

Travel Advisory for the 117th R8C Meeting, 6-7 Nov 2021, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

<https://ieeer8.org/category/committee/meetings/2021-november-frankfurt-am-main/>

Hotel HILTON FRANKFURT CITY CENTRE,

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/frahitw-hilton-frankfurt-city-centre/>

Hochstraße 4, 60313 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Important: The meeting and all the social events are **2G events: only fully vaccinated** (approved EU vaccines, also includes recovered + 1 dose) completed at least 14 days ago are admitted to the meeting rooms, the coffee breaks foyer, the hotel restaurant, the guided tour and the gala diner.

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1. Meeting schedule

Provisional, please check the latest version and the last-minute changes at the meeting web page: [2021-November – Frankfurt am Main](https://ieeer8.org/category/committee/meetings/2021-november-frankfurt-am-main/)

FRIDAY, 5 NOV 2021 – Arrival in Frankfurt

17:30-19:00 **Registration** desk open the Hilton hotel reception area (vaccination certificates check).

18:00-19:00 **Welcome Reception:** Lobby Atrium, Hilton Frankfurt City Centre.

19:00-22:00 **Dinner:** Park Restaurant, Hilton Frankfurt City Centre (3 course buffet as per Chef's choice, soda & soft drinks, beer, house wine red & white, coffee & tea)

Important: The Lobby Atrium and the Park Restaurant are **3G public spaces** and the guests are required to adhere to the hygiene and distancing regulations. Guests can gather around standing tables in the Lobby Atrium and take off their masks to consume food or beverages. The restaurant is reserved exclusively for the R8C (**2G**) and the guests may take off their masks at their tables. Once they leave all guests need to wear their masks.

SATURDAY, 6 NOV 2021

08:00-17:10 Region 8 Committee meeting Fall 2021 – Day 1

- Meeting room: Liberty Ballroom (1&2), Mezzanine level, Hilton Frankfurt City Centre
- [WebEx link Saturday](#) (meeting number: 2536 173 7022, password: Region8)
- Agenda link: <https://agd.ieee.org/mpt/Uploads/1/Agenda.aspx?eid=17381>
- Wi-Fi: Network: [HiltonHonors](#), Password: [Hilton21](#)
- 10:45–11:10 Coffee break in the Liberty Foyer; transition to R8 Forum
- 12:50–14:05 Lunch in the Hilton hotel Park Restaurant (3 course lunch buffet as per Chef's choice, unlimited water)
- 15:00–15:30 Coffee break, self-service inside the Liberty (1&2) meeting room
- 16:50–17:10 Group picture

18:00–20:00 Frankfurt City Walking Tour. Meeting point: front gate Hilton Frankfurt City Centre. End point MainNizza Restaurant.

20:00–23:00 Gala Diner. Restaurant [MainNizza](#). Untermainkai 17, 60329 Frankfurt am Main. Return to the hotel by walking 17 min or shared taxi.

SUNDAY, 7 NOV 2021

08:00–13:00 Region 8 Committee meeting Fall 2021 – Day 2

- Meeting room: Liberty Ballroom (1&2), Mezzanine level, Hilton Frankfurt City Centre
- [WebEx link Sunday](#) (meeting number: 2538 958 4710, password: Region8)
- 10:45–11:10 Coffee break in the Liberty Foyer
- 13:00–14:00 Adjourn & Lunch in the hotel Hilton Park Restaurant

2. Digital Registration on Entry

Digital Registration on Entry (<https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de/#/>): If you spent time in a risk area (high-risk area or area of variants of concern), you are required, in general, to complete the Digital Registration on Entry. The competent authority must be able to verify test results or proof of quarantine, vaccination or recovery as well as any exemptions from entry regulations. Your travel and contact details will therefore be collected and passed on.

Where do travelers have to register? The digital entry registration must be made before entry if you have been in an area classified as a [high-risk or virus variant area](#) at the time of entry at any time in the last ten days before entry. On the entry portal <https://einreiseanmeldung.de> you enter the information about your stays of the last ten days. After you have given all the necessary information in full, you will receive a PDF file as confirmation. As a rule, your carrier will check whether you can present a confirmation prior to the carriage. Otherwise, you cannot board the plane. Please note that registration is required for all age groups and that children under 12 years of age are not excluded. If the digital entry registration is not possible due to a lack of technical equipment or technical malfunctions, a replacement notification in paper form ([PDF, 227 KB](#)) must be filled out as an alternative.

Questions and answers about digital entry registration, the obligation to provide evidence and entry quarantine: <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/coronavirus/infos-reisende/faq-tests-einreisende.html> .

