



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

TM/2022/11
10-11 November 2022

VENUE:

National Institute of Justice
address: 14, Ekzarh Yossif Street, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

LIST OF HOTELS IN SOFIA:

Please note that it is up to participants to make his/her own individual reservation.

BEST WESTERN PLUS City Hotel Address: 6 Stara planina Str., Sofia 1000 Tel.: +359 2 915 15 00, +359 890 111 108; Web: www.sofiacityhotel.com Walking distance from the venue: 15 min	COOP HOTEL SOFIA (4*) Address: Sofia, 1000, Iskar str. 30 Email: info@coophotel.bg Website: http://www.coophotel.bg/en/ <i>Walking distance from the venue: 15 min</i>
SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN (5*) Address: 1000 Sofia, 5 Sveta Nedelya Square Website: www.sofiabalkan.com Booking.com – Sofia Hotel Balkan <i>Walking distance from the venue: 5 min</i>	SENSE HOTEL SOFIA (5*) Address: 16, Tsar Osvoboditel blvd, 1000 Sofia Website: https://www.sensehotel.com/ <i>Walking distance from the venue: 15 min</i>

TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT:

1. Travel by taxi:

Please note, that it is advisable to order a cab via the desk in front of the arrival exit to the right. There is a sign of OK Taxi Company. The clerk will give you a detailed receipt for the car that will wait for you in front of the exit. Do not hand over this receipt to the driver. The price is normal and the trip to the hotel will be no more than 15 Euros.

Travel by public transportation:

Ticket Price: 1.60 leva (approximately 0, 80 euro) for all public transport vehicles. Don't buy more than one ticket for the metro because it expires after half an hour. Please also bear in mind that you can board a public transport vehicle with two bags which combined dimensions don't exceed 140 cm each. If a ticket inspector wants to fine you always insist on measuring your bag. They have a meter. If the bag is larger you just have to buy another ticket before you board the vehicle.



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You may buy tickets well in advance for the other public transport vehicles (bus, tram and trolleybus). Inside the vehicle you should verify the ticket in the machines by inserting and perforating it. Buses, trams and trolleybuses have also electronic ticket machines inside (blue ones, next to the doors). You just need to put your bank card on them and the ticket will get registered. If ticket inspectors require your ticket you just have to show them your bank card and they will verify the purchase of the ticket with a special machine. Everything else about the public transport you can find in the [provider website](#).

Passengers arriving at Terminal 1 of Sofia Airport should go to Terminal 2, if they want to take the [metro](#) to downtown Sofia. Sofia Airport provides free-of-charge transportation services between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The metro station at Terminal 2 is the last stop so the direction is only one and passengers could go to Serdika Station which is the main transport hub in the center of the city.

Additional information

The seminar venue is located in the center of the city and there is a big variety of restaurants, cafes and shops around it so the participants will have plenty of choice to arrange it themselves. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ [Pizza Einstein](#) – 3 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Mi Casa](#) – 4 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Largo Bar and dinner](#) – 5 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Story Bar&Dinner](#) – 5 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Felicita \(Italian restaurant\)](#) – 6 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Skaptobara \(Burgers\)](#) – 7 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Café 1912](#) - 8 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Happy Bar & Grill Sveta Nedelya](#) - 8 min. walk from NIJ;
- ✓ [Spaghetti Kitchen&Bar](#) – 9 min. walk from NIJ.

Additional information

You may use these websites for any information about Bulgaria and Sofia sightseeing, culture, cuisine and entertainment which are quite rich and useful:

- Programata.bg
- Visitsofia.bg
- [Official Bulgarian Tourism Portal](http://OfficialBulgarianTourismPortal)



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Bulgarian currency is Lev (BGN). It is officially bonded with the euro at a rate 1euro/1,95583 Leva. You can exchange Euros in the banks which are quite many. Most restaurants accept credit and ATM cards.

As of 1 May 2022 all COVID-19 related travel restrictions are lifted. From this date on, all the arriving passengers are no longer obliged to provide COVID-19 related documents (i.e., COVID-19 vaccination certificates, COVID-19 recovery certificates, COVID-19 medical examinations) in order for them to be allowed to enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

For information related to the sanitary situation and entry requirements please check the following link - <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

MEALS ARRANGEMENTS

The following meals will be organised by the hosting institution.

All meeting attendees are kindly requested to **confirm on their EJTN Registration Form in the Online System for Participants (OSP)** whether they wish to take part in the Social Dinner organised for the evening of Thursday, 10th October at 20.00. EJTN will cover the costs and the amounts will be deducted from the per diem

Type & Date	Location	Price
Social Dinner Thursday, 10 th November 2022	TBD	Approx. 35-40€ <i>(Deducted from the per diem)</i>
Lunch Thursday, 10 th November 2022	TBD	Approx. 20€ <i>(Deducted from the per diem)</i>
3 Coffee-breaks Thursday and Friday 10-11 November 2022	At the venue	Approx. 8€ per CB <i>(Deducted from the per diem)</i>