



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

COMPET INFORMAL SESSION

(COMPET)

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



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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 an informal COMPET Council (industry and internal market) meeting to be held in Budapest between 8 – 9 July 2024.

## DEADLINES

| When?   | What?  | Where/who?  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>ASAP<br/>but latest 14 June</b>                          | <b>Appoint</b> a Delegation Accreditation Officer ( <b>DAO</b> ) | Please send <b>name</b> , cell <b>phone</b> number and <b>e-mail</b> of your <b>DAO</b> to <a href="mailto:accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu">accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu</a> and <b>mention the meeting code: COMPET</b> |
| <b>7 - 20 June</b>  | Register your delegation   | Novento presidency accreditation platform   |
| <b>At the Airport / border crossing point</b>               | Distribution of accreditations for ministerial delegations       | By Liaison Officer  |
| <b>At the registration desk at the venue of the meeting</b> | Distribution of accreditations for non-ministerial delegates     | By LOC (Local Organizing Committee)   |

## DELEGATIONS

Delegations will consist of two types of delegates: **Official Delegate** and **Accompanying Delegate**. Official delegates will be entitled to be present at the ministerial meeting in the main conference hall, meanwhile Accompanying Delegates will be authorized to stay only in the lobby area and enter the main conference hall only for a short period of time for logistic purposes, wearing a floater badge.

**Maximum number of delegates (both official and accompanying) is 1+4 for EU member states** (including HoD, Cabinet staff, personal assistant / protocol, personal security officer, personal interpreter, official press / photo / video, bilateral ambassador, business representatives, ... etc.), and **1 + 2 for other institutions**.

**Maximum number of Official Delegates, who enter the main conference hall is 1 + 2.**

## **ACCREDITATION**

Delegations are kindly asked to appoint a Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO) who will be responsible for the accreditation of every member of their delegation.

**For the accreditation link and code please apply with the data below at the following e-mail address: [accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu](mailto:accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu)**

- **name of the event:** COMPET INFORMAL SESSION
- **full name as in ID**
- **cell phone number**
- **e-mail address of the DAO**

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.

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](mailto:accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu).

**Please note that while registrations shall be submitted no later than 20 June 2024, the online accreditation platform will ultimately be closed on 28 June 2024.**

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 or pin**, which can be obtained after the registration request had been approved and the accreditation is confirmed by a confirmation message through Novento. Pins will be distributed by the designated Liaison Officer for the ministerial delegations. For the rest of the participants badges will be handed over upon arrival to the hotel or to the venue. Delegates will receive **one single badge or pin for the two-day event**. Please make sure to **wear your badge or pin visibly** at the 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 your report it immediately to your Liaison Officer or [info.presidency@hu24eu.hu](mailto: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 [info.presidency@hu24eu.hu](mailto:info.presidency@hu24eu.hu)

## INTERPRETATION

8 July - Site Visit and Gala Dinner will be held in English.

9 July – At the Plenary Session simultaneous interpretation will be provided by the Directorate General for the Interpretation of the EC (DG SCIC) in 6/6 regime.

The following languages will be available during the meeting: FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-HU.

Please kindly indicate in the accreditation platform if your Head of Delegation will be accompanied by a personal interpreter.

The Break-out sessions and the press conference will be held in English.

# 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
- **Special flight**: Note Verbal, sent by the embassy of your country in Budapest to the e-mail [COMPET@hu24eu.hu](mailto:COMPET@hu24eu.hu) indicating aircraft registration number; date and time of arrival and departure.

We kindly ask you to mark your luggage with your national colour ribbon.

Online flight check-in is highly recommended.

## LIAISON OFFICER

To ensure your visit runs smoothly, a Liaison Officer will be assigned to accompany the minister throughout the event and provide any logistical assistance required on site.

Supervised by coordinator, Liaison Officer will be responsible for:

- Welcoming and accompanying delegation during the event;
- Assisting delegation in order to ensure a successful stay;
- Providing logistical assistance and administrative support;
- Distributing accreditation pins and badges;
- Reserving slots for bilateral meetings, if requested from your side.

Contact details of the assigned Liaison Officer will be communicated to each ministerial delegation in due course. Liaison Officer provides services for whole delegation as a single point of contact.

## TRANSPORTATION

For the event, the Hungarian Presidency will provide **transfer with VIP limousine cars (for ministers)** and minivans (for all the other members of the minister's delegations) from Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport to the hotel or to the venue and back to the airport for departure. Please note that the Hungarian Presidency may only provide transportation on the territory of Hungary and only during the official part of the programme.

