

## UNICA IRO meeting 2025

**11-12 December 2025, Tallinn University**

### Practical guide for participants

#### Venue: Tallinn University

- 11 December: **M-134** in the Mare building, [Uus-Sadama 5, Tallinn](#)
- 12 December: **A-046** in the Astra building, [Narva mnt 29](#)

#### Arriving in Tallinn

Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport is only a 10-minute drive from the city centre. Since they are currently constructing new tram and train connections, it is a little bit inconvenient to use public transportation to commute to the centre from the airport. But since the airport is so close, taking a taxi/Bolt/Uber is very fast, affordable and convenient.

- Did you know that **Bolt** is an Estonian-based company and the most popular ride-sharing app in Tallinn?
- **Uber** is also available to use, but the waiting times might be a little longer than for Bolt
- Airport **taxis** are also reliable and wait at the airport arrivals, we recommend Forus taxis as they guarantee card payments.

#### Arriving by bus or ferry

Our closer neighbours can reach Tallinn also via bus or ferry. The central bus station is located very close to the city centre and accessible via trams (no 2 and 4 will take you to the city centre). You can also get a taxi or Bolt/Uber from there to your hotel. The ferry terminal is similarly very close to the centre and is right next to Tallinn University and well connected to everything.

## **Getting around in the city**

In addition to Bolt, public transportation is also convenient for getting around the city.

While we recommend walking to the university from most nearby locations, there is a very convenient connection between the city centre/Old Town and the university. Just hop on tram no 1 or 3 going in the direction of Kadriorg and get off at Tallinna Ülikool (Tallinn University) stop. All public transportation has contactless payment machines next to the first door of the bus/tram. You only have to swipe when entering and then you have a ticket valid for 1 hour. No need to swipe when exiting.

## **Weather**

For a visit to Tallinn in December, expect a beautiful, but cold, winter atmosphere. Average temperatures hover around 1C during the day and drop below freezing at night, with only about six hours of daylight. You should prepare for potential snowfall, icy streets, and a strong wind chill from the Baltic Sea. The key to staying comfortable is a three-layer system: thermal base layers, insulating sweaters/fleeces, and a heavy, windproof, waterproof outer coat. Absolute must-haves are an insulated, waterproof pair of boots with good grip and a warm set of accessories: a hat, gloves, and a scarf. A small reflector is also a practical item for safely walking during the long, dark evenings.

## Hotels

Here are a few hotels that are relatively close to the university ranging in price and proximity. Since Tallinn University is so centrally located, you can stay in any hotel that is in the city centre or Old Town - most places are within walking distance or just a tram stop away.

Hotel	Distance to venue	Details
<a href="#"><u>Park Inn by Radisson Central Tallinn</u></a>	800 m, 11 min walk	Close to the university and close to the Old Town. This is probably the most popular hotel among university guests for conferences etc.
<a href="#"><u>Hestia Hotel Europa</u></a>	950 m, 13 min walk	In the harbour area, close to the Old Town (800 m)
<a href="#"><u>Metropol Spa Hotel</u></a>	1.2 km, 17 min walk (or 1 tram stop)	In the Rotermann quarters (small historic block with nice restaurants and cafes), very central, close to the Old Town (550 m)
<a href="#"><u>Nordic Hotel Forum</u></a>	1.3 km, 18 min walk (or 1 tram stop)	Very centrally located, next to the Old Town.
<a href="#"><u>Hilton Tallinn Park</u></a>	800 m, 11 min walk	Close to the university, a bit further from the Old Town but next to another lovely historic neighbourhood.
<a href="#"><u>Fonntental Design Hotel</u></a>	600 m, 9 min walk	Next to a historic park and palaces in a beautiful neighbourhood; however, they don't provide breakfast as part of their stay, but there is a nice cafe downstairs that has a breakfast menu that you can order from.
<a href="#"><u>Meriton Old Town Garden Hotel Tallinn</u></a>	1.9 km, 30 min walk, (or 20 min by tram)	Located in the Old Town - if you want a full historic medieval experience.

## Arriving at the venue and navigating the campus

Tallinn University campus has 6 connected buildings surrounding a courtyard. The buildings all have short Latin names that help you navigate the campus. The program on December 11th will take place in the **MARE building** (5 Uus-Sadama Street entrance) and the program on December 12th will be in the **ASTRA building** (29 Narva Road entrance). However, the buildings of the campus are all connected via galleries (through the 2nd floor), so you can enter through either of the two entrances, depending on which direction you are coming from.

Here is a rough map of the campus and the relevant entrances as well as how to reach them from all directions:

