

COST IntelliCIS Budapest Workshop 2010 – Venue and accessibility

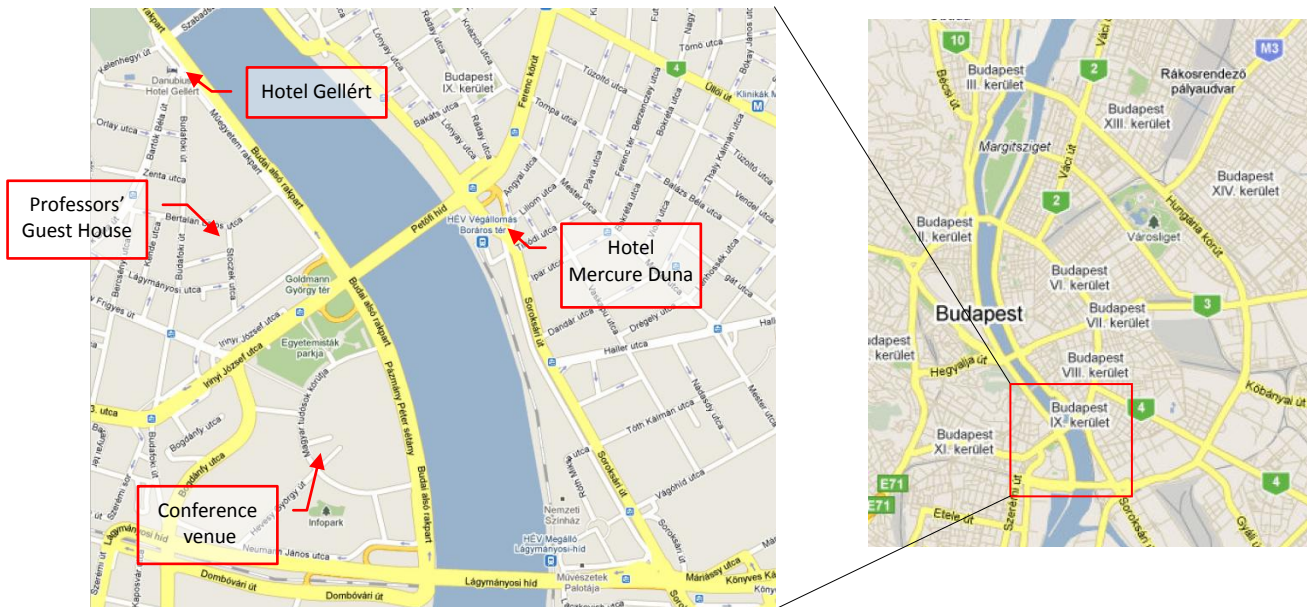
The COST Action IC0806 (IntelliCIS) workshop will be held in Budapest, Hungary, at the premises of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, in 17-18 May, 2010.

Location: Building of Informatics, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
Magyar tudósok krt. 2., H-1117 Budapest
(GPS: 47.472420, 19.059426)

Date: 17-18 May, 2010



Maps



Conference venue

The COST Workshop will be hosted by the Dept. of Telecommunications and Media Informatics of Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), organized in the Building of Informatics, BME. There is a conference room for up to 80(-90) persons on the ground floor, opening from a huge aula where the coffee breaks, lunches (and possibly the dinner) could be organized. Two other meeting rooms are available on the ground floor as well.



Arrival

Arriving to Budapest: Almost all European major cities can be reached via direct flight from **Ferihegy Airport (BUD)**, Budapest.

Travelers can get from the Budapest Airport to the city centre by **Airport Shuttle** to any address within 40 minutes and at the most reasonable price. The **Zóna Taxi** is also an option: After visiting their kiosks at the airport terminal, each passenger is given a voucher. The voucher indicates the length of your journey and the fare to be paid.

A transfer from the airport to the centre should not be more than around 3-5.000 HUF (cca. 20 EUR).

