Guide to travel to Budapest
COVID-19 measures
Practical information
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COVID-19 Travel rules

Travel to Hungary is once again unrestricted

The lifting of epidemiological entry restrictions means that, from Monday the 7th of March 2022, travellers can enter Hungary without the need for vaccination or immunity certificates, or any kind of test or quarantine obligation. Simultaneously, the lifting of the special rules of access for certain services and events means that vaccination certificates are no longer required for entry to indoor congresses or conferences, accommodation establishments, spas, sporting or cultural events, music and dance festivals, or outdoor events of any kind. The wearing of masks in public spaces is no longer mandatory, although some venues may still recommend their use.

https://visithungary.com/category/covid-19-information
COVID-19 situation report

• ‘Variants of concern’ active: Delta, Omikron BA.1&BA.2:
  – Overall Europe Omikron BA.1 and BA.2 have passed the peak and are decreasing rapidly. Most cases with mild symptoms and very low level of hospitalization
  – Newly detected mix-variant of Delta and Omikron (XD) and BA.4 & BA.5 is below significant monitoring level and acc. to scientific researchers does not significantly diverge from the root

• Up-to-date check:
  – Reopen EU
  – JHU dashboard
Before the meeting

- The host EF3 will send out a poll 2 weeks before the meeting to check for the need of COVID-19 testing before departure:
  - Name of delegate
  - Schedule of departure from Budapest
  - Need for certified COVID-19 test (paid by delegate):
    - Antigen
    - PCR

This is for planning purposes to avoid shortage of test capacity and minimize delays!
At the meeting

There is no obligation to wear face masks inside the hotel or meeting area

• We recommend to wear face masks according to your own risk-assessment
• We recommend to self-test, inform the host and isolate yourself in case you recognize symptoms – all on voluntary basis
• Act responsible for yourself and the health of your colleagues!
Departure preparation

• EF3 has contracted medical staff to take care of the required testing for departure certificates and will prepare sufficient capacity according to the received answers to the poll
  – Test needs to be paid by the delegate
    • Cost of PCR test is approx. 50€, either paid cash in local currency HUF (Forint), no cards
    Planning of 2 slots per day (morning/evening) on Wed/Thu/Fri and one morning slot on Sat
  – Antigen or PCR tests with certificate by medical doctor to cope with the requirements of airlines and border controls

• Additionally all airports in Europe nowadays offer on-site testing for easy traveling and instant certificates (book your slot at Budapest airport via https://www.bud.hu/en/testing_center)
PCR & Antigen test on-site

WhiteLab Hungary

will be on-site
during 3GPP TSGs#96 in Budapest
PCR & Antigen test on-site

**Testing days:**
- Wednesday 8 of June 2 times (morning, evening)*
- Thursday 9 of June 2 times (morning, evening)
- Friday 10 of June 2 times (morning, evening)
- Saturday 11 of June 1 time (morning) *exact time to be advised

**Where:** in a private area within Novotel Budapest (name of the room TBD)

**Cost:**
- PCR test **19.500 HUF/ person**, and we have a call out fee for the doctor/doctors which is 20.000 HUF/hour/person + one administration guy who ask all the details from the costumers which is 20.000 HUF/hour/person. **Antigen test 8 500 HUF.**
- PCR results = 15 hours max, Antigen results = 3 hours from the ending morning/afternoon session.

**Payment:**
- You can pay by Via transfer after the testing, by cash or by credit card. They will issue the invoice in HUF.
- You can pay in euros, and the changing price will be 300HUF/1EUR if you want to pay by cash.

**How to book your appointment?** Please fill in the attached excel sheet and please send it back to contact@eurofriends3.org

Emmanuelle Wurffel, your EF3 meeting organizer
contact@eurofriends3.org
Additional measures by the host

EF3 strongly recommends that delegates bring their own COVID-19 protection and testing equipment as individually needed to prevent shortages!

- EF3 will be able to offer FFP2 face masks
- EF3 will be able to offer limited amount of self-test kits for delegates
- All public areas in the hotel and meeting rooms will be equipped with hand-disinfection and sanitizers
COVID-19 positive

In your own interest it is recommended to contact the host and/or hotel in case you experience symptoms so that we can take care of you and other delegates!

- In general there is no obligation by the Hungarian regulation to isolate yourself, however it is strongly recommended
- EF3 and the Hotel organized a limited amount of rooms to extend the departure in case tested positive for 3GPP room-rate
- After the meeting finishes the hotel will take care to organize testing with the same company as contracted during the meeting
Recommended check-list

- Printed certificate of vaccination/recovery/test
- Face masks (FFP2 recommended for best protection): 5-10 pcs.
- Self-test kits, if available: 5 pcs.
- Hand-disinfection gel
- Thermometer
- Prescribed pharmaceuticals for additional days
- Additional personal belongings for potential extended stay
TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND TRAVEL SAFE