Everybody must carry the proof of vaccination at all times, and that it might be required for entrance to the different venues, as when signing the contracts we declared this will be a 2G event.

Check the validity of your certificate before traveling: The Robert Koch Institute publishes an official smartphone CovPass app for the German Federal Government. However it is not available for download in different regions and shows a message "it is not available for any of your devices". <https://www.digitaler-impfnachweis-app.de/en>, <https://appgallery.huawei.com/#/app/C104325391> and <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.rki.covpass.app> .

Another app that can be downloaded from the Google Play link below and works well is the COVID Certificate Check (10.5 MB), the official app in Switzerland, but as similar regulation apply in Germany, I successfully used it to check my Covid certificate for validity: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ch.admin.bag.covidcertificate.verifier&hl=es&gl=US>.

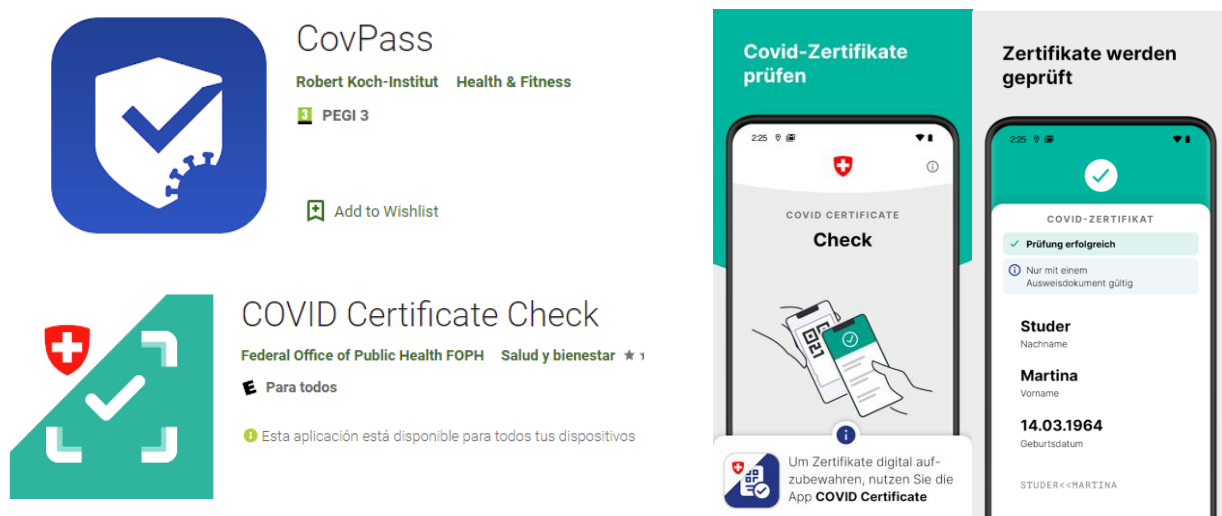


Fig 1. Smartphone COVID-19 certificate check applications

3. How to get from the Frankfurt airport to the hotel

Frankfurt airport: <https://www.airport-fra.com/>; <https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en.html>

Current news:

(1) Road Access to Terminals 1 and 2. Construction work is underway on the access roads to Frankfurt Airport's Terminals 1 and 2, leading to diversions and possible traffic congestion (particularly affecting the Arrivals drive-by areas and parking lot P35).

(2) Waiting times possible for departing and arriving passengers. We're expecting a particularly busy weekend at Frankfurt Airport. This may result in waiting times for passengers. Therefore, we advise all arriving passengers to be prepared for possible delays at the baggage-claim belts. Also, the departing passengers should allow extra time for check-in (arrive at the airport at least two hours prior your departure), security and other processes in the terminals.

More information is available from the Travel Assistant at www.frankfurt-airport.com/easy-travel.

FRANKFURT AIRPORT METRO/TRAIN: To transfer from Frankfurt Airport to Frankfurt or other destinations around, the metro/train is an efficient way to do it. Frankfurt Airport has a couple of railway stations: The Suburban (Metro) and regional trains station (Regionalbahnhof) and another station for long distance and inter-city trains.

METRO, S/U-BAHN: S-Bahn stands for the city rapid rail and U-Bahn for the Frankfurt metro. In order to transfer to downtown Frankfurt from Frankfurt Airport, you can take **S-Bahn 8 and 9 lines (S8/S9)**, which will take you to **Hauptwache Station** (Fig.3). Total trip time is of 8 minutes. Then **walk 500 m (6 min)** to the hotel **Hilton Frankfurt City Centre** (Fig. 4). <https://www.airport-fra.com/transport.php> , <https://www.airport-fra.com/train.php> .

