

28th London Group Meeting 2022: Travel Information

Venue

The 28th meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting will be held in Siegburg, Germany. Siegburg is a town situated within the Cologne-Bonn-Agglomeration and centre of the Rhine-Sieg-District's local administration. It is located approximately 30 minutes by public transport from both Cologne ("Köln" in German) and Bonn, 15 minutes by suburban train from Cologne/Bonn airport and 40 minutes by train from Frankfurt airport.



Figure 1: Stadtmuseum Siegburg

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The meeting venue will be the town's museum ("Stadtmuseum") at the market place which is located in approx. 400 m walking distance from Siegburg train station.

If you want to know more about our meeting venue, please visit its website: <https://stadtmuseum-siegburg.de> (in German language only). In addition to the permanent exhibition, which deals with the local history of Siegburg, the exhibition "Auke de Vries: dream cities – shape lightness floating" will be shown during the time of our conference. Auke de Vries (*1937) is one of the most important and most decorated contemporary sculptors in the Netherlands and the exhibition shows exemplary works from the group of hanging sculptures.

Transport

Covid 19

At present (July 2022), it is still compulsory to wear a "medical mouth-nose cover" – preferably an FFP2 (or KN95, P2, N95 or comparable) – in all public transportation. Please be prepared and wear a mask when using any means of public transportation in Germany.

Airports

The nearest commercial airports are Cologne (CGN), as the crow flies approx. 11 km and Frankfurt/Main Airport (FRA), approx. 125 km from Siegburg. Some airlines also offer flights to Cologne (QKL or QKU). For these see "Special information for flights to QKL or QKU".

From Cologne/Bonn Airport (CGN) to Siegburg and back

The suburban trains S19 connect Cologne/Bonn Airport directly with Siegburg every 20 minutes (on Weekends every 30 minutes, 3. Oct = weekend!). Commonly departing from platform 3 at the airport's train station. The journey time is approx. 15 minutes. The fare zone is 3. Ticket machines are available at the airport station above the platforms. However, it is advisable to buy your ticket via the app (see Local Public Transport). Trains towards Cologne Airport commonly operate from platform 1 at Siegburg/Bonn train station.

From Frankfurt/Main Airport (FRA) to Siegburg and back

Deutsche Bahn connects Frankfurt/Main Airport (long-distance train station "Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbahnhof") directly with Siegburg (name of the station: "Siegburg/Bonn"). The high-speed trains

run frequently during the day and take around 40 minutes for the journey. They commonly call at platform 6 or 7 at Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbahnhof.