Accommodation options

Note, that there are plenty of hotels in Budapest to choose from. Just to list a few that are convenient for accessing the workshop venue and/or the city centre:

Professors's Guest House(***)

Single room: **47 EUR/day** (incl. breakfast), double: 58 EUR/day.
Distance from workshop venue: Walking distance (approx 1 km within the campus area)



- Although this Guest-House is not a conventional hotel, it provides the same services as a standard 3-star hotel for convenient prices. The Guest-House is located within the campus of Budapest University of Technology and Economics.
- Running with 17 double and 2 single rooms.
- Shower, phone, radio, TV, minibar and Internet connection are also provided.
- The kitchen and the elevated bedroom give you the feeling of a higher comfort.

Address: Stoczek str. 5-7., 7th Floor, H-1111 Budapest

<http://www.tanok.bme.hu/hotel/>

Hotel Gellért****

Single room starts from **72 EUR/day** (incl. breakfast, early booking). Distance from workshop venue: less than 2 kilometers, easily reachable by public transport.

- Noble hotel situated on the Danube riverbank, at the foot of Gellért Hill.
- Impressive Art-Nouveau building with large, light corridors and lots of character.
- Shares its building with the famous Gellért Spa – guests have free access through a private elevator down to the city's most beautiful thermal bath.
- 10 minutes' walk from Great Market Hall and the downtown shopping area.



Address: Szent Gellért tér 1., 1111 Budapest

E-mail: gellert.reservation@danubiushotels.com

www.hotelgellert.hu

Mercure Budapest Duna***

Doubles from **67 EUR/day** (excl. breakfast). Distance from workshop venue: 1.5 km on foot, just on the other side of the river Danube. Public transport is easily accessible.

- Hotel Mercure Budapest Duna is located on the bank of river Danube in the city center with a picturesque view to the Castle.
- Cultural experience provided by the Palace of Arts and the National Theatre as well as the Ludwig Museum are within arm's reach.
- Comfortable rooms at cheap rates, enclosed parking lot, internet (ADSL and WiFi), excellent public transport connections and easy access to the airport make the hotel an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers.



Address: Soroksári út 12, 1095 Budapest (www.mercure-duna.hu)

Mercure Budapest Korona****

Doubles from **99 EUR/day**. Distance from workshop venue: 2.6 km, public transport easily accessible.

- Located in the heart of the city center, opposite the National Museum and a few minutes walk from the river Danube.
- Direct access to metro station (Kálvin square) at the entrance of the new Main street of Budapest.
- WiFi internet, high-speed internet, Privilege floor, pool, sauna, garage, two restaurants, lobby bar, souvenir shop.



Address: Kecskeméti utca 14, 1053 Budapest (www.mercure-korona.hu)

Practical information

Climate: The climate is continental. Spring is usually glorious with abundant sunshine and scattered showers. The temperature starts to rise markedly in April, highs usually reach the 25°C mark at the end of the month, though short cold spells with lows in the 0-5°C zone and ground frost may strike even in mid-May. Statistics in May: average high 22°C, average low 11.5°C, precipitation 64.5 mm.

Time zone: In July, Budapest's clocks are in CEST timezone (GMT plus 2 hours).

Electricity: Two-pin electric outlets (230 V, 50 Hz)

Banking: In Hungary banks are usually open between 8.00 - 16.00 on weekdays, although some close an hour earlier on Fridays. With the exception of some shopping mall bank branches, Hungarian banks are not open on Saturdays. ATM machines and currency exchange machines are available throughout the country. The credit cards used most often - Diners Club, Euro/MasterCard and VISA - can be used to withdraw cash from banks and ATM machines and to pay bills in hotels, restaurants and shops. Emblems at the entrance mark the shops where credit cards are accepted. Traveler's checks may be cashed in banks, but are not accepted in shops. They may also be exchanged at some downtown booths.