



PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

“EVERY LIFE-SAVING ORGAN TRANSPLANT BEGINS WITH THE DECISION OF AN ORGAN DONOR!”

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to provide the following practical information to help you to prepare for the **High-Level Ministerial Conference on Organ Donation and Transplantation (Transplantation), to be held in Budapest** on the 10th and 11th July, 2024.

DEADLINES

When?	What?	Where/who?
10th June	The Novento Presidency accreditation platform opens.	Novento presidency accreditation platform.
30th June, 23:59	The Novento Presidency accreditation platform closes.	Novento presidency accreditation platform.
At the airport	Distribution of accreditations for ministerial delegations.	By LIO (Liaison Officer).
During registration, at the conference venue	Distribution of accreditations for non-ministerial delegations.	By LOC (Local Organizing Committee).

DELEGATION FORMAT

Ministerial delegations are limited to one Head of Delegation and 2 accompanying delegation (3 in total).

ACCREDITATIONS

Delegations are kindly asked to appoint a **Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO)** who will be responsible for the accreditation of every member of their delegation. Please communicate the name, cell phone number and e-mail address of the DAO and the **title of the event** to accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu as soon as possible.

The appointed DAO will receive an e-mail containing a link and necessary credentials (log-in information) for the official presidency accreditation platform to register the members of their delegation.

We kindly ask you to register at your earliest convenience via the accreditation platform. The online accreditation platform will be open from **10th June** until **30th June**.

Please make sure that personal details are correctly entered on the platform, as certain information (e.g. your name) will appear on the badges. Please note that only accredited delegates will have access to the official meeting and other official programme venues. If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu.

All personal information provided for accreditation will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which can be found at the accreditation system.

BADGES

Access to the meeting venue requires a valid personalized badge, which can be obtained after the registration request had been approved and the accreditation is confirmed by a confirmation message through Novento. Badges will be distributed at the conference venue upon arrival, or by the designated Liaison Officer (in case of ministerial delegations). Delegates will receive **one single badge for a several-day event**. Please make sure to **wear your badges visibly** at the meeting venue and official programme venues.

Please note that all participants are required to carry on their ID cards or passports, in order to comply with the on-the-spot identification process.

In case of loss of a badge, please report it immediately to: info.presidency@hu24eu.hu. The validity of the badge will be immediately terminated, while the organisers will create a new badge upon your request.

For further information regarding the badges of any delegate, please contact accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu.

LIAISON OFFICERS

Ministerial delegations will be escorted by a Presidency Liaison Officer to ensure that the visit runs smoothly and to provide any logistical assistance that might be required on site.

Supervised by a coordinator, the Liaison Officer will:

- serve as a single point of contact;
- welcome and accompany the delegation during the Presidency events;
- assist the delegation to ensure successful participation in the meeting;
- provide logistical assistance and administrative support at the venue;
- provide and distribute accreditation pins and badges on arrival.

INTERPRETATION

The Conference will be held in English, **without the use of interpretation services**.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All delegations are kindly asked to provide the arrival and departure **details in the accreditation system**:

- for delegations travelling by **car or train**: date and time of arrival, the border crossing point to Hungary, and arrival destination point,
- for delegations travelling by **plane**: date and time of arrival and departure, as well as the flight number and the airline.

TRANSPORTATION

FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY

Delegates who arrive with a commercial flight will arrive to Terminal 2A or 2B of Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport.

Ministerial delegations will be provided a VIP car for the HoD and a minibus for his/her delegation members. **Ministerial delegations are kindly asked to mark their luggage with a national-coloured ribbon.**

Non-ministerial delegation participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