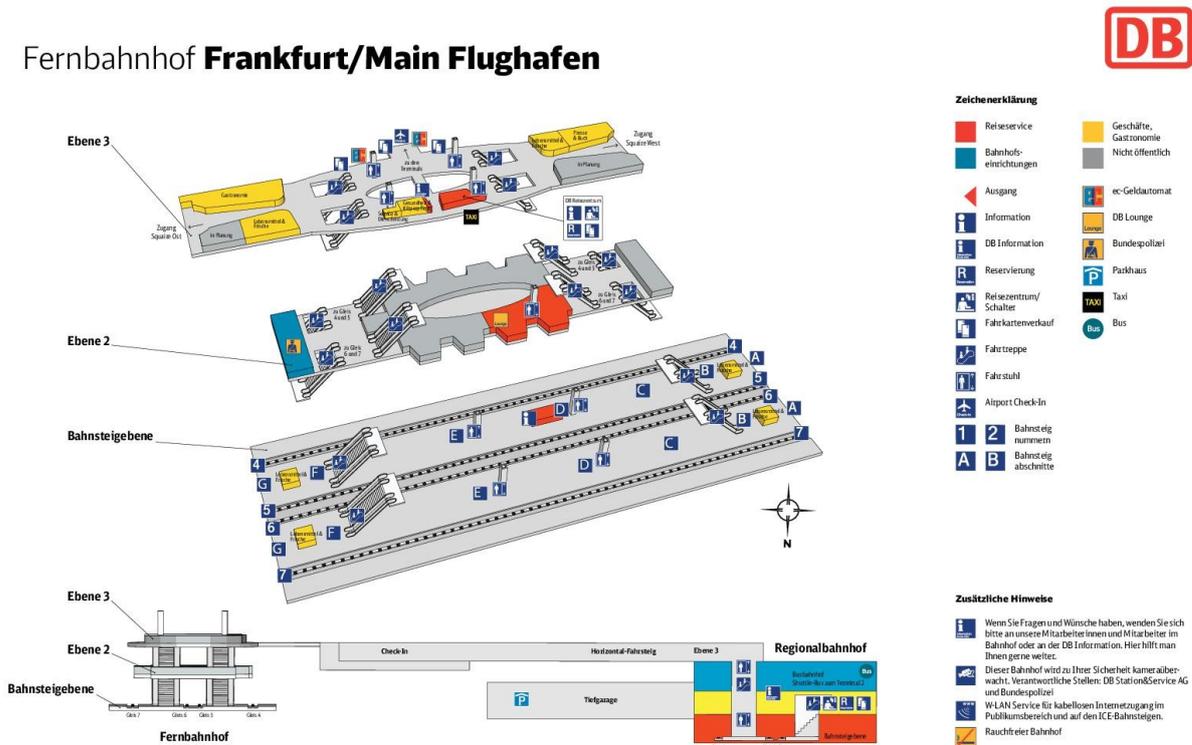


Figure 2: Map of Frankfurt (M) Flughafen Station

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Tickets cannot be bought on the train and must be purchased before departure (at a ticket machine, in the travel centre located in the station hall above the platforms, via the internet or in the app). In the App “DB Navigator” you can legally buy a ticket up to 10 minutes after departure. If you go for this, make sure that the “DB Navigator” and internet connection is working and you have a valid payment method set up. Tickets at the “Sparpreis” or “Supersparpreis” are train-bound and are only valid on the booked train. Only tickets at the more expensive “Flex” price (depending on day around 70 € in 2nd class and 125 € in 1st class) are valid on the selected day in all ICE trains on the route. As “Flex” price tickets are always available you could check in the app if any “Sparpreis” or “Super Sparpreis” are still available for the next train when entering the station. 1st class tickets always include a seat reservation. For 2nd class tickets a seat reservation costs 4 €. Especially at peak hours (between 6 and 9 am and 4 pm to 6 pm) a seat reservation is highly recommended. However, in the app (see Transport Apps) you can see beforehand each train’s expected occupancy rate.

At Siegburg/Bonn the trains towards Frankfurt/Main Airport commonly depart from platform 6.

Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbahnhof to Siegburg/Bonn (valid from 23.09.2022 to 03.10.2022)

Dep.	ICE No.	Arr	Dur.	Servic days	Dep	ICE No.	Arr	Dur.	Servicedays
05:00	618	05:45	00:45	Daily	15:29	816	16:19	00:50	daily
05:42	222	06:20	00:38	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.	16:09	106	16:47	00:38	daily
05:54	826	06:45	00:51	Daily	16:24	626	17:00	00:36	daily
07:11	1223	08:07	00:56	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.	16:30	828	17:17	00:47	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.
08:09	206	08:47	00:38	Daily	17:29	814	18:19	00:50	daily
08:24	822	09:00	00:36	Daily	18:09	204	18:47	00:38	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.
09:22	820	10:10	00:48	Mo-Sa, not 3. Oct.	18:09	104	18:47	00:38	daily
10:09	202	10:47	00:38	Daily	18:24	622	19:00	00:36	daily
10:24	728	11:00	00:36	Daily	18:31	812	19:26	00:55	Mo-Fr, Su, not 2. Oct.
11:22	726	12:10	00:48	Daily	19:22	620	20:10	00:48	daily
12:09	200	12:47	00:38	Daily	20:09	102	20:46	00:37	daily
12:24	724	13:00	00:36	Daily	20:50	810	21:38	00:48	Mo-Sa, not 3. Oct.
12:30	818	13:26	00:56	Daily	21:08	512	21:49	00:41	daily
13:24	722	14:00	00:36	Daily	22:09	100	22:46	00:37	daily
14:09	108	14:47	00:38	Daily	22:23	524	23:12	00:49	daily
14:24	720	15:00	00:36	Daily	23:08	510	23:48	00:40	daily
					23:23	522	00:10	00:47	daily

