

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS  
**UNECE Expert Meeting on Statistical Data Confidentiality**  
26 to 28 September 2023, Wiesbaden, Germany

INF.2  
05 July 2023

---

## Information Notice No. 2

### I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The 2023 Expert Meeting on Statistical Data Confidentiality will be hosted by the Federal Statistical Office of Germany (Destatis) in coordination with RheinMain University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule RheinMain). It will take place in Wiesbaden, Germany on 26 to 28 September 2023, starting at 09:30 am on Tuesday 26 September, and ending in early afternoon on Thursday 28 September.
2. The address of the meeting venue is:  
Hochschule RheinMain  
Building A (“Audimax” room)  
Kurt-Schumacher-Ring 18  
65197 Wiesbaden  
<https://www.hs-rm.de/en/>
3. Only delegates who have registered prior to the meeting will be able to enter the building. You will need to present a photographic ID to enter the venue. Please refer to the Sections V and VI below for further information on how to get to the venue. (Registration can be made via: <https://indico.un.org/e/SDC2023>)

### II. MEETING DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES

4. The working language of the meeting is English. All documents will be provided in English only. In advance of the meeting, abstracts and papers, as well as a timetable of the meeting, will be made available via the following website: <https://indico.un.org/e/SDC2023>
5. After the meeting final versions of papers, along with presentation slides will be made available via the UNECE website at the following location: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/SDC2023>
6. Please note that documents posted online before the meeting will not be distributed in the conference room. Participants are encouraged to download the materials from the website or bring their own copies to the workshop. **A wireless internet connection will be available in the building for your convenience.**

### III. VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR GERMANY

7. Participants travelling to Germany may require a valid passport and a visa to enter that country. Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit. To see if you need a visa to enter Germany from your country, please click here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/visabestimmungen-node>. All information about types of visa, its requirements and the online questionnaire can be found there. If necessary, a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the local contacts in Wiesbaden (see Section XI for contact information).

#### IV. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION

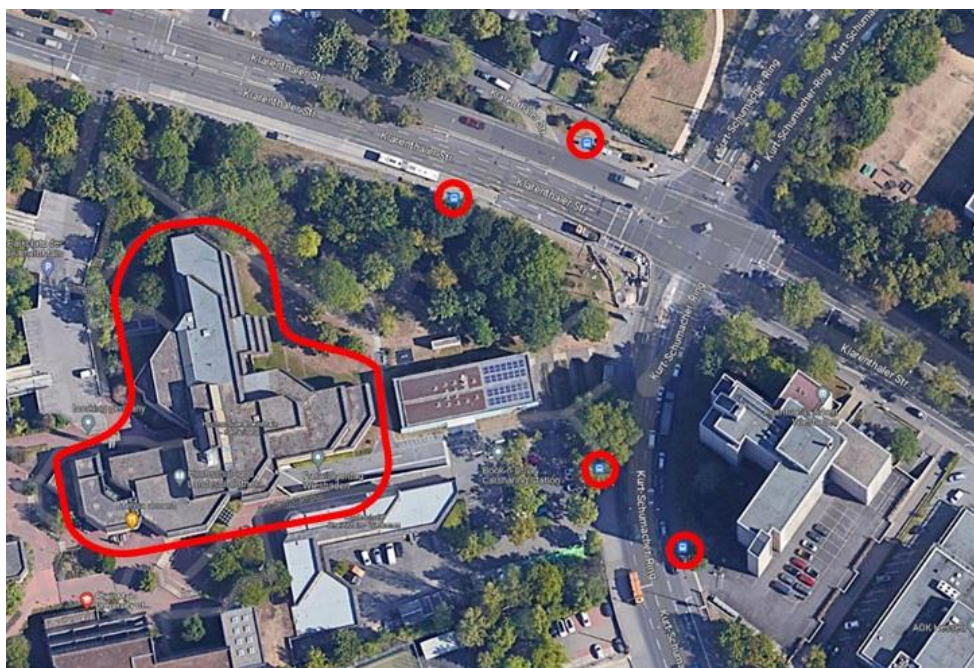
8. Whilst the UNECE Secretariat is unable to fund participation in this meeting, The UNESCO Chair in Data Privacy (<http://unescoprivacychair.urv.cat>) sponsors a limited number of travel grants for contributors and delegates **from transition countries**. For further information please directly contact [unescoprivacychair@urv.cat](mailto:unescoprivacychair@urv.cat) (for attention of Moisès Pedrajas).

