Information note

I. Venue and dates of the meetings

Dates: **Expert Meeting on Statistics for SDGs** - 21-22 April 2020  
**Workshop on Statistics for SDGs** - 23-24 April 2020

The Expert Meeting is kindly hosted by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.  
Venue: Hotel Gellért  
Address: H-1114 Budapest, Szent Gellért tér 2  
For more details, please see the [MAP](https://www.minibus.hu/en).

II. Transport

**Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport** is the international airport serving the Hungarian capital city of Budapest. The following options are available from the airport to city centre:

1. Public transport

The **direct shuttle bus service**, route **“100E”**, operates between the airport and the city centre (Deák Ferenc tér), with a frequency of 30 minutes. The journey takes about 40 minutes and it is available with an airport shuttle bus single ticket. You can purchase the ticket at BKK customer service centres, ticket offices and vending machines and it costs 900 HUF.

2. Airport Shuttle-Minibus service

The Airport Shuttle-Minibus service escorts its passengers between Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport and any point of Budapest.  
More information: [https://www.minibus.hu/en](https://www.minibus.hu/en)

3. Airport Taxi

**Főtaxi** is the contracted/official taxi company of the airport. All cars are equipped with a POS terminal, therefore credit cards are also accepted.  
Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits at Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi rank in front of the stands, taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers. Please make sure you reserve a taxi through the official taxi booths, it is not recommended to take private/individual taxis.

A taxi from the airport to the conference venue or to one of the recommended hotels costs approximately 8000 HUF (26 EUR).
Transportation tickets should be purchased before boarding the bus, tram or entering the underground and need to be validated upon entry. Machines either punch the ticket or validate it by stamping the date and time of travel.

Tickets are available at metro stations, newsagents, Tourinform offices, and ticket machines at some bus and tram stops.

For more information, please click here.

III. Trip planner & tickets

Most services operate from around 5 o'clock in the morning until about 11 o'clock at night. Recommended tickets for your stay:

**Single ticket**: Valid for a single uninterrupted trip HUF 350.

**Block of 10**: The block contains 10 single tickets HUF 3000.

**24-hour Budapest-travelcard**: Valid for 24 hours from the indicated date and time (month, day, hour/minute) for an unlimited number of trips within the administrative boundaries of Budapest HUF 1650.

**72-hour Budapest-travel card**: Valid for 72 hours from the indicated date and time (month, day, and hour/minute) for an unlimited number of trips within the administrative boundaries of Budapest HUF 4150.

For more information, please click here.

IV. Access to the meeting venue

The Hotel Gellért is easily accessible by metro line 4 or tram line 47, 49, 56 or 17. The stop is called “Szent Gellért tér”.

By public transport, from the airport, the easiest way is to take bus Nr 100E to Kálvin tér, there change to tram line 47 (in the direction of Városháza tér) or 49 (in the direction of Kelenföld vasútállomás) and get off at Szent Gellért tér.

V. Accommodation options

As the Expert Meeting and Workshop on Statistics for SDGs will be held at Hotel Gellért, we recommend staying at this hotel. For EM & WS participants a special discount will be available, by using the reservation code “UNECE SDG 2020”. Please, use this code by 6 March 2020, when booking. This discount code is valid just for Hotel Gellert.


Other recommended hotels:

**Ibis Hotel Budapest***
Website: [https://ibis-budapest-centrum.go-budapest-hotels.com/hu/](https://ibis-budapest-centrum.go-budapest-hotels.com/hu/)
Email: h2078-am@accor.hu

**Mercure Budapest Korona****
Website: [https://all.accor.com/hotel/1765/index.en.shtml](https://all.accor.com/hotel/1765/index.en.shtml)
Email: H1765@accor.com

**Carlton Hotel Budapest****
Website: [http://www.carltonhotel.hu/index.htm](http://www.carltonhotel.hu/index.htm)
Email: carltonhotel@t-online.hu
The Hungarian Central Statistical Office invites all participants for a welcome reception in the Hotel Gellért on 21 April 2020 19.00-21.00. More details about reception will be communicated during the first day of the Expert Meeting.

**VII. Insurance and disclaimer**

The organisers do not take responsibility for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. All delegates are strongly advised to make their own personal insurance arrangements before travelling to the conference. The organisers will not accept any liability for damages and/or losses of any kind, which may be incurred by conference participants or by any persons accompanying them during official activities.

For information about Health Care Service available during your temporary stay in Hungary [click here](https://www.danubiushotels.com/hu/szallodak-budapest/danubius-hotel-flamenco).

The participants attend all events at his/her own risk. You are advised to insure yourself against loss, accidents or damage that could be incurred during the Conference. Verbal agreements will not be binding unless they are confirmed in writing. Sole place of jurisdiction is Budapest. Hungarian law is applicable.

**VIII. Passport and visa requirements**

Participants may need a visa. Please check if a visa is needed for your country. More information: [konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en](https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en).

If you need an invitation letter for visa application, please contact Ms. Sarolt Bognár at sarolt.bognar@ksh.hu (phone +36 13456958, mobile +36 309044605) at the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.

For any other administrative or substantive questions, you may contact Tiina Luige (tiina.luige@un.org, phone +41 22 917 1097, mobile +41 79 444 5073) and Stela Derivolcov (stela.derivolcov@un.org, phone +41 22 917 5391, mobile +41 78314 3959).

