



EUROPEAN
ORGANIZATION
OF REGIONAL
AUDIT INSTITUTIONS



International Seminar

“Challenges for regional public sector audit institutions related to climate change and its impact on public policies”

DATES

23 May 2024 – Management Committee meeting and welcome dinner

24 May 2024 – Seminar, General Assembly and gala dinner

25 May 2024 – Excursion and sightseeing programme

ORGANISING BODIES

Court of Audit of Styria

European Organisation of Regional External Public Finance Audit Institutions (EURORAI)

VENUE

Management Committee meeting:

Grazer Landhaus – Rittersaal

Herrengasse 16

8010 Graz

<https://www.landtag.steiermark.at/cms/ziel/122783062/DE/>

Seminar:

Congress Graz

Albrechtgasse 1, Sparkassenplatz

8010 Graz

<https://www.mcq.at/locations/congress-graz>

ACCOMMODATION

The General Secretariat of EURORAI has made a pre-reservation of rooms via the Court of Audit of Styria and the official tourism organisation of the city of Graz “Graz Tourismus” at the following two hotels:

Grand Hôtel Wiesler**** Grieskai 4 – 8, 8020 Graz (5-minute walk to the seminar venue)

Prices (per room and night, breakfast and VAT included)

- Comfort Independent – Single room: 171.50 €
- Comfort Independent – Double room single use: 171.50 €
- Comfort Independent – Double room: 199.00 €
- Grand Independent – Single room: 181.50 €
- Grand Independent – Double room single use: 181.50 €
- Grand Independent – Double room: 209,00 €

Das Weitzer**** Grieskai 12 – 14, 8020 Graz (5-minute walk to the seminar venue)

Prices (per room and night, breakfast and VAT included)

- Economy – Single room: 146.50 €
- Economy – Double room single use: 146.50 €
- Economy – Double room: 171,00 €
- Classic – Single room: 166.50 €
- Classic – Double room single use: 166.50 €
- Classic – Double room: 191,00 €

From 5 February until 10 April 2024 (booking deadline) you can book your room on the Graz Tourismus website https://www.graztourismus.at/kongress/en/congress-calendar/eurorai-seminar_ccd_8318. To do this, please follow the instructions step by step until the booking process at the hotel you have chosen has been completed. **Please, use only this link in order to book your room!**

We kindly ask all participants (including members of the EURORAI Management Committee as well as speakers and moderators) to make their hotel reservation as described above as soon as possible considering that the number of rooms that could be pre-booked is limited.

COSTS

Included: Costs of the event (delegates do not pay any registration fee), welcome dinner* on 23 May, refreshment breaks and lunch during the seminar and gala dinner* on 24 May, excursion and sightseeing programme* on 25 May

* also for accompanying persons upon payment of the relevant participation fees

Not included: Costs concerning the programme for accompanying persons on 24 May (a general participation fee of 50 € per person for all activities included in the accompanying persons' programme is to be paid on site at the seminar registration desk).

LANGUAGES

English, French, German and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation facilities

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration on EURORAI's website under the link 'Activities' – from 5th February until 10th April 2024

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

23 May 2024

Management Committee – separate programme

Welcome dinner for all delegates and their partners at the restaurant SCHLOSSBERG at 07:00 pm (meeting point at 06.00 pm at the respective hotel lounges)

24 May 2024 – Seminar and General Assembly

Time	Description
from 08:30 am on	Arrival of participants, registration, distribution of seminar badges and documents
09:00 am – 09:15 am	Opening by the President of the Court of Styria and welcoming address by a representative of the Federate State of Styria
09:15 am – 09:30 am	Introductory speech by the President of the Austrian Court of Audit and Secretary General of INTOSAI
09:30 am – 11:00 am	Session 1 The role of regional public sector audit institutions in the face of climate change 3 speakers X 25 minutes + questions/comments
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Coffee break
11:30 am – 01:00 pm	Session 2 Audits in the field of energy 3 speakers X 25 minutes + questions/comments
01:00 pm – 02:30 pm	Group photo and lunch
02:30 pm – 04:00 pm	Session 3 <i>tbd</i> 3 speakers X 25 minutes + questions/comments
04:00 pm – 04:30 pm	Coffee break
04:30 pm – 04:45 pm	Conclusions and organizational matters
04:45 pm – 05:00 pm	General Assembly of member institutions
05:00 pm – 05:15 pm	Closing
07:00 pm	Meeting point at the respective hotel lounges
07:30 pm	Gala dinner at the auditorium of the Old University

Speakers will probably come, among others, from the following EURORAI member countries: Austria, France, Germany, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland and Wales.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME (OPTIONAL)

24 May (only for accompanying persons), 09:00 am – 03:00 pm

"White horses and colourful churches": Visit to the Piber Federal Stud Farm and the Hundertwasser Church (lunch included)

25 May (for all seminar participants and their partners)

09:00 am – 10:30 am: Guided tour through the historic city centre of Graz

11:00 am – 06:00 pm: Excursion to southern Styria

- Visit to a seed oil mill (lunch snack included)
- Guided tour of Seggau Castle (wine tasting included)
- Visit to a wine tavern with an original Styrian snack

TRANSPORT

The **Grand Hôtel Wiesler** and "**Das Weitzer**" are both located right in the centre of Graz, just a 5-minute walk from the main square.

Arrival by airplane

Graz Airport (<https://www.flughafen-graz.at/home.html>) is located about 9 km south of Graz city centre. The hotels can be reached from the airport as follows:

- By taxi (fare: approx. 30 €). The taxi rank is located in front of the passenger terminal.
- Take the train to Graz Central Station (single fare: 3 €) and then take a taxi or tram line 1, 4, 6 or 7 to the "Südtirolerplatz/Kunsthaus" stop. The train station (Graz/Feldkirchen Airport, S-Bahn line S5) is approx. 300 metres from the terminal. You can find the timetables at www.oebb.at.

From **Vienna International Airport** (<https://www.viennaairport.com/>) you can reach Graz Central Station directly by taking the railjet trains of the Austrian Federal Railways (<https://tickets.oebb.at/en/ticket>) (the fare for a single journey – standard ticket is 47.20 €, but there are also cheaper Sparschiene offers; the shortest duration of the journey is 3 hours).

Arrival by train

From **Graz Central Station**, both hotels can be reached by taxi or tram (lines 1,4, 6 or 7 to the stop "Südtirolerplatz/Kunsthaus").

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

Official website of EURORAI <http://www.eurorai.org/>

Official website of the Court of Audit of Styria

<https://www.landesrechnungshof.steiermark.at/>

Official website for tourist information about the city of Graz

<https://www.graztourismus.at/en>

Official website for tourist information about the Land of Styria

<https://www.tourismus.steiermark.at/>