**Delegates travelling separately from their HoD are kindly asked to make their own travel arrangements.**

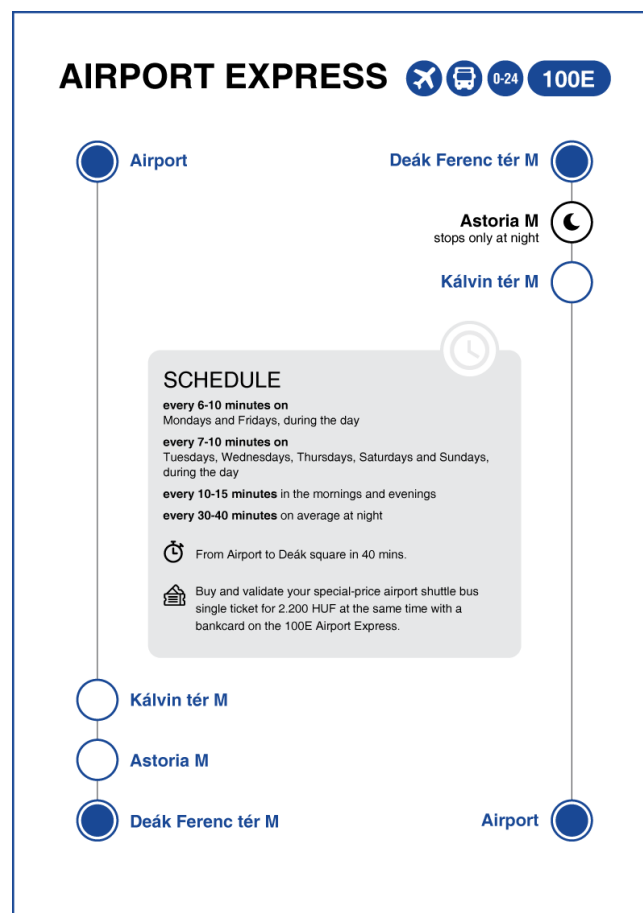
## FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY

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

Please note, that no shuttle service will be provided by the Hungarian Presidency for delegates arriving individually.

- 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, you can buy by card and validate at the same time on the bus.



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.

## ACCOMMODATION

Please note that **Hungarian EU Presidency** has booked hotel rooms and will **cover the costs for Head of Delegation plus one (1) member** of his/her delegation at **Dorothea Hotel, Autograph Collection** ([Budapest, Dorottya u. 2, 1051](#)) for one night (8 July). Breakfast is included but any additional expenses (beverages, lunches, laundry service etc.) or additional nights that extend beyond the official meeting (period mentioned above) as well as any extra hotel rooms.

For the **rest of the delegations** hotel rooms have been only pre-booked, so please be sure to make your own reservation by sending your request and the meeting code (COMPET Informal) to: [HU24EU@jettravel.hu](mailto:HU24EU@jettravel.hu).

## BILATERAL MEETINGS

A limited number of bilateral boxes will be available at the main conference venue. Meeting rooms are available in the neighbouring Döbrentei Office Building (50 m walking distance). 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 room by contacting your assigned Liaison Officer or sending an e-mail to [COMPET@hu24eu.hu](mailto:COMPET@hu24eu.hu)**

## SECURITY

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

The Hungarian Police will be in charge of security for all meetings and delegations during all ministerial meetings and other high-level events of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and will provide the ministerial convoys a security escort.



Any national security officers accompanying the HoD must be properly registered via the online accreditation system, and must be announced by Note Verbal by the embassy of your country in Budapest, sent to [COMPET@hu24eu.hu](mailto:COMPET@hu24eu.hu).

## VENUES

The **informal COMPET Council (industry and internal market) meeting** of the Hungarian Presidency will be held at different high representative locations.

| When?                       | Venue         | Address  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>8 July 2024, Monday</b>  | MOL Campus    | <a href="#">Budapest, Dombóvári út 28, 1117</a>    |
|                             | Vigadó        | <a href="#">Budapest, Vigadó tér 2, 1051</a>       |
| <b>9 July 2024, Tuesday</b> | Várkert Bazár | <a href="#">Budapest, Ybl Miklós tér 2-6, 1013</a> |

### MOL Campus - The venue of the site visit

The building of the future in the present.



The new headquarters is a symbol of the MOL strategy. Its unique form integrates the 28-storey Tower with the connected Podium a single form to create a unified campus. The office

building has 28 floors, is 120 m high, and accommodates 2,500 employees, with a total floor area of approximately 86,000 square meters.