Schedule: From 04:00 am to 01:30 am, every 4 minutes on peak hours, every 8 minutes the rest of the day and every 10 minutes after 10:00 pm.

Location: In order to board the S-Bahn lines, you need to take them at the Regionalbahnhof Station located in the Ground Level of Terminal 1. (see Fig. 2).

Where can I buy my ticket? You can purchase your ticket at the ticket machines in Frankfurt Airport Station. Fares:

- Single ticket (adults): €2.75
- Single ticket (children): €1.55
- Short trip ticket: €1.50
- Day ticket: €6.20

FRANKFURT AIRPORT TAXI: Transfer to downtown Frankfurt within 20 up to 30 minutes.

LOCATION: To ride a taxi at Frankfurt Airport you just need to go to the taxi ranks outside the first level of Terminal 1 and the ground level of Terminal 2.

COMPANIES: Find taxi companies at the taxi ranks of Frankfurt Airport operating 24 hours a day:

- Frankfurt Airport Taxi: +49 160 4777000
- Rhein Main Taxi Service: +49 172 6906018
- Taxi 33 Echo Funk: +49 69 230033
- Frankfurt's Taxi Ruf: +49 69 252025

FARES: Average cost for transfer from Frankfurt Airport to downtown is €30.

The public transportation from/to the airport is the recommended and the preferred option.

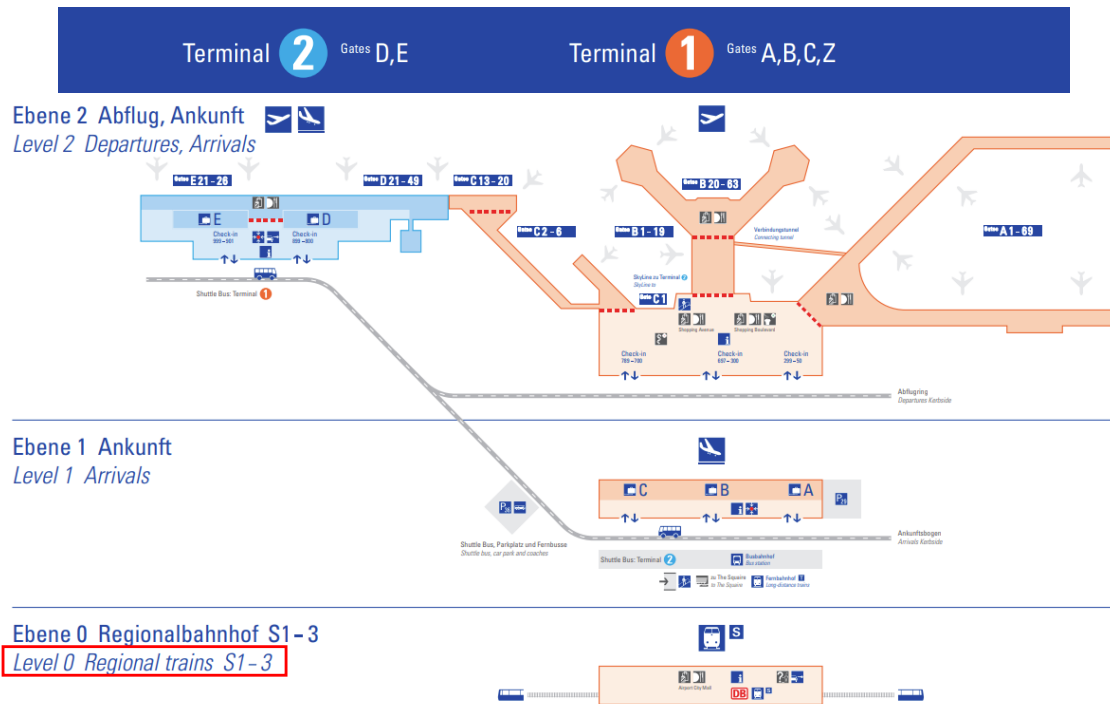


Fig. 2. Metro/U Bahn lines S8/S9 at the Regionalbahnhof Station located in the Ground Level of Terminal 1. [Airport Map \(www.frankfurt-airport.com/en/airport-guide/orientation/airport-map.html\)](http://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en/airport-guide/orientation/airport-map.html)