Siegburg/Bonn to Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbahnhof (valid from 23.09.2022 to 03.10.2022)

Dep.	ICE No.	Arr	Dur.	Servic days	Dep	ICE No.	Arr	Dur.	Servicedays
00:09	619	00:54	00:45	Daily	13:09	107	13:49	00:40	daily
03:42	827	04:35	00:53	Daily	13:46	629	14:36	00:50	daily
04:36	521	05:26	00:50	Daily	14:15	817	15:08	00:53	daily
05:41	523	06:34	00:53	Mo-Sa, not 3. Oct.	15:09	109	15:49	00:40	daily
06:02	511	06:50	00:48	Daily	15:49	723	16:33	00:44	daily
06:15	811	07:08	00:53	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.	16:15	819	17:08	00:53	daily
07:09	101	07:49	00:40	Daily	17:09	201	17:49	00:40	daily
07:25	913	08:07	00:42	Mo-Sa, not 3. Oct.	17:25	1013	18:07	00:42	Mo-Fr, Su, not 2. Oct.
07:33	813	08:26	00:53	Daily	18:18	911	19:09	00:51	daily
08:31	815	09:26	00:55	Mo-Fr, not 3. Oct.	18:33	317	19:17	00:44	daily
09:09	103	09:49	00:40	Daily	19:09	203	19:49	00:40	daily
10:32	13	11:17	00:45	Daily	19:36	129	20:17	00:41	daily
11:09	105	11:49	00:40	Daily	19:43	821	20:35	00:52	daily
11:43	625	12:35	00:52	Daily	20:33	19	21:17	00:44	daily
12:32	15	13:17	00:45	Daily	21:09	205	21:49	00:40	daily
					22:09	617	22:54	00:45	daily

Special information for flights to QKL or QKU

Some airlines offer flights via Frankfurt/Main Airport (FRA) to Cologne (QKL or QKU). This leg is operated by Deutsche Bahn (ICE) from the long-distance station at Frankfurt/Main Airport to the stations Cologne Central Station (QKL) or Cologne Messe/Deutz (QKU). Please note that baggage checked in for QKL or QKU (if one of these destinations is indicated on your tag) must be collected at Frankfurt/Main Airport at the Air Rail baggage claim at the connecting corridor between the airport terminal and the long-distance train station (not at the baggage claim for FRA and not at Cologne Central or Messe/Deutz train station!).

As these trains are ordinary ICE high speed trains many of them also call at Siegburg/Bonn. Check with your travel agent whether you can disembark at Siegburg/Bonn train station or and if possible how you board here on the return flight.

Train Station Siegburg/Bonn

The ICE station Siegburg/Bonn is only 400 m walking distance from the meeting venue. From there they have high-speed connections either directly (e.g. to Basel or Amsterdam) or with only one change of trains in Cologne, Frankfurt, Munich or Hamburg to numerous European metropolises. We therefore recommend that you travel to and from Siegburg/Bonn by train if possible.