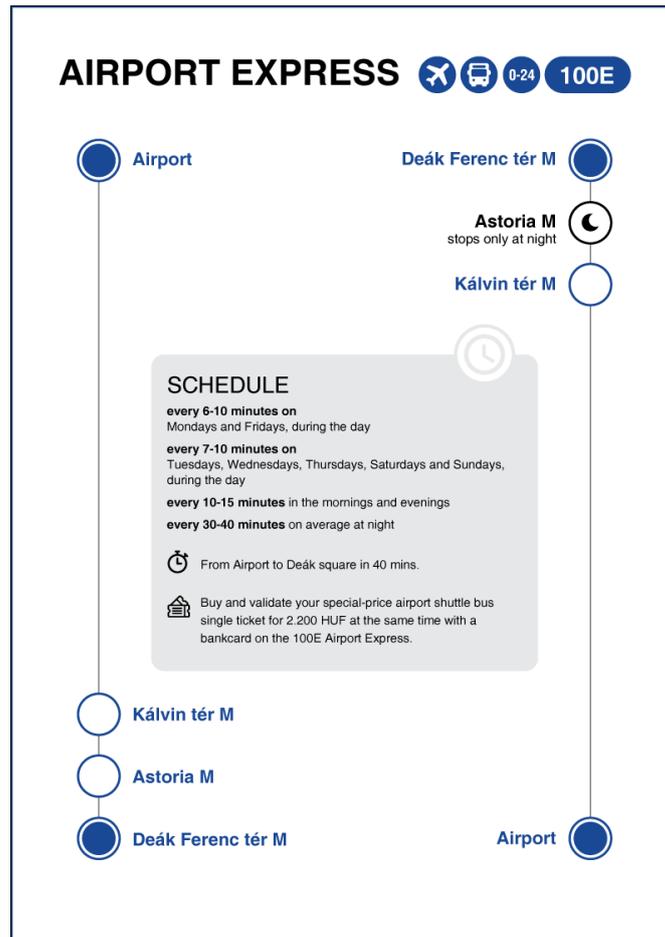
- Budapest Airport Shuttle Service

Budapest Airport itself offers an airport shuttle service for an extra fee, called MiniBUD (www.minibud.hu).

- Public Transport (Budapest Transport Centre – BKK)

Public transport **bus line 100E Airport Express** provides a direct and fast connection to the city centre. Single ticket costs 2.200 HUF, tickets can be purchased at the ticket machines at the airport.

For more information regarding public transportation within the city, please consult the website of BKK, where you can also learn about the costs of different types of tickets and information on public transport routes: <https://bkk.hu/en/>



- Taxi

At your landing spot, Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport, you have the opportunity to **book a taxi** to get you to your accommodation. The official partner of Budapest Airport is Főtaxi (tel. +36 1 222 2 222, <https://fotaxi.hu/en/>). Főtaxi operates a designated office outside of the arrival terminal.

FACILITIES

The Hungarian Presidency will provide all necessary services, such as a cloakroom, internet connection, and working facilities for delegations at the Ministry of Interior, the official

meeting venue. The Wi-Fi password will be provided at the location. It is allowed to bring your luggage into the Ministry of Interior, which can be stored in the cloakroom.

BILATERAL MEETINGS

A limited number of bilateral meeting boxes will be available at the Ministry of Interior. Reservations will be handled on a „first come-first served” basis. The Hungarian Presidency does not provide interpretation for bilateral meetings. You can book a meeting in advance by sending an e-mail to HUPRES_HC_SOC@bm.gov.hu.

Please indicate

- preferred time slot (the standard duration is 30 minutes, however it can be prolonged);
- the number of participants.

SECURITY

Providing a safe environment for our delegations is of paramount importance to the Hungarian Presidency. For security reasons, **badges must be worn visibly during the official programme**. Access to the meeting venue will be denied in the absence of a visibly worn badge.

Please note that all delegates except the HoD will have to go via security check while entering the meeting venue.

ACCOMMODATION

The Hungarian Presidency will book and cover the costs of accommodation for the participating ministers (suite) + 1 delegate (standard) for the night of the two-day conference at the [Kempinski Hotel](#).

Non-ministerial delegations are responsible for their own reservation arrangements and covering the cost of their hotel rooms. Any additional expenses (beverages, minibar, parking, meals, laundry services, etc.) must be covered by the delegates themselves.

In case you have questions or need hotel recommendations, please contact us at the following email address: HU24EU@jettravel.hu.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Please note that this programme is subject to change.

