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Dear Participants of the 2nd UNICA EduLab Seminar,

I would like to personally welcome you to the 2nd UNICA EduLab Seminar. It is an exciting time for all our universities as we continue to face the challenges of how to remain always adaptable, motivated and open to new ideas. The higher education sector is continually facing and confronting a time of socio-economic and political changes and we are to meet current grave changes while preserving the traditional values of universities. The world of education is an exciting area in which we should continue to meet and bring inspired people together in forums like this, to ensure our universities remain at the cutting edge.

The UNICA EduLab Working Group offers a platform for cooperation for our education experts, concentrating on key issues of the Bologna process, like student-centred learning, new methods to enhance quality and relevance of teaching and learning and to improve the employability of our graduates, sound application of digital technologies, as well as teacher training & research on education. Being Hungary's oldest and largest university, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) considers the issues addressed by this working group of utmost importance in the 21st century. The *Future of the Bologna Process*, *New ways of teaching and learning* and *Higher Education in the digital era* are the main topics you will be exploring in order to find good practices and identify problems and obstacles. I am convinced that you will identify good practices that we all could share with each other and which will help us to tackle obstacles and burdens on our shoulders.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for attending this workshop and bringing your expertise to our gathering. I am convinced that both you and ELTE will profit a lot from this event and we are committed to contributing to the future of this working group and UNICA as a whole. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

All in all, it is a great honour for us to host this workshop and I wish you success in your meeting and a pleasant stay in Budapest.



Prof. Dr. Barna Mezey
Rector

ABOUT THE HOST: Eötvös Loránd University

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) - in terms of student and staff number, quality of education and research, and international relations - is a prestigious institution of public higher education in Hungary, operating continuously since its inception in 1635. ELTE is alma mater of five Nobel laureates and leading figures in technology, public policy, and culture in Hungary.

Ranked as No. 1 university in Hungary, it is undoubtedly the most popular higher education institution among applicants each year. The university has been expanded gradually and now it consists of eight faculties.

ELTE has widespread international relations. It holds about 450 bilateral agreements for cooperation and exchange all over the world. It is active member of prestigious international university networks and it is involved in joint degree programs with international partner universities. These partnerships offer a large number of possibilities for mobility and international collaborations to students and researchers at ELTE.



Research at ELTE means international collaborations, interdisciplinary approaches, modern laboratory infrastructure, and innovation. Our researchers run cutting-edge projects funded by the European Union and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Along with international partners, our research groups are building strong connections also with industry.

Currently 28,000 students study at ELTE. International students arrive at ELTE from over 70 countries. The diplomas issued are acknowledged worldwide, and its course credits are transferable in all countries of the European Union.

ELTE offers 292 bachelor's and undergraduate-graduate programs; 93 master's programs; 80 combined undergraduate-graduate teaching degree programs; over 50 degree programs for international students in foreign languages (including joint programs) at 6 faculties (Education and Psychology, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Science, Social Sciences); 118 PhD programs in 17 doctoral schools.

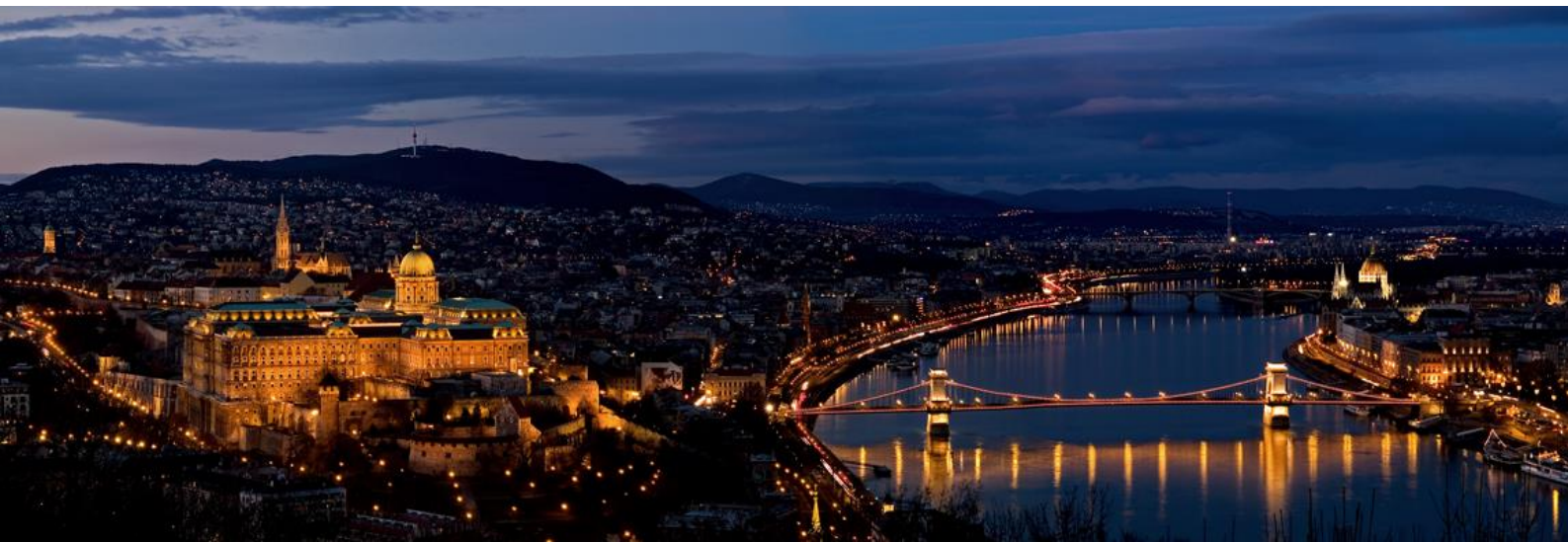
ELTE in VIDEO



LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86KEqfysw1E>

THE CITY OF BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital and the largest city of Hungary, and one of the largest cities in the European Union. It is the country's principal political, cultural, commercial, industrial and transportation centre, sometimes described as the primate city of Hungary. According to the census, in 2011 Budapest had 1.74 million inhabitants, down from its 1989 peak of 2.1 million due to suburbanisation. The Budapest Metropolitan Area is home to 3.3 million people. The city covers an area of 525 square kilometres (202.7 sq mi). Budapest became a single city occupying both banks of the river Danube with the unification of Buda and Óbuda on the west bank, with Pest on the east bank on 17 November 1873.