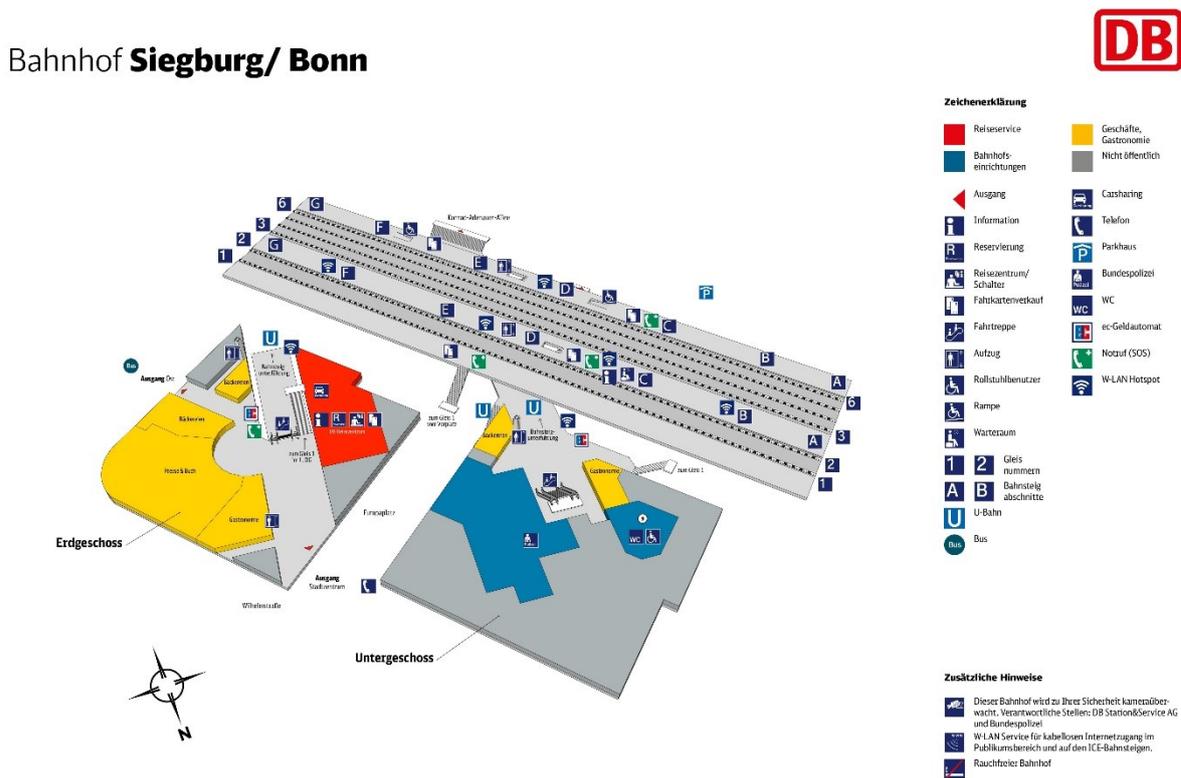


Figure 3: Map of Siegburg/Bonn Station

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Local Public Transport

General

Public transport is available by bus, within Siegburg. The ICE station Siegburg/Bonn is the local transport hub for regional and suburban trains (S12, S13, RE9) going to the neighbouring towns Hennef, Troisdorf and further to Cologne, for the tram (SSB 66 and 67) from and towards Sankt Augustin and Bonn and for numerous local bus lines.

Tickets

Public transport in the Rhine-Sieg-District, Cologne and Bonn is part of the Rhein-Sieg Verkehrsverbund (VRS), i.e. tickets are valid on buses, trams and suburban and regional trains (S-Bahn, RE). As a rule, they must be purchased before boarding either at ticket machines at the stops or with a discount as an online ticket via internet or app.

Exceptions: Bus drivers sell tickets, but they normally have to be paid in coins. Larger banknotes than 5 € are generally not accepted by bus drivers for single journeys. On the tram (not on trains!), tickets

can be purchased directly from the ticket machine at the start of the journey. These machines accept coins and usually also credit/debit cards.

Fare

For a journey within Siegburg, a ticket of price level 1a is required; from Siegburg to Sankt Augustin, Hennef or Troisdorf level 2a and to Bonn or Cologne level 3. For bus and tram journeys with up to four stops, a short-distance ticket (price level K: "Kurzstrecke") is sufficient. Short-distance tickets are not valid on trains (S-Bahn, RE). You get a discount of up to 10 % if you purchase tickets online or in the app.