10TH OF JULY, 2024 (MONDAY)

18:00-20:30 Welcome Reception and Networking at Marriot Hotel Budapest

11TH OF JULY, 2024 (MONDAY)

09:30-09:45 Ministerial Opening

A welcome speech by **Dr. Sándor Pintér** Minister of Interior, and **Dr. Péter Takács**, Minister of State for Health, highlighting the importance of organ donation and transplantation, followed by a brief overview of the day's objectives.

09:45-10:30 First panel – **Institutional and Policy Framework**

Exploring the regulatory, legal, and institutional frameworks that support or hinder organ donation and transplantation.

Keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Stefaan van der Spiegel**, Head of Sector, Substances of Human Origin, European Commission DG-SANTE, Belgium
- **Mirela Busic Ph.D**, Head of SoHO Standard Section, Council of Europe, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM), France

Moderator:

- **Judit Bidló**, Deputy State Secretary for Professional Healthcare Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary

Panelists:

- **Prof. Michel Tsimaratos**, Deputy Director, Agence de la biomédecine in charge of medical and scientific policy, France
 - **Dr. Martina Anušić Juričić**, Head of Sector, Transplantation and Biomedicine, Ministry of Health, Croatia
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10:30-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-11:50

Second panel – Optimisation of Processes

Discussion on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of organ donation and transplantation processes.

Keynote speaker:

- **Dr. Beatriz Domínguez-Gil González**, General Director, National Transplant Organization, Spain

Moderator:

- **Dr. Sándor Mihály Ph.D**, Director of Transplantation, Hungarian National Blood Transfusion Service, Hungary

Panelists:

- **Prof. Derek Manas**, Medical Director Organ & Tissue Donation & Transplantation, NHS Blood and Transplant (organ utilization), United Kingdom
- **Dr. Jacqueline van de Wetering** Internist, Nephrologist and Expert in Living Kidney Donation at Erasmus Medical Center, (living donation), the Netherlands
- **Dr. Serge Vogelaar**, Head of Allocation, Eurotransplant (international organ exchange), the Netherlands

11:50-12:35

Third panel – Funding for Programmes and Research

Strategies for securing funding for organ donation and transplantation programmes and research, including public and private sector partnerships.

Keynote Speaker:

- **Dr. Giuseppe Feltrin**, General Director, National Transplant Center, Italy

Moderator:

- **Prof. Zsolt Molnár**, Director of the Department of Intensive Therapy at Semmelweis University, Hungary

Panelists:

- **Dr. Axel Rahmel**, Medical Director, German Organ Procurement Organization (DSO), Germany
- **Mélanie Yammine**, Vice Chair of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) Presidency Task Force

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Luciano De Carlis, President of the Italian Transplantation Society, Italy
12:35-13:35	Lunch break
13:35-14:15	<p>Ministerial roundtable</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Monica García Gómez, Minister of Health of Spain • Dr. Vili Beroš, Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia (TBC) • Dr. Péter Takács, Minister of State for Health of Hungary • Dr. Petra Doerr, EDQM Director, Council of Europe • Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe (TBC)
14:15-15:15	<p>Fourth Panel – Education and Training on Organ Donation</p> <p>Addressing the need for education and training among healthcare professionals and the general public to increase organ donation rates.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Marti Manyalich, President, DTI Foundation, Spain, <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. habil István Hartyánszky Ph.D, Former President, Hungarian Transplant Society, <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luca Toti, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy, ESOT Education Committee Chair 2021-2024 (ESOT Hesperis course) • Prof. André Baranski, Donor Surgery Masterclass, Leiden Medical University, Netherlands • Olive McGowan, Chief Nurse, Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation, NHS Blood and Transplant (public awareness), UK • Judit Berente, President, Hungarian Transplant Federation, Hungary (patient education)
15:15-16:00	<p>Fifth panel – Inequities in Organ Donation and Transplantation</p> <p>Examining disparities in access to organ transplantation and strategies to ensure equity.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Raymond Vanholder, President, European Kidney Health

Alliance, Retired Professor, Nephrology section, University Hospital,
Ghent, Belgium

Moderator:

- **Prof. Ferenc Rényi-Vámos**, Director, Department of the Chest Surgery, Semmelweis University, Hungary

Panelists:

- **Dr. Luciano Potena**, Past President, European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT), Italy
- **Dr. Guenadiy Vatachki**, Executive Director, Romanian Transplant Agency, Romania

16:00-16:20 Coffee break

16:20-17:05 Sixth panel – **Benchmarking**

Sharing best practices, lessons learned, and innovative approaches in organ donation and transplantation from around the world.

