

# SPACE LAW AND POLICY CONFERENCE 2025

Operationalising Space Sustainability: Legal and Regulatory Approaches Across the Lifecycle of Space Debris

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**Information Booklet** 

# **General Information**

The official address of the venue for transportation/travel is:

Vienna International Centre (VIC) Wagramer Strasse 5 1220 Vienna Austria

www.unvienna.org

Conference official dates: 19 - 20 November 2025

The conference will be held in the "C" (Conference) Building, specifically in Boardroom D (abbreviated as BR-D) on the 4th floor both days.

Participants must register and enter the VIC through Gate 1 (see "Entry into the VIC and Registration" section below), which is directly located next to the subway station (see "Vienna Transportation" section below).

# **Conference webpage:**

<u>United Nations Space Law and Policy</u> Conference 2025

Please check back regularly for updates.



# Application for ground pass

For security reasons, a valid ground pass is necessary for admittance to the VIC.

It is the responsibility of the participant to apply for a ground pass via the online registration system no later than 14 November 2025 13:00 (CET).

You will receive an email from <u>unodc-conferenceregistration@un.org</u> in the next few days. Please check your spam folder if you have not received it. To speed up the registration process and avoid unnecessary queuing for you on the actual day, please upload your photograph (jpg format), following the instructions on the email.

Based on your photo-upload, your ground pass will be printed in advance for your collection on the actual day. You will not be able to enter VIC without a valid ground pass. You will receive an automated confirmation email upon successful upload of your photo.

If you have not received an email to apply for a ground pass by 10 November 2025 13:00 (CET), please inform us immediately.



# Entry into the VIC & Registration

As a large crowd is expected, participants should arrive at the VIC at least one hour before the start of the conference. Upon arrival, please proceed to Gate 1, entering on the visitors side on the right. A security screening like those at airports takes place prior to entering the VIC Gate 1 building. After the security check, stop at the "Preprinted Conference Passes" counter to collect your ground pass.

Entry to the VIC is only possible with a valid national ID or national passport at the United Nations Pass Office, no exceptions. Meeting participants should bring their invitation letter to facilitate the registration process.

Please note that it is mandatory to wear the grounds pass visibly at all times while on the VIC premises.

# Vienna Local Public Transportation

The city of Vienna public transportation system is operated by "Wiener Linien" (Vienna Lines) and is comprised of a metro system (known locally as the "U-Bahn") with 5 lines – U1 red, U2 purple, U3 orange, U4 green and U6 brown – as well as a bus and tramway network.



## **Wiener Linien Network Maps**

The VIC has its own metro station (Station "Kaisermühlen – VIC" on the red U1 line), right outside Gate 1.

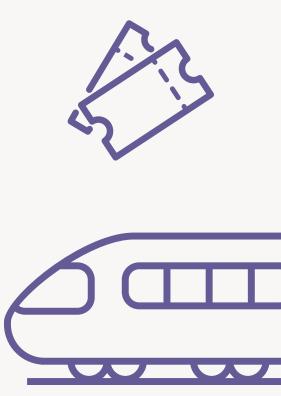
#### **VIC Station Wiki**

The Wiener Linien offers a variety of travel tickets, in paper form as well as electronic, including single-use A to B tickets, 24/48/72-hour tickets, weekly tickets and more. Ticket vending machines are multilingual and accept cash (Euro), credit and debit cards.

## **Wiener Linien Ticket Information**

You can easily plan your trip in Vienna using the Wiener Linien journey planner.

# **Wiener Linien Journey Planner**



#### **IMPORTANT**

Unless you buy tickets that are already validated (this option is available to start your journey immediately), you must validate your tickets by timestamping them using the blue ticket validation machines when entering any subway station or inside of a bus or tram. Travelling with tickets that have not been validated properly or not at all will result in a hefty financial penalty if caught during random in-person checks throughout the city of Vienna.

# **Airport Transfers**

The Vienna International Airport (German: Flughafen Wien-Schwechat, IATA: VIE, ICAO: LOWW) is approximately 20km southeast of the VIC (area Wien Schwechat). There are multiple ways to travel between the VIC (or other areas of the city) and the airport.

#### Local and private train

The airport is serviced by a local high-speed public transport train ("Schnellbahn"), as well as a private train ("City Airport Train, CAT") that connects the airport with the city centre without any stops. All train platforms are directly underneath the airport, as are ticket vending machines in multiple languages.

#### Schnellbahn:

Part of the greater Vienna's region's public transportation system, the Schnellbahn no. 7 – known as the S7 – takes between 30-40 minutes to reach various key stations in the city of Vienna that will allow you to easily switch to Vienna's metro, bus and tram services. This is the more cost-efficient of the two available train options, roughly EUR 10 for a one-way trip, including your travel within Vienna for that specific journey.

## **S7 S-bahn train**

#### CAT:

This privately-owned train service is a direct train between the airport and a centrally-located station in Vienna – "Bahnhof Wien Mitte – Landstrasse". Station Wien Mitte is connected by the U3 and U4 metro lines, as well as numerous bus and tram lines. This non-stop service takes 16 minutes and costs EUR 14.90 one-way or EUR 24.90 for a roundtrip ticket. CAT tickets are not valid for Vienna's public transportation system.