Public Transport-Apps

For timetable information and ticket purchases, the app of VRS (only for local public transport) or of Deutsche Bahn ("DB Navigator" for local public transport and long-distance trains) can be used. Local public transport tickets purchased via app (both VRS or "DB Navigator") are up to 10 % cheaper than on the bus/tram/at the ticket machine. It is therefore advisable to install, test and set up the app (e.g. creating an account and store payment information) before starting your journey.



<https://apps.apple.com/de/app/vrs-auskunft/id398472681>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.vrsinfo>



<https://apps.apple.com/de/app/db-navigator/id343555245>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.hafas.android.db>



<https://appgallery.huawei.com/#/app/C103174615>

Taxi

Taxis wait for passengers at special taxi parking lots marked with a blue Taxi-Parking-Sign. It is customary to always choose the first waiting vehicle in the queue. The vehicles are usually ivory coloured and have a yellow illuminated taxi sign on the roof. If the sign does not light up, they are busy or out of service.

Taxi by Phone or App

Outside of these taxi parking, it is common to hail taxis by phone (e.g. Taxi Rhine-Sieg-Agger Cooperative: +49 2241 63063) or by app:



<https://itunes.apple.com/de/app/taxi-deutschland/id454467694>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.gefos.deintaxideutschland>

Taxi fare

Taxis are always equipped with a taximeter. The driver is obliged to use this as long as the journey is within the mandatory service area (when starting in Siegburg within the Rhine-Sieg district or to Bonn). For long-distance journeys outside of this area (e.g. to Frankfurt, the fare can be freely negotiated). The taximeter is regularly used for trips from Siegburg to Cologne Airport, even if this is not within the mandatory service area.

The fixed taxi tariff in the Rhine-Sieg district is currently 4 € basic price per trip and 2.40 € per km (2.6 € between 10 pm and 6 am and on weekends/public holidays). In addition, 10 ct. are charged per 9 seconds if the car does not move or waits.

Taxis picked at Cologne going to Siegburg are obliged to use the Cologne taxi tariff. I.e. basic charge 3.50 € and 1.90 € per km (from km 8 onwards 1.70 €) and 50 ct. per minute of waiting time. They may ask for a service charge when paying by credit/debit card.

In addition, special service charges might apply when using a taxi with more than four persons or asking for a minibus.

Taxi at Siegburg/Bonn Train Station

Taxi drivers who are waiting at Siegburg/Bonn station near the exit “Konrad Adenauer Allee” close to platform 6 (not the city centre side) sometimes react angrily when they are asked to make a short trip only (e.g. within Siegburg). Since they often have long waiting times here they are hoping for long-distance trips. However, they are still obliged to transport you on short distances. If you want to avoid any discussion, pick a taxi near the City Centre/Europaplatz/Wilhelmstraße exit of the station.

Uber

The use of Uber has been legal in Germany since last year. However, it is still relatively uncommon compared to taxis. Due to legal requirements regarding the service (e.g. journeys must be booked in advance and the driver must always start at and return to the depot), the price difference compared to taxis is also small – at least for short distance travels. However, if you have an Uber App installed you can give it a try getting a ride.

Hotels in Siegburg

There are several hotels within walking distance of the conference venue. In three hotels, there is a pre-reserved room contingent for the London Group meeting. As there will be a trade fair in Cologne at the same time as the London Group, it is advisable to book a room (at your own expense) as early as possible.

