel is temporarily closed but it will re-open in time for the conference.

Use the promo code ALTE2025 when booking to receive a 15% discount at: <https://palatinus.hu/>

20-minute walk or 7-minute drive from the venue.



HOTEL BARBAKÁN

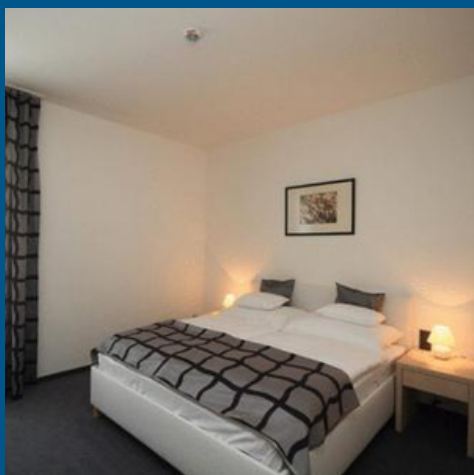


Bartók Béla utca 10, 7624 Pécs

Hotel Barbakán is a cozy and modern hotel located just a short walk from Pécs' historic city centre and the conference venue. It offers comfortable rooms, and friendly service. Ideal for both leisure and business travelers, the hotel provides a peaceful stay in a central location. Prices include breakfast, parking and internet connection.

5-minute walk from the venue.

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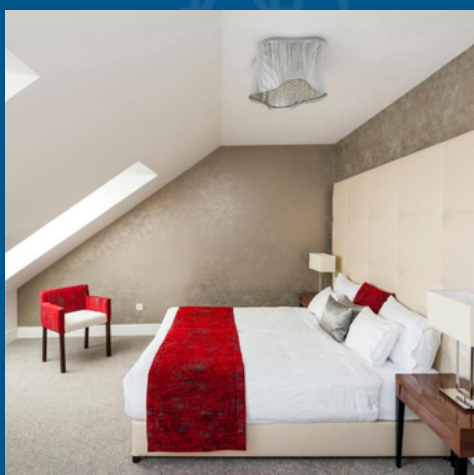
HOTEL ARKADIA ★★☆☆

Hunyadi utca 1, 7621 Pécs

Hotel Arkadia combines contemporary design with comfort. It offers a range of amenities and easy access to Pécs' attractions. The hotel features well-furnished rooms and modern facilities in a central location.

20 rooms booked until the first week of November. Use the code ALTE CONFERENCE to take a room for 16000 HUF or 19000 HUF/night including breakfast.

15-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.

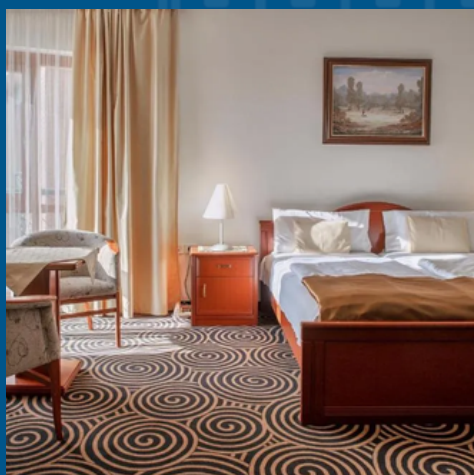


ADELE BOUTIQUE HOTEL ★★★★★

Mária utca 15, 7621 Pécs

Adele Boutique Hotel provides elegant, modern accommodations with a personalized touch. Situated in Pécs, it offers stylish rooms and easy access to local attractions.

15-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.



SÁNDOR HOTEL ★★★★★

Kálvária utca 58, 7625 Pécs

Sándor Hotel in Pécs is a charming wellness hotel set on a hillside, offering comfortable rooms and a relaxing atmosphere. Guests can enjoy spa facilities, a sauna, and a swimming pool while being just a short walk from the city center and major attractions.

Use the promo code ALTE CONFERENCE when booking to receive a 15% discount, breakfast included.

15-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.

APARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

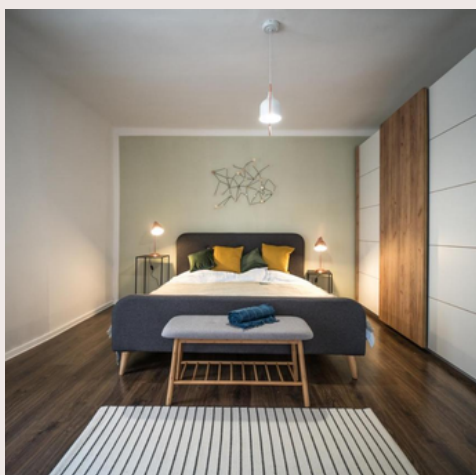


BABAHÁZ

Esze Tamás utca 1, 7624 Pécs

Babaház apartment is centrally located with free parking and a sauna. This apartment is equipped with 2 bedrooms, a balcony, coffee/tea making facilities and a dining area, and a shared kitchen with an electric kettle, dishwasher and an oven. Some units have a terrace.

10-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.



PRESSO PÉCS

Ferencsek utcája 8, 7624 Pécs

Located in the city centre, Presso Pécs offers air-conditioned accommodation with a patio and free WiFi. Most tourist attractions and the conference venues are within comfortable distance.

20-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.



VENDÉGHÁZ A HÁROM SZIVARHOZ

Anna utca 3, 7621 Pécs

Vendégház a Három Szivarhoz ("Guesthouse of the Three Cigars") is centrally located in Pécs, offering a bright and modern apartment with free WiFi access. The fully-furnished apartment comprises a well-equipped kitchen, living room and a private bathroom.

20-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the venue.

C O N T A C T S

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