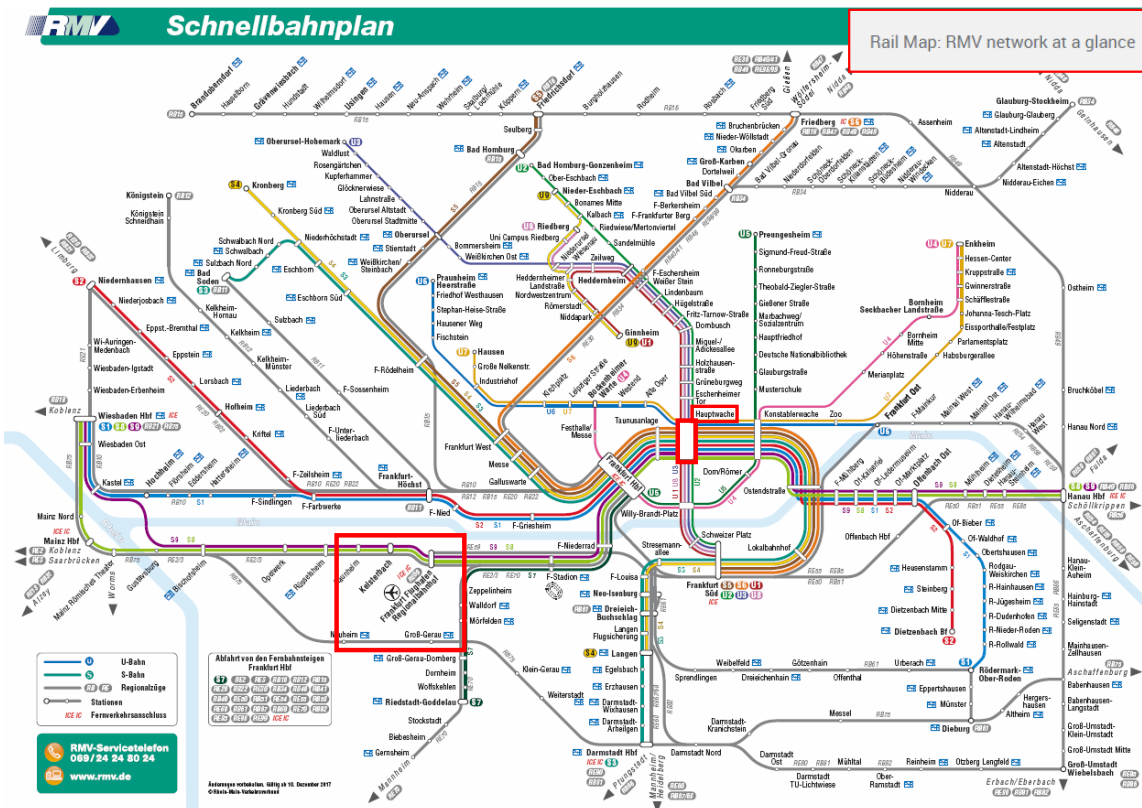


Fig. 3. Airport and Hauptwache Metro stations – RMV rapid transit map(RMV-Schnellbahnplan). The Hilton Frankfurt City Centre is 500 m (6 min) from Hauptwache metro station, or A 2-minute walk from Eschenheimer Tor U-Bahn station.