Hotel Kaspar

phone: +49 (0)2241 – 846590
e-mail: kaspar@hotel-siegburg.com
website: <http://hotel-siegburg.com>

Small 3* hotel at Elisabethstraße 11 just a three-minute walk from the conference venue and a five-minute walk from the train station. Single room rate incl. breakfast 115 €. The price is guaranteed when booking until the end of August. **For booking, please contact the hotel directly and use the reference “London Group on Environmental Accounting”.**

Konzept Hotel H2O

phone: +49 (0)2241 – 999990
e-mail: hallo@koncepthotels.com
website: <https://www.koncepthotels.com>

Casual, modern hotel on Europaplatz 16 directly across from the Siegburg/Bonn ICE train station, about a four-minute walk from the conference venue. Room rates guaranteed for booking until the end of August between 62 and 90 € (depending on room size) without breakfast. **For booking, please use the following link:** <https://api.mews.com/distributor/80b4a86d-67c0-4e15-887d-ab10009d6e8e?mewsAvailabilityBlockId=77ddee5d-8bea-4cd3-b271-aea90059367e>

Friendly Cityhotel Oktopus

phone: +49 (0)2241 – 846400
e-mail: info@friendly-cityhotel-siegburg.de
website: <https://www.friendly-cityhotel-siegburg.de/>

Friendly Cityhotel Oktopus is a 3* superior hotel. It is located approx. 1,5 km from the conference venue next to the Oktopus leisure pool at Zeithstraße 110. Until July 25th, the hotel guarantees a price of 115 € incl. breakfast. **For booking, please contact the hotel directly and use the reference “London Group on Environmental Accounting”.**

Hotel Kaiserhof

phone: +49 (0)2241 – 17230
e-mail: info@kaiserhof-siegburg.de
website: <https://www.kaiserhof-siegburg.de/>

The 3* Hotel Kaiserhof is located in Kaiserstraße 80, one of the main shopping streets of Siegburg about 650 m from the conference venue. We do not have a special room allotment or rates here. Room prices range from 85 to 125 €.

Kranz Parkhotel

phone: +49 (0)2241 – 5470
e-mail: info@kranzparkhotel.de
website: <https://www.kranzparkhotel.de/>

The 4* superior Hotel Kranz Parkhotel is located at the foot of the Michaelsberg, approx. 400m from the conference venue. We do not have any special room allotment or rates at this hotel. The price for a single room without breakfast at the end of September is currently around 120 € per night and person.