#### V. ENTERING THE MEETING VENUE

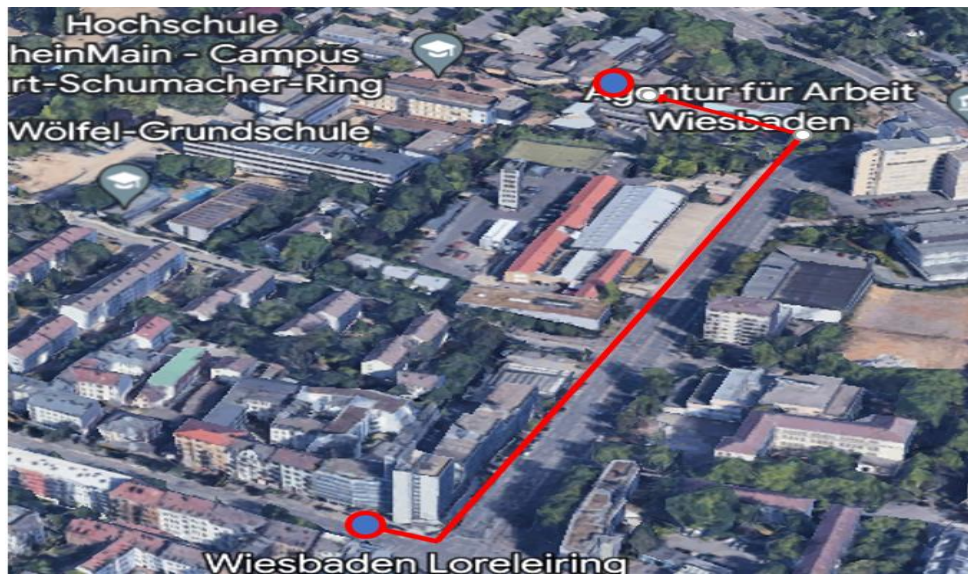
9. The meeting will take place in the “Audimax” room located in Building A at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule RheinMain), which is depicted below (building in the background).



10. If you travel to the meeting venue via the bus, then Building A should be visible from the junction of Klarenthaler Straße with Kurt-Schumacher-Ring, as indicated below, along with bus stop locations.



11. Alternatively, a more frequently served bus stop is at Loreleiring, which is a few blocks away from the meeting venue. The route is indicated in the map below.



12. A map of the Kurt-Schumacher-Ring campus can be found on page 4 of [this web document](#).

## VI. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT

### *Getting to Wiesbaden from Frankfurt airport*

13. Frankfurt airport is located about 30 km away from Wiesbaden, which can be reached by public transport.

14. You can take train S8 or S9 (the journey takes about 40 minutes) from Frankfurt Airport “Regionalbahnhof” to Wiesbaden Central Station (Hauptbahnhof (HBF)). The ticket price depends on the zone and duration of travel. A One-Way-Ticket for a journey to the city centre will cost €5,80 Euro. Tickets can be bought from vending machines located in Frankfurt Airport Regionalbahnhof. One-way train tickets are also valid for buses in the city area of Wiesbaden for a time period within 60 minutes from the start of the train journey.

15. For those who wish to travel from the airport by bus, bus tickets for Wiesbaden can also be bought from vending machines located at major bus stops, or may be purchased from the driver. Those bus tickets need to be validated upon boarding the bus. Visit information you need for travelling by bus and rail on RMV services, from timetables right through to ticket purchases can be found on the following website: <https://www.rmv.de/c/en/homepage>

16. You can alternatively take a taxi (€50 Euro) or order a transfer service via several mobile apps, like Uber.

### *Getting around Wiesbaden*

17. Once you have arrived in Wiesbaden, you might wish to use public transport to get around. Notably, the neighbouring city of Mainz is within the same price zone. Wiesbaden has an extensive public transport network with many bus lines. See <https://www.netzplan-wiesbaden.de/> to plan your route (translation to English is available as an option in that site).