Keynote Speaker:

- **Prof. Vassilios Papalois**, Past-President, European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT), Secretary General of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), Head of Specialty for Transplantation Surgery, Consultant Transplant and General Surgeon at Hammersmith Hospital, UK

Moderator:

- **Prof. Attila Szabó**, Head of the Clinical Center and Vice-Rector for Clinical Affairs, Semmelweis University and Head of the Pediatric Centre, Semmelweis University, Hungary

Panelists:

- **Efstratios Chatzixiros**, Adviser for Transplantation, World Health Organization
- **Prof. Frans Claas**, Medical Director, Eurotransplant, the Netherlands

17:05-17:10 Closing remarks

A wrap-up of the day's discussions, with a closing speech by the Hungarian conference organizer, highlighting key takeaways and the path forward.

Speaker:

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- **Dr. Sándor Mihály Ph.D**, Director of Transplantation at the Hungarian National Blood Transfusion Service, Hungary
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PROGRAMME DETAILS

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Each panel will consist of:

- 15 (20) Minute Keynote Speech: An expert or leader in the field will set the stage for the topic with a focused presentation.
- 20 (30) Minute Moderated Discussion: A moderator will facilitate a dialogue among panelists (including speakers), exploring different perspectives on the topic.
- 10 Minute Q&A: Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with the panelists.

VENUES

The High-Level Ministerial Conference on Organ Donation and Transplantation will be held at two locations, all within walking distance of each other.

When?	Venue	Address
10 July 2024	Ball Room	Apáczai Csere János utca 4
	Marriot Hotel Budapest	1052 Budapest
11 July 2024	Marble Hall	József Attila utca 2-4
	Ministry of Interior	1051 Budapest

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE



The Ministerial Conference will be held at the Marble Hall of the Ministry of Interior.

The main building of the Ministry of Interior is located in the former headquarters of the Hungarian Commercial Bank of Pest, a huge block facing the Danube with four internal yards, built in the beginning of the 20th century. This part houses the offices of the Minister and the State Secretaries along with the Marble Hall, the main venue of the ceremonial events. The buildings show features of multiple styles, ranging from neo-Classicism through Art Nouveau, while the interior spaces suggest elegance through the richly coloured marble surfaces and the embossed copper designs.

VENUE OF THE WELCOME RECEPTION AND NETWORKING



The Welcome Reception and Networking on 3rd July will be organized in the Ballroom of **Marriot Hotel Budapest**, which is a 10 minute walk from the conference venue. It offers a spectacular panoramic view on the Danube and the Buda side as well as an elegant location for the welcome dinner.

MEDIA

Photographs and video footage from events organised by the Hungarian Presidency will be available on its official channels and the channels of the EU institutions.

Photos will be published on the official website of the Presidency and may be used free of charge with a clear mention of the photographer.

For any media-related questions, please contact us at the following email address: media.presidency@hu24eu.hu.

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Emergency number: 112 (fire brigade, medical assistance)

Electricity: The voltage in Hungary is 230V, 50 Hz.

Local time: Central European Summer Time Zone (CEST) – GMT +2:00

Country code: Hungary +36

Currency: The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint. For official daily exchange rates, please consult the website of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (National Bank of Hungary): <https://www.mnb.hu/en/arfolyamok>

Weather in Hungary: <https://met.hu/en/idojaras/>

Tap water: Hungarian water is regularly tested for quality and is safe to drink.

Smoking: Smoking is only allowed in the designated area of the official meeting spaces.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions regarding the logistical aspects of the event, or about the details of the programme, please contact us at the following e-mail address: HUPRES_HC_SOC@bm.gov.hu.