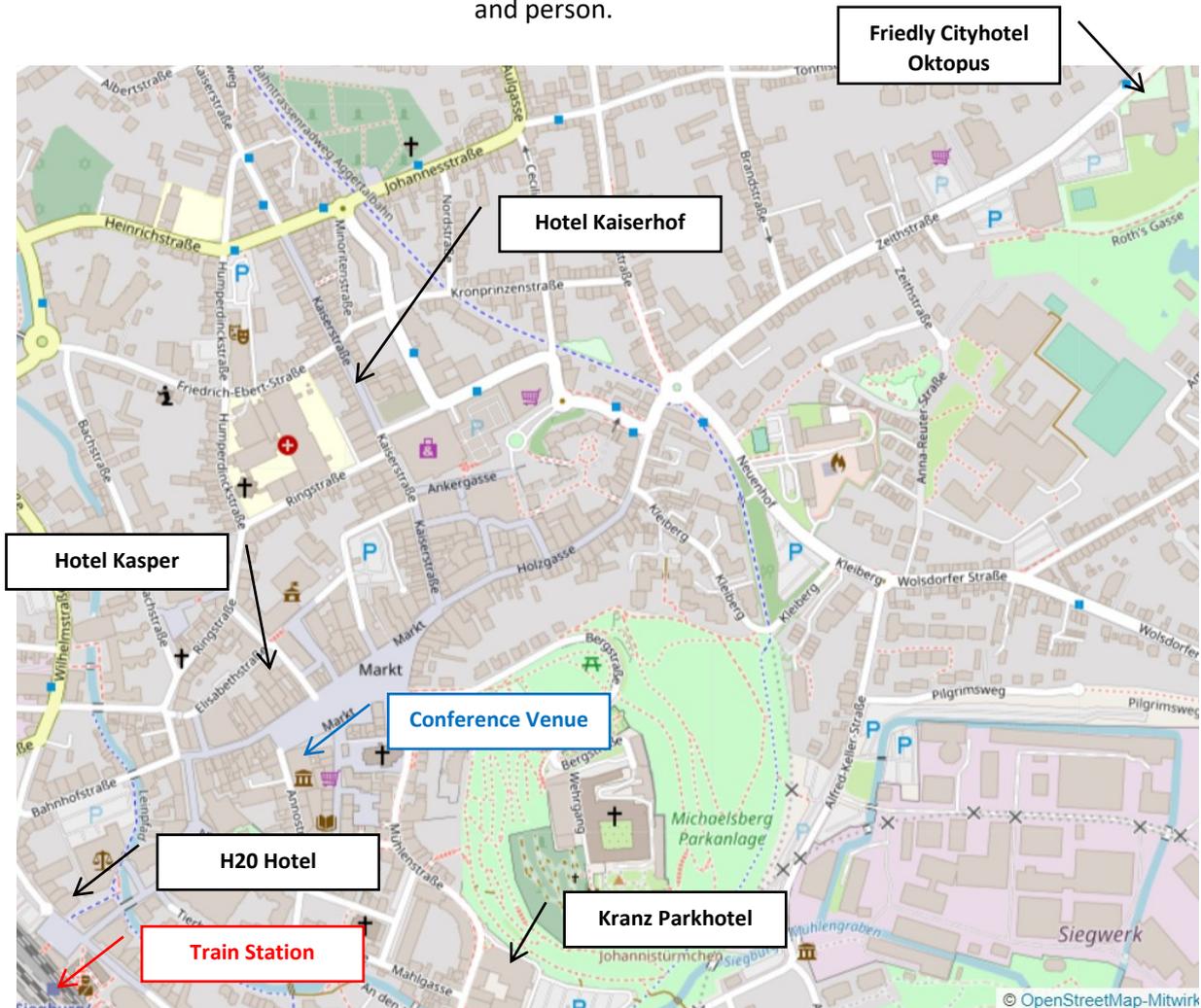


Figure 4: Location of Hotels in Siegburg

Map: © Open Street Map

Hotels outside of Siegburg

Euro Park Hotel

phone: +49 (0)2242 – 8760
e-mail: info@euro-park-hotel.de
website: www.euro-park-hotel.de

The Europark Hotel is located in a commercial area in Hennef, a neighboring town of Siegburg. Bus line 527 connects the hotel directly to the train station in Siegburg. It runs every 10-15 minutes during the day, every 60 minutes after 9pm and takes about 10 minutes. Room prices for a standard single room are between 70 and 130 € including breakfast.

The neighbouring towns Troisdorf and Hennef are only one suburban train stop (on S12, S19 or RE9) away from Siegburg. The train runs approx. every 10 to 15 minutes and takes 3-4 minutes from station to station. In both towns you will find additional hotels in different price ranges.

You can also stay overnight in Bonn or Cologne, where there is a wide choice of hotels of different categories. The journey by suburban train (S12, S19, RE9) from Cologne main station or tram (SSB66) and from Bonn main station to Siegburg takes about 30 minutes each. The trains/trams run every 10-15 minutes.

Motel One

“Bonn-Hauptbahnhof”

phone: +49 (0)228 – 7638240
e-mail: bonn-hauptbahnhof@motel-one.com
website: <https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/bonn/hotel-bonn-hauptbahnhof/>

The Motel One “Bonn-Hauptbahnhof” (Am Hauptbahnhof 12) is located close to Bonn Central Station (“Hauptbahnhof”). Underneath the Station is a stop of the SSB 66 tram, which connects Bonn day and night with high frequency directly with the Siegburg/Bonn train station. The ride takes approx. 25 minutes. Currently the room rate for end of September is approx. 80 €.

