



TECHNICAL NOTE

26th Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons

The Rise of Forced Criminality: Addressing a Security Blind Spot

20-21 April 2026

Hofburg, Vienna, Austria and via Zoom

VENUE

The 26th Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons will be conducted in a blended format at the OSCE premises in the Hofburg Congress Center (5th floor), Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Austria and via Zoom.

Limited in-person participation

Due to budgetary constraints affecting the OSCE's premises at the Hofburg, this year's Conference will be held in the Ratsaal, which offers approximately half the seating capacity available in previous years. To allow a greater number of in-person participants, the Bibliotheksaal (on both days) and Room 533 (on the first day) will be arranged as overflow rooms for viewing and listening to the Conference in the original language. Please note that participants seated in both Bibliotheksaal and Room 533 will not have the possibility to take the floor. They are also kindly requested to bring their own laptops and headphones in order to access interpretation via Zoom.

Given the aforementioned constraints, in-person participation will be limited to:

- Participating States – 1+1+1 (in total three representatives, including National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs and other government representatives; two seats will be allocated in Ratsaal and one in a listening room);
- Partners for Co-operation – 1+0
- OSCE Executive Structures – 1+0;
- Alliance Expert Co-ordination Team (AECT) – 1+0;
- Invited non-governmental organizations, civil society, private sector and academia – 1+0.

All other participants are invited to join the conference via Zoom. The conference link will be sent to the registered participants after the registration deadline. Online participants will have the possibility to use the Zoom chat function to interact with the panelists and ask questions.

Badge collection and access

The conference badges will be ready for collection as of 09:00 on 20 April. To allow a smooth registration process and timely access to the conference, all attendees are encouraged to collect the badges by 12:00.

Participants will need to refer to the registration desk located in the security container next to the main entrance. Please note that badges will only be issued upon presentation of a photo ID card (passport, national ID card or driver's license) and valid and approved registration.

Delegates from the OSCE participating States based in Vienna are kindly requested to register as part of their pS delegation to the Alliance Conference (via Note Verbale/email and registration site), but use their regular OSCE badges to access the Hofburg. Vienna-based delegation members may also appoint a person to pick up badges for their capital-based representatives from a registration desk located in the security container. It is strongly recommended to collect the conference badges in the morning.

Due to limited space on the 5th floor of the Hofburg, please note that luggage or bulky backpacks will not be permitted inside the venue. Access will be denied to participants carrying such items.

INTERPRETATION

Interpretation between English, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish will be provided during all sessions of the Conference. In the listening rooms, participants are required to bring their own laptops and headphones to access interpretation via Zoom. We recommend that online participants use desktop Zoom app for better interpretation experience.

STATEMENTS

Maximum duration of each statement should be up to two minutes. While sending their request participants should indicate a panel, during which they would prefer to take the floor. Due to numerous requests, delivery of a statement may be a subject to time constraints. Please note that it will be possible to deliver a statement only from the Ratsaal, Hofburg. Those following the Conference from the listening rooms or via Zoom connection will only have the possibility to ask questions through the Zoom chat function.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the Alliance Conference via X - @osce_cthb, #CTHB26. Ahead of the Alliance, participants can use the hashtag #askOSCE on X to ask questions to the speakers. Event page of the conference is available at <https://cthb.osce.org/event/alliance26>

TRANSPORTATION

Taxis:

A pick up at the airport can be booked in advance at a more moderate price from the companies:

- Airport Driver (Tel: +43 1 22 822, webpage: [Airport Driver English](#) – price: € 39 one way)
- Transfer to city (Tel: +43 1 7007-33141, webpage: [Flughafentaxi - TTC \(ttc-vie.com\)](#) – price: from €42 one way)

Uber and Bolt also operate in Vienna. Should you take a taxi from the stands outside the airport exit, the price will be the one indicated on the counter plus an additional airport taxi fee (approx. 50 euro).

Trains:

a) City Airport Train (CAT) – to Vienna "Wien-Mitte" – Landstraße/Hauptstraße with access to the Underground (U-Bahn Lines 3 and 4) and taxis: <http://www.cityairporttrain.com>
Price: € 14.90 one way; € 24.90 return - Trip: 16 min. non-stop.
Schedule: every ½ hour

OR

b) Schnellbahn (S7) – to Vienna “Wien-Mitte-Landstraße/Hauptstraße” with direct access to the Underground (U-Bahn Lines 3 and 4) and taxis: <http://www.schnellbahn-wien.at/netz/s7.htm>
Price: € 4.80 one way – Trip: 25 min. Schedule: every ½ hour

Bus Services Vienna Airport Lines (3 lines):

Price : € 11 one way; € 20 return - Trip: 20-40 min.

Buses go either to Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz (every ½ hour) Westbahnhof (every ½ hour) or Donauzentrum (every hour) all having access to the Underground. Please check before taking the bus [Startseite - Vienna Airport Lines](#) – Tel: +43 5 17 17

To get around in Vienna:

For taxi service within Vienna, you may call +43 1 31300, +43 1 40100 or use Uber and Bolt apps.

Public transportation information is available at: [Wiener Linien](#)

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