The history of Budapest began with Aquincum, originally a Celtic settlement that became the Roman capital of Lower Pannonia. Hungarians arrived in the territory in the 9th century. Their first settlement was pillaged by the Mongols in 1241–42. The re-established town became one of the centres of Renaissance humanist culture by the 15th century. Following the Battle of Mohács and nearly 150 years of Ottoman rule, the region entered a new age of prosperity in the 18th and 19th centuries, and Budapest became a global city after its unification in 1873. It also became the second capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a great power that dissolved in 1918, following World War I. Budapest was the focal point of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848, the Hungarian Republic of Councils in 1919, the Battle of Budapest in 1945, and the Revolution of 1956.

Cited as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Budapest's extensive World Heritage Site includes the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter, Andrásy Avenue, Heroes' Square and the Millennium Underground Railway, the second-oldest metro line in the world. It has around 80 geothermal springs, the world's largest thermal water cave system, second largest synagogue, and third

largest Parliament building. The city attracts about 4.4 million tourists a year, making it the 25th most popular city in the world, and the 6th in Europe, according to Euromonitor.

Considered a financial hub in Central Europe, the city ranked third on Mastercard's Emerging Markets Index, and ranked as the most liveable Central or Eastern European city on EIU's quality of life index. It is also ranked as "the world's second best city" by Condé Nast Traveler, and "Europe's 7th most idyllic place to live" by Forbes. It is the highest ranked Central/Eastern European city on Innovation Cities' Top 100 index.

Budapest is home to the headquarters of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), the European Police College (CEPOL) and the first foreign office of the China Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA). Eighteen universities are situated in Budapest, including the Central European University, Eötvös Loránd University and the Budapest University of Technology and Economics.

HOW TO GET TO YOUR HOTEL?

Airport Shuttle-Minibusz Service

Budapest Airport Minibusz Kft. Transports passengers in mini or ordinary buses/coaches to Budapest hotels or where you want to go. You can order their service right on the spot or in advance for a certain time and date. Drivers speak foreign languages and are absolutely familiar with the traffic in Budapest, the shortest and fastest routes, so it is an ideal solution for passengers to reach their destination easily, fast and safely.

Prices from Ferihegy Airport to any place in Budapest and from any place in Budapest to Ferihegy Airport:

HUF 3,200/ 1 person

HUF 5,500/ return ticket

Operating hours: 5.00am – 1.00am.

Reservation contacts:

Phone: (+36-1) 296-8555 (06.00 am - 10.00 pm)

Fax: (+36-1) 296-8993

Internet: www.airportshuttle.hu

Taxi

Please be careful and do not take a "no-name" taxi. Always choose one that belongs to a company.




The official taxi service provider of the Airport is **Főtaxi**. The cabs use a taximeter, and you can expect a bill of 6,500 HUF/21 EUR for a ride from the airport to the city centre:


Telephone/Fax: +36 1 2222222

<http://fotaxi.eu/?Language=en#main-menu>
rendel@fotaxi.hu

If you have time to travel round the city and would like to use public transport, you can buy a 10-piece discount coupon book (Price: 3,000 HUF), a 1-day or a 3-day travel card at the metro station in Kálvin tér/Square (This is where your hotel is.).

Reaching the Mercure Korona Hotel & ELTE by public bus and metro

Duration:	58 minutes
Distance	21 km
Changes: 1	Walk: 621 m
Vehicles:	
  200E bus (9 stops)	
 M3 metro (8 stops)	

Outside the building of Ferihegy Airport Terminal 2, you'll find the stop of bus 200E. It's the terminus of the bus line so you needn't worry about which direction you should take. From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. the bus runs every 10-12 minutes. Earlier and later a bit less frequently. When it arrives at the other end of the line, Kőbány-Kispest -- the journey takes about 25 minutes --, get off and follow the signs  to the metro station. It's the blue line or M3. Get on a train (don't worry; it is the terminus, but

make sure you're taking one of the blue metro carriages and not a railway train as the railway station is next to the metro station) and get off at Kálvin tér (Square). The Korona Hotel is right in the square.

USEFUL INFORMATION

WEATHER

In December the weather in Budapest can be quite cold, but let's hope for the best.

You can also check

<http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/Budapest+Hungary+HUXX0002> or
<https://www.idokep.hu/>

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Although it is sometimes rather grey and cold in winter in Budapest, there are also beautiful sunny days with crystal blue sky. And you'll find plenty things to do. You can choose from couple of [great museums](#), immerse in one of the hot baths since the Hungarian capital is the city of spas. Moreover, in December the city dresses up in Christmas decorations and one of the greatest attractions is the [Christmas Fair](#) (<http://www.budapestbylocals.com/event/budapest-christmas-fair/>) in Vörösmarty Square, which is just a 10-minute walk from ELTE or your hotel.

CURRENCY

You can pay by credit card nearly everywhere (not at the market!) and there is a good **bureau de change** a few steps away from the entrance of your hotel.