Motel One

“Bonn-Beethoven”

phone: +49 (0)228 – 9727860
e-mail: bonn-beethoven@motel-one.com
website: <https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/bonn/hotel-bonn-beethoven/>

The Motel One “Bonn-Beethoven” (Berliner Freiheit 36) is located close to a stop of the SSB 66 tram, which connects Bonn day and night with high frequency directly with the Siegburg/Bonn train station. The ride takes approx. 20 minutes. Currently the room rate for end of September is approx. 80 €.

The neighbouring towns Troisdorf and Hennef are only one suburban train stop away from Siegburg. The train runs approx. every 10 to 15 minutes and takes 3-4 minutes from station to station. In both towns you will find additional hotels in different price ranges.

In case your Hotel is outside Siegburg, the best option for commuting to the conference venue is buying a “WochenTicket” (“Week Ticket”) in the App: The ticket is currently 42,25 € (price range 3: Siegburg – Cologne or Bonn) or 27,83 € (price range 2a: Siegburg – Troisdorf or Hennef) and valid on seven consecutive days (see also Local Public Transport).

Shopping and Money

The conference venue is located in the widespread pedestrian area of Siegburg offering an extensive variety of different shops (more info: <https://tourismus-siegburg.de/erleben-geniessen/einkaufen-in-siegburg/index.html>). In the atmosphere of a lively city, you will find both the well-known brands and chain shops as well as small owner-managed shops. An indoor shopping centre (<https://www.huma.de/shops/>) is just two tram stops away. Leave tram SSB 66 at stop Sankt Augustin Centrum. Beside cash (Euro) most shops accept common debit/credit cards.

Opening hours, Public Holiday

Please be aware that almost all shops, including supermarkets are closed on Sunday. Only gas stations or small shops at train stations/airports are usually open on Sunday. Shops in Siegburg are usually open until 18 to 20 pm from Mo-Sa. Monday, Oct. 3rd is a public holiday all over Germany (German Unity Day). Local transport operates like on Sundays and shops are closed.

Exceptionally, shops will be open in Bonn on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Information on tips

Tips are common in Germany, especially in the service sector, but are not obligatory.

Restaurants, waiters

In restaurants, when paying in cash, it is customary to round up the invoice amount to an even sum about 5-10 % above the invoice amount. When paying by card, waiters are also happy to take the corresponding tip in cash.

Hotel, chambermaids

Depending on the hotel and service, 1-3 € per room per night is appropriate. The amount can also be deposited in the room as a one-off sum during the stay for the chambermaid – preferably also with a handwritten note.

Taxi drivers

With taxi drivers, it is customary to round up the invoice amount by 5-10 % to an even sum if the service is good.

Bus drivers (only coaches, no city buses)

For drivers of coaches who have spent the whole day (or journey) with you, it is customary to collect for the driver on the bus at the end of the journey. The tip here depends on the duration of the journey and your level of satisfaction.

Important telephone numbers and apps

	Police emergency	110
	State Police Station Siegburg (local number)	+49 2241 541-3121
	Federal Police (in charge of trains and train stations)	+49 800 68 88 000
	Fire/rescue service	112
	Emergency Information and News App (“NINA”)	
	https://apps.apple.com/de/app/nina/id949360949	
	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.materna.bbk.mobile.app	
	https://www.bbk.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Warn-App-NINA/download_apk_nina.zip?__blob=publicationFile	

Pickpockets and beggars

In general, Siegburg is considered safe. Recently, however, more beggars have appeared in Siegburg. They often create the impression of being disabled/helpless. This is regularly only feigned.

Particularly in busy squares in Cologne and on trains to and from Cologne, you should watch out for pickpockets. It is not uncommon for some families to even train and use their young children, who are not of legal age, as pickpockets. So be especially careful in cases where children seek very close contact. If you have become a victim or have observed cases, do not hesitate to contact the police.

Tap water

Tap water (e.g. in hotels) is generally drinking water in Germany and can be drunk without hesitation. It is considered the best-monitored of all foods. There is no reason to buy bottled water!

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings, inside restaurants, on all public transport means, at stations and on most platforms. On platforms certain “smoking areas” might be available.