18. The Annex contains a snapshot from that map, marking the locations of the meeting venue and the train station that is served by trains from Frankfurt airport.

## VII. ACCOMMODATION

19. Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. It is advisable to book your hotel in advance as available rooms may be limited. An overview of accommodation in Wiesbaden is available on the following website: <https://www1.wiesbaden.de/microsites/tourismus-en/travel-planner/accommodation.php>

## VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WIESBADEN

20. Wiesbaden is the capital of the state of Hesse in central western Germany, and is one of the oldest spa towns in Europe. It has around 300,000 inhabitants. The city, together with nearby Frankfurt am Main, Darmstadt, and Mainz, is part of the Frankfurt Rhine Main Region, a metropolitan area with a combined population of about 5.8 million people.

21. Weather: The average temperatures in Wiesbaden in September are between around 12°C (daily minimum) and 20°C (daily maximum). You may check the weather forecast at the local website: <https://www.wiesbaden.de/en/service/weather-forecast.php>

22. Currency: The official Germany currency is the **Euro** (national symbol: €, international code: **EUR**). Foreign currency can be exchanged in exchange offices located at the airport or at Wiesbaden Central Station. Official exchange rate data can be found on the website of the European Central Bank: [https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy\\_and\\_exchange\\_rates/euro\\_reference\\_exchange\\_rates/html/index.en.html](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/euro_reference_exchange_rates/html/index.en.html)

23. Time Zone: Germany is located in the Central European time zone.

24. Electricity: The voltage in Germany, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Germany uses ‘type C’ and ‘type F’ electrical plugs with the corresponding socket as depicted in the following image.



**Type C**



**Type F**

25. Useful telephone numbers:

- Police: 110
- Fire service: 112
- Medical service: 112

## IX. COVID-19 MEASURES IN GERMANY

26. There are currently no entry restrictions due to the COVID-19. However, participants are encouraged to check the latest situation with Covid-19 and requirements for testing, vaccinations and COVID certificates. Up-to-date information about the COVID-19 pandemic in Germany, Land Hessen can be found on the official website of the Hessian state government <https://hessen.de/Handeln/Corona-in-Hessen>

27. If you develop any COVID-like symptoms or test positive for the virus, please refrain from coming to the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to maintain protective hygiene measures (e.g., frequent washing of hands and keeping physical distances).

## **X. SOCIAL EVENT**

28. Further information about possible social events will be provided to registered participants nearer to the time of the meeting.

## **XI. CONTACTS**

29. For further information you may contact the following organisers:

*Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe:*

Christopher Jones, email: [JonesC@un.org](mailto:JonesC@un.org)

*Local Contacts in Wiesbaden:*

Mrs Sarah Gießing, email: [sarah.giessing@destatis.de](mailto:sarah.giessing@destatis.de) and

Mrs Ulrike Tuerk-Schroeter, email: [Ulrike.tuerk-schroeter@destatis.de](mailto:Ulrike.tuerk-schroeter@destatis.de)

### **DEADLINES**

10 March 2023	<b>Abstract</b> or proposal for intended contribution
13 July 2023	<b>Paper</b>
28 August 2023	<b>Registration</b>
4 September 2023	<b>Presentation</b> or other material to be presented
26 to 28 September 2023	Meeting

## ANNEX 1: GETTING AROUND IN WIESBADEN

30. Wiesbaden's bus network is easy to use. When using public transport, you should validate your ticket by punching it in the machines found by the bus exit as soon as you board. The map below marks the location of the meeting venue, as well as the train station served by trains from Frankfurt airport (taken from <https://www.netzplan-wiesbaden.de/>).