MOL has relocated colleagues from 3 different districts and 9 locations to the new headquarters, which has a primary mission of creating a harmonious work environment for employees and, in line with the MOL strategy, ensuring efficient work performance. The design of the interior spaces was based on the concept of creating a modern, sustainable, and ideal workplace that supports collaboration. The offices are designed following the Activity-Based Workplace (ABW) model, meaning that employees can decide on their workspace based on their tasks, choosing from the spaces with various design and atmosphere, and they can change it flexibly anytime.

Green spaces run through the entire building, from the central atrium to the SkyDeck, bringing nature closer to the workplace. These spaces also serve as community catalysts, promoting collaboration while supporting relaxation and inspiration. The most advanced technology is used for natural light and temperature regulation to create the perfect working conditions for our colleagues.

The building makes the most of its surroundings, offering not only sustainable solutions but also a new reference point for both Budapest and Hungary. MOL Campus manages to meet even the most stringent sustainability standards. First in the country, it has successfully achieved the BREAM Excellent rating and the LEED Platinum certification, thanks to our innovative solutions such as the 900 m<sup>2</sup> solar panel system, the geothermal heating and cooling system, and graywater recycling.

### Vigadó – The venue of the Gala Dinner

A Redoubt into the Redoute.



By the end of the Ottoman occupation in 1686, Pest, a mostly Magyar-inhabited market town at the meeting point of important trade routes, lay in ruins, but in a few decades it regained strength. At that time, the stern stone blocks of a redoubt for the defence of the city stood in the area of today's Vigadó tér, which was on the northern boundary of Pest.

In 1789 the redoubt was demolished so as to be replaced by a theatre building, however, it was not built for quite a while due to lack of funds. The Pest public nevertheless, did not cease demanding a ballroom, and, so, finally, Mihály Pollack was commissioned to start construction in 1829. This building, the predecessor of today's Vigadó, proved to be one of the finest pieces of neoclassical architecture in Pest, and it came to be called the Redoute.

Ballroom into a treasure house of culture.

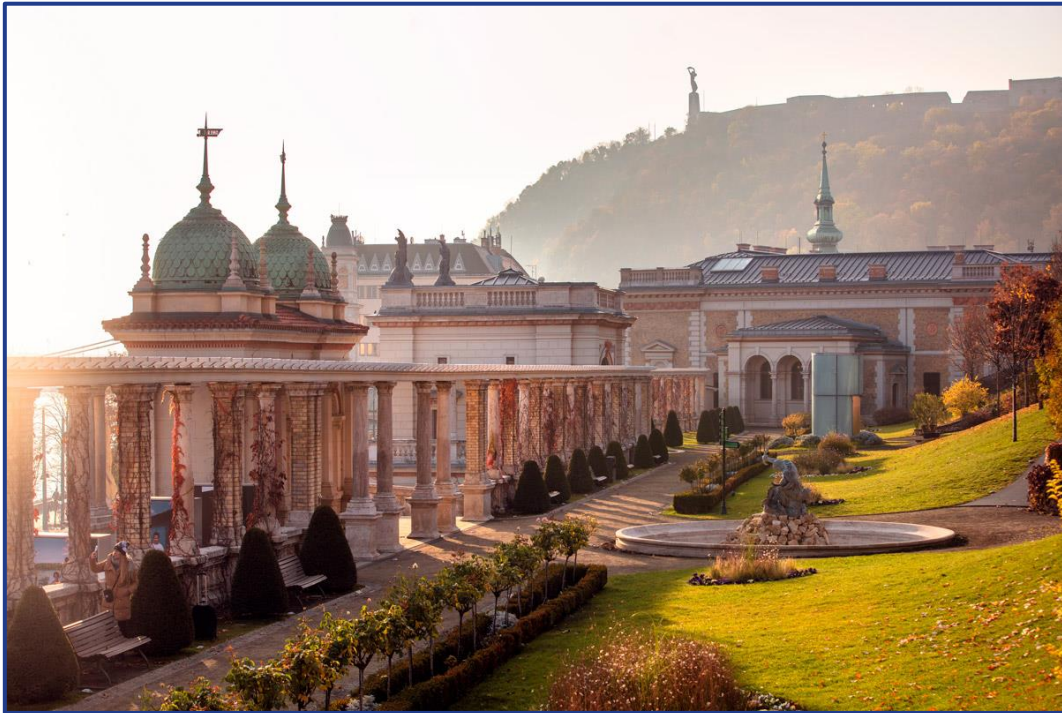
The Redoute was opened in January 1833 with a grand ball, yet, for all merriments, it was also a venue of the highest culture – the only concert hall in Pest at the time.