**IX. Emergency phone numbers**

- Ambulance: 104
- Police: 107
- Fire service: 105
- Central help number: 112
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Practical information about Hungary /Budapest

Hungary is a landlocked country in the heart of Europe, with a population of around 9.8 million people. The official language is Hungarian, a Uralic language completely different from the language of its neighbouring countries.

Hungary is also known as “the land of waters,” as it is not only home to the largest lake in Central Europe called Balaton, but also has over a thousand of thermal water springs scattered around the country. The culture and people of Hungary also show a great variety of unique traditions, customs and cuisine, incorporating the heritage of a thousand years of history.

Budapest, a lively and welcoming capital united by the River Danube with hills and valleys on one side, and plains on the other, connected with a series of graceful bridges spanning the river, offers a unique panorama. In addition to aesthetic assets, Budapest also boasts many historical treasures.

The first major settlement was the ancient Aquincum, originally a Celtic community, later the Roman capital of Lower Pannonia and the border province of the Roman Empire. Visitors can also find buildings and baths constructed and reconstructed during the Ottoman occupation in the 16th and 17th centuries, churches and museums built during the reign of the Habsburgs and numerous other beautiful sights spectacularly demonstrating the various historical periods of the capital city.

The city of Budapest was officially formed in November 1873 by the merger of the neighbouring cities of Pest, Buda and Óbuda. Since 1987, the area extending from Margaret Bridge to Szabadság (Liberty) Bridge, including the Castle District of Buda and one of the largest Parliament buildings, has been included in the World Heritage List.

Some interesting facts about Budapest:

- Budapest remains the only capital city in the world that is rich in thermal waters with healing qualities. More than a hundred medicinal hot springs supply most of the spas.
- It is the only capital in the world which has caves of significant size and length underneath its buildings and streets. More than two hundred caves are known under the Buda side of the town.
- It has the oldest electrified underground railway system on the European continent, and the second-oldest electrically operated underground railway in the world: Underground line 1 or Yellow Line (Millennium Underground).

Local information
Population of Hungary: 9 772 756 (01.01.2019)
Capital: Budapest
Population of Budapest: 1 752 286 (01.01.2019)
Official language: Hungarian (Magyar)
Area: 93 030 km²
Time zone: CET (UTC+1)
In summer: CEST (UTC+2)
Internet TLD: .hu
Calling code: +36
Electricity: 230 V/50 Hz (more information about plugs and sockets)
Currency: Hungarian Forint (HUF)
Coins: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 HUF
Banknotes: 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000 HUF
Average temperatures in April: max. 16°C, min. 9°C

Restaurants in the neighborhood of Hotel Gellert

Bartók Béla boulevard stretching from the Gellért Hotel to the inner part of Buda offers cool cafes, trendy bars and restaurants, and private art galleries.
Hadik Café
Website: http://www.hadik.eu/home

Szatyor Bár
Website: http://www.szatyorbar.com/home

Anyu Soup Bar
https://etterem.hu/anyu

Semmi Extra
https://semmiextra.hu/en/

Currency/banking

The Hungarian Forint (HUF) is the official currency in Hungary. Exchange rate:

1 Euro = 331.72 HUF (11.12.2019).

It is advisable to change money after arriving in Hungary at official places that have published exchange rates (banks, change offices, hotels, travel agencies).

International credit and debit cards are accepted forms of payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Tipping

Restaurants: service is sometimes included in the bill; otherwise it is customary to leave a tip (5–10% of the total).

Taxis: it is common to tip taxi drivers with the same percentage of the total fare or to round up the charge by about 100–200 forints for a typical ride of ten minutes or less. Airport-shuttle drivers will gladly accept a tip of 200–500 forints.

Tourist Information

April in Hungary is spring and with very pleasant weather, the city and its activities are in full bloom. The temperatures become a little warmer at this time of the year. The average maximum daytime temperature is an enjoyable 15°C.
The temperature increases greatly in the course of the month. April 1 has an average daytime temperature of 14°C and an average nighttime temperature of 4°C. The overall average temperature in April is 11°C—the first time since October that the mercury climbs into the two digits.
The following websites provide a bunch of information on sights and events in the city:

- [BudapestInfo.hu](#)
- [Things to do in Budapest in September](#)
- [Budapest Travel & Tourism Guide](#)

Little Hungarian Vocabulary

*Magyarország* (ma-djar-or-saag) – Hungary

Jó napot kívánok! (yoh nu-pot khee-vha-knock) – Good morning!

Jó étvágyat kívánok! (Yoh-eht-vah-jot khee-vha-knock) – Bon appetit!

Viszontlátásra! (vee-son-lat-aas-raa) – Goodbye!

Köszönöm! (kho-see-noem) – Thank you!

Egészségére! (Ag-esh-sheh-eh-reh) – Cheers!

Elnézést! (el-naez-esht) – Excuse me!

Kérem! (khay-rem) – Please!

Igen (egh-an) – Yes

Nem (nam) – No

Gyógyszertár (dgodg-ser-taar) – Pharmacy

Étterem (ai-ther-am) – Restaurant

Reggeli (rhe-ghe-lee) – Breakfast

Ebéd (a-baid) – Lunch

Vacsora (va-cho-raa) – Dinner

Innivaló (in-ni-vha-lo) – Drink

Étel (ai-tel) – Food