

Information on logistics

5th MEP and Bureau meetings

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

13 -17 April 2015, Bonn, Germany

- 1- Meeting Venue** The meetings will be held at the United Nations campus (where the IPBES Secretariat is located):

The UN Campus
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1
53113 Bonn, Germany.



2- Getting from Bonn train/bus station (Hauptbahnhof (Hbf) or Central Station) to the UN Campus:

You can take bus (number 610 or 611) from the bus station located at the central train station (Bonn Hauptbahnhof) and get off at Deutsche Welle bus stop (a ride of 12 minutes). Just across the street you will see the security gate/UN entrance. Or, you can take tram (number 16, 66 or 63) from the main train station (Hauptbahnhof/Central Station) and get off at Heussallee/Museumsmeile (a ride of 6 minutes). The UN campus is located 300m from the Heussallee/Museumsmeile tram station. Upon getting off the station you will find signs indicating directions to UN-Campus. Please follow these signs. At the end of "Heussalle" street you will see the security gate of the UN Campus. When arriving to the security gate, please present your ID/passport (original) and explain that you are attending a meeting held by IPBES. You will then be directed to our building (Langer Eugen) where the meeting is taking place.

3- Getting to Bonn

Bonn is located approximately twenty minutes south of Cologne/Koeln and two hours north-west of Frankfurt/Main and can be reached from three main airports, Cologne/Bonn Airport, Frankfurt International Airport and Düsseldorf Airport.

Participants arriving at **Cologne/Bonn Airport** can reach Bonn city centre either by taxi (the fare from the airport to the city centre is approximately €50.00), or by bus (SB 60), departing from the bus stop at Terminal 1 to the city centre (final stop "Hauptbahnhof", main railway station) at a cost of about €7.20.

Participants arriving at **Frankfurt International Airport** may wish to take the train to Bonn. There is a high-speed train service (ICE) between the airport and Bonn/Cologne. Travel time is approximately 40 minutes and the ticket cost is about €60.00 (2nd class). Departure is from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. The destination is Cologne. The station stop for Bonn is the town of Siegburg (please get off at: Siegburg/Bonn). Taxis are available for approximately €35.00 from Siegburg to Bonn. Normal train service between Frankfurt International Airport and Bonn is also available (from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport). Travel time is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes and a ticket costs round about €40.00 (2nd class). This trip along the Rhine River is one of the most scenic train trips in Germany and brings you directly into the city centre of Bonn.

From **Düsseldorf Airport** to Bonn, there are direct trains, which run hourly and have a travel time of about 66 minutes and the ticket cost is about €17.00 (2nd class).

4- Registration

Registration of participants: MEP and Bureau members will be invited to register upon arrival at the meeting venue.

Nametags will be issued to participants upon registration.

5- DSA disbursement

Supported participants will need a copy of their passport or other official identification (with photo ID), flight ticket and boarding pass stubs when claiming DSA. The venue and timings for collections of daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be communicated on the first day of the meeting at the registration desk.

6- General Information on Germany and Bonn

Location: Bonn is located in the center of Europe, in the Rhineland, at the Rhine River. More information about Bonn is available [here](#)

Currency: The Euro (€) is the paper currency in Germany. As of 29 January 2015 the exchange rate was € 0.88 for 1 USD.

Credit cards: Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city in Bonn, but not in all shops.

Standard Time Zone: Germany is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +1 hour

Weather: Throughout April, an average temperature of 18 C can be expected with moderate rain.

Please, check [here](#) for up-to-date information.