Both Johann Strauss the Elder and the Younger and Ferenc Erkel performed here several times. It was also here that Ferenc Liszt gave the first concert after the great flood of 1838 for charity. After the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867, the city leased the Vigadó, which then hosted a variety of programmes, including city council meetings. Two or three decades following its opening, the Vigadó had a busy schedule of balls. The Vigadó also developed a rich concert life.

The building of the Vigadó was seriously damaged in World War II, and again its future was called into doubt. Experts rallied to save it, this "the unique masterpiece of romantic architecture conceived in the revolutionary spirit of the struggle for freedom".

The main auditorium of the Vigadó would now shine in its original beauty had the frescos and sculptures been restorable. The main staircase, the lobby and the music room have been fully restored to their former grandeur. This jewel of the Danube bank was also provided with new spaces: a lecture and an exhibition hall on the fifth floor and a terrace on the sixth floor with a magnificent view of Buda.

## Várkert Bazár - The venue of the Plenary Session



Built between 1875-1883, in neo-Renaissance style, according to the plans of Miklós Ybl, Várkert Bazár is a delightful harmony of past and present, classical and modern, culture and entertainment, making it a space for a wide variety of programmes, concerts, exhibitions and initiatives. The Várkert Bazár's exhibition spaces, multifunctional event space, neo-Renaissance garden, restaurants and café all serve the purpose of providing visitors with a place to meet and enjoy themselves at any time of the year. The complex also hosts temporary exhibitions, outdoor / indoor events and contains a large, 900 m<sup>2</sup> conference hall, equipped with all necessary modern and high-quality meeting infrastructure.

Please note that parking during events is available in the multi-level underground garage at Várkert Bazár (Level 0 has 4-meter headroom, all other levels 2-meter headroom) by prior arrangement, with retroactive settlement, on the basis of actual, verified parking time. Access is granted at 1013 Budapest, Apród Street 1-3.

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**MONDAY 8th JULY 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> day**

**14.30 – 17.30**

MOL Campus ([Budapest, Dombóvári út 28, 1117](#))

## **A Site Visit to MOL Campus**

### **Enabling a smart transition – the role of industrial policy**

14:30 Delegation members greeted by Mr. Zsolt Hernádi, CEO, MOL Group

14:45 - 15:00 Keynote speech by Marco Mensink, Director General, European Chemical Industry Council

15:00 - 16:00 MOL projects and innovations EXPO, Guided tour in small groups

16.00 refreshments are served at the MOL CAMPUS Skybar, overlooking the southern banks of the Danube.

From the Campus transfer will be provided to Hotel, from where the Venue for the Gala Dinner is within a 3 minutes walking distance.

**19.00 – 22.00**

**Gala Dinner at Vigadó** ([Budapest, Vigadó tér 2, 1051](#))

19.00 – 19.30 Reception by Mr. Márton Nagy, Minister for National Economy, Hungary

19.30 – 22.00 Gala Dinner

Through the courses three Hungarian success stories of three unique Hungarian companies: BioTech, 4iG and Waberer's.

## **TUESDAY 9th JULY 2024**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> day**

- 08.00 – 09.00** Transfer for the ministers and his/her delegation from the hotel to venue of the Plenary Session  
Várkert Bazár ([Budapest, Ybl Miklós tér 2-6, 1013](#))
- 09.00 – 11.00** **Plenary Session**  
Opening plenary session on the topic: Setting the scene for a competitiveness agenda (follow-up to EUCO on new competitiveness deal, Antwerp Declaration).  
The plenary session will be chaired by Mr. Márton Nagy, Minister for National Economy
- 11.00 – 11.45** **Coffee break + Family Photo**
- 11.45 – 13.00** **Break-out sessions**  
Meeting continues in two separate break-out sessions on the topics listed below:  
1) E-mobility: How to build a competitive ecosystem  
2) AI: How AI affects European Competitiveness  
You will be assigned to participate in one of the two break-out sessions
- 13.15 – 15.00** **Lunch**  
Working lunch for Heads of delegations with debriefing from the break-out sessions and forward-looking discussions on the topic Letta report. The lunch discussion will be chaired by Mr. Márton Nagy, Minister for National Economy.  
The Venue of the lunch is next to plenary hall.
- 15.00 – 16.00** **Press conference**
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Closing of meeting**

Airport Transfer will be provided for the HoD and his/her delegation.

*In case of any alteration of schedule, an updated programme will be sent to participants.*



# MEDIA

Media representatives are welcome to attend to the press conference.

To attend the event, media representatives need to obtain a media accreditation via a special invitation letter to be sent out at a later date. Due to security reasons, the accreditation period for media will be closed a few days prior to the event. Transport arrangements for media representatives must be dealt with individually. All journalists must wear a badge at all times, and are required to have an ID card at hand.

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

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