## **City Airport Train (CAT)**



# **Travel By Road**

## **Airport Bus:**

The Vienna Airport Lines (VAL) bus service operates 3 lines that cover various areas of the city to and from the airport. The VIC has its own VAL bus station on the yellow VAL 3 line, which is right outside Gate 1. Depending on traffic, one journey is approx. 30 minutes each way. A one-way ticket costs EUR 11 and a roundtrip ticket is EUR 20. Tickets can also be directly purchased from the bus driver. Note that VAL tickets are not valid for Vienna's public transportation system.

#### **Vienna Airport Lines Bus**

#### Taxi:

A regulated standard taxi service can be found right outside the airport arrival gate offering standard taxi services. A taxi meter will determine the cost of your fare. If you wish to use a taxi, you are encouraged to always select officially licensed vehicles lining up outside the arrival gate. You can also prebook taxis at a fixed price – please see the link below and scroll to the "Airport Taxi" section for more information.

# **General Taxi Information**

## **Driver-Apps:**

Known and popular driver-apps such as Uber, FREENOW and Bolt operate in Austria.



# Working & Local Languages

The workshop and all communication connected to the event will be held in English.

The local language in Austria is German. English is spoken in hotels, restaurants and by some of the public, residents and service providers.

# Services at the VIC

# **Food & Beverages**

# **Eurest Cafeteria**

F-Building, Ground Floor, Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30-14:30

#### **Eurest Restaurant**

F-Building, Ground Floor, Lunch Mon-Fri 12:00-14:30

#### **Eurest Coffee Corner C4**

C-Building, 4th Floor Mon-Fri 09:00-16:00



# **Bank Austria**

C-Building, 1st Floor Mon-Fri 09:00-15:00

# **United Nations Federal Credit Union**

C-Building, 1st Floor Mon-Wed-Fri 08:30-16:00, Thu until 17:00, Tue closed

# City of Vienna Service Office

C-Building, Ground Floor Mon-Wed-Fri 07:30-15:30

## **UN Gifts/Souvenirs**

Gate 1 Mon-Fri 10:00-16:00

# **VIC Medical Centre**

F-Building, 7th Floor Mon-Fri 08:30-16:35

# **Pharmacy**

F-Building, 7th Floor Mon-Fri 10:00-17:00

# **Currency**

Austria is part of the Euro Zone and uses the Euro as its principal currency. Debit and credit cards are widely used, with very few "cashonly" establishment and services remaining. If you would like to withdraw cash, it is generally advised to use cash machines from banks (e.g. UniCredit Bank Austria, Erste Bank, Raiffeisen Bank, Hypo Bank, etc.) and to avoid EURONET cash machines often placed in tourist areas. The VIC houses a branch of Bank Austria on the premises with cash machines.

Shops are generally open from 09:00 to 19:00 with individual variations possible. Grocery shops are generally open from 07:00 to 19:30 with individual variations possible. Opening hours vary on Saturdays and all shops are closed on Sundays by law.

# **Communication**

The international dialling code for Austria is: (+43). Local service providers operate on the 5G (and below) network standard. Free Wi-Fi is available in the VIC.

# **Power Supply**

Austria uses 230 Volts electric current at 50 hertz. Two types of electricity plugs/sockets are used, the Europlug and Schuko. Please be mindful of this, especially if you use medical equipment that requires electricity.

Europlug Schuko

# **Emergency Numbers**

In case of any emergency, you can always call the Europe-wide emergency number 112. No prefix or country code is required within Austria.

# **Local Emergency Numbers:**

Fire brigade: 122

Police: 133 Ambulance: 144

Emergencies inside the VIC: Call 99 from any

internal landline telephone

# Vienna International Centre (VIC)

The VIC – also known as UNO City – was designed by Austrian architect Johann Staber and built between 1973 and 1979 just north of the Danube River. The initial idea of setting up an international organization in Vienna came from the Chancellor of Austria, Dr. Bruno Kreisky.

Six Y-shaped office towers surround a cylindrical conference building for a total floor area of 230,000 square metres. The highest tower (A Building) stands 127 metres tall, enclosing 28 floors. These office towers were among the first modern skyscrapers to be built in Austria.

The United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Visitors Service offers guided tours of the VIC in various languages during weekdays.

Please visit the <u>website</u> for booking and pricing information.



# City of Vienna

Vienna is the capital, cultural, economic, and political centre of Austria. It is famous for its rich cultural and historical heritage that can be sampled in its overe 100 museums or just by strolling the streets of the old city centre, a UNESCO world heritage site. Vienna is also known as one of the music capitals of the world.

For more information about what to see and do in Vienna, please visit the city's official website.

# **Disclaimer**

By attending or participating in the Space Law and Policy Conference organized by the United Nations, you acknowledge and agree that attendance is at your own risk. The Organizer accepts no responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage to persons or property that may occur during the travel to/from the venue of the event or during the participation in the event. In this context, it is a requirement for participants to have health insurance. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended to secure accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure. You consent to the use of your image or likeness on the United Nations website or social media; in case you foresee any issues providing consent, please directly contact the United Nations official in charge of the event. The Organizer reserves the right to make changes, postpone, or cancel the event if necessary, without liability.

# **Contact**

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