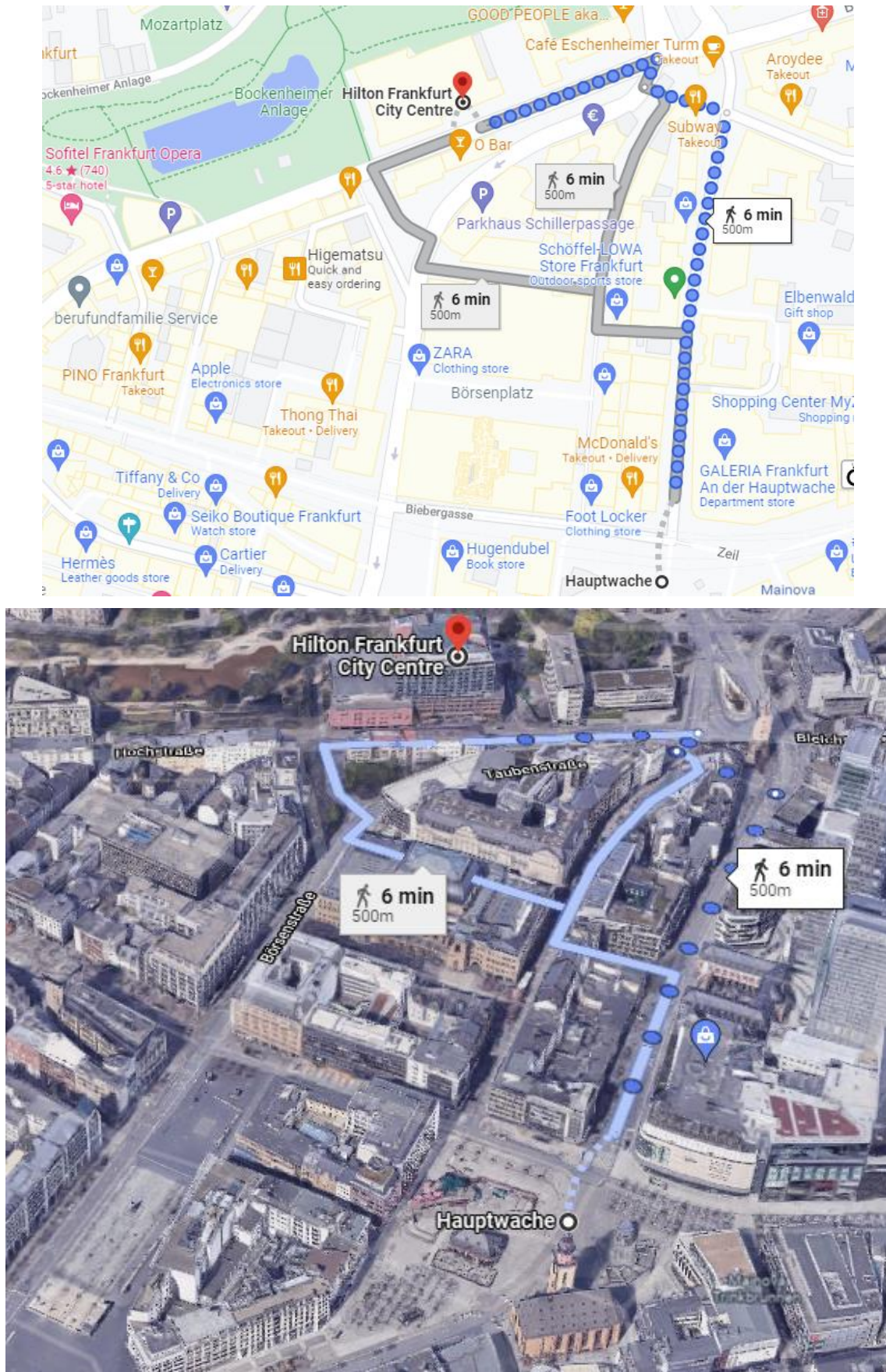


Fig. 4. Walk 500 m (6 min) from Hauptwache metro station to the Hilton Frankfurt City Centre
[Google Maps directions](#)

4. Hotel address, check-in/check-out

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<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/frahitw-hilton-frankfurt-city-centre/>
Hochstraße 4, 60313 Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)69 1338-000
Fax: +49 (0)69 1338-020

Check-In time on arrival day 03:00 PM

Check-Out time on departure day 12:00 PM

Valet Parking: € 3.50 per car/hour; € 33.00 per car/day. Please note that there is only limited space available. Alternative parking space in the near vicinity.

Any incidental charges (e.g. minibar, laundry) will be paid by each individual.

Booking an extra day at Hilton:

You can book and pay for extra day at Hilton using the link [BOOK NOW](#). You can also book using the ordinary hotel website and use the discount code “AIEEE”. The negotiated prices are €159 for single room and €171 for double room, including breakfast. Anyone who would like to extend their stay outside dates 4–8 November for reduced rates should get in touch directly with the Hilton reservations department via +49 800 888 44 888 or FRAHI.ReservationTeam@hilton.com. Quoted bedroom rates will be offered on discount prices, based on availability, to IEEE attendees 4 calendar days before and 4 calendar days after the event dates. Instructions: At the link web page, first click on Edit Stay dates (e.g. 4–5 Nov), then select on 1 Room 1 Guest to add another person if needed (double room occupancy) and chose the room at the price/night.



Fig. 5 Hotel Hilton Frankfurt City Centre, Hochstraße 4, 60313 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Organizing team contact

If you have any questions or need help from the organizing team, you can call me:

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5. Meeting room name, location within the hotel, COVID-19 rules

The meeting room at the hotel conference centre reserved for us is Liberty Ballroom (1&2, 480m²) situated on the **mezzanine floor**. The U-shape will be set up for the Section Chairs, and the other participants in the classroom style sitting. **2G**: only fully vaccinated, no spacing, nor mask rules.

Dress code: Business Formal, Semi-Formal or Business Casual

The morning **coffee breaks** will be in the Liberty Foyer in front of the meeting rooms. The Saturday afternoon coffee break will be served as a self-service inside the Liberty (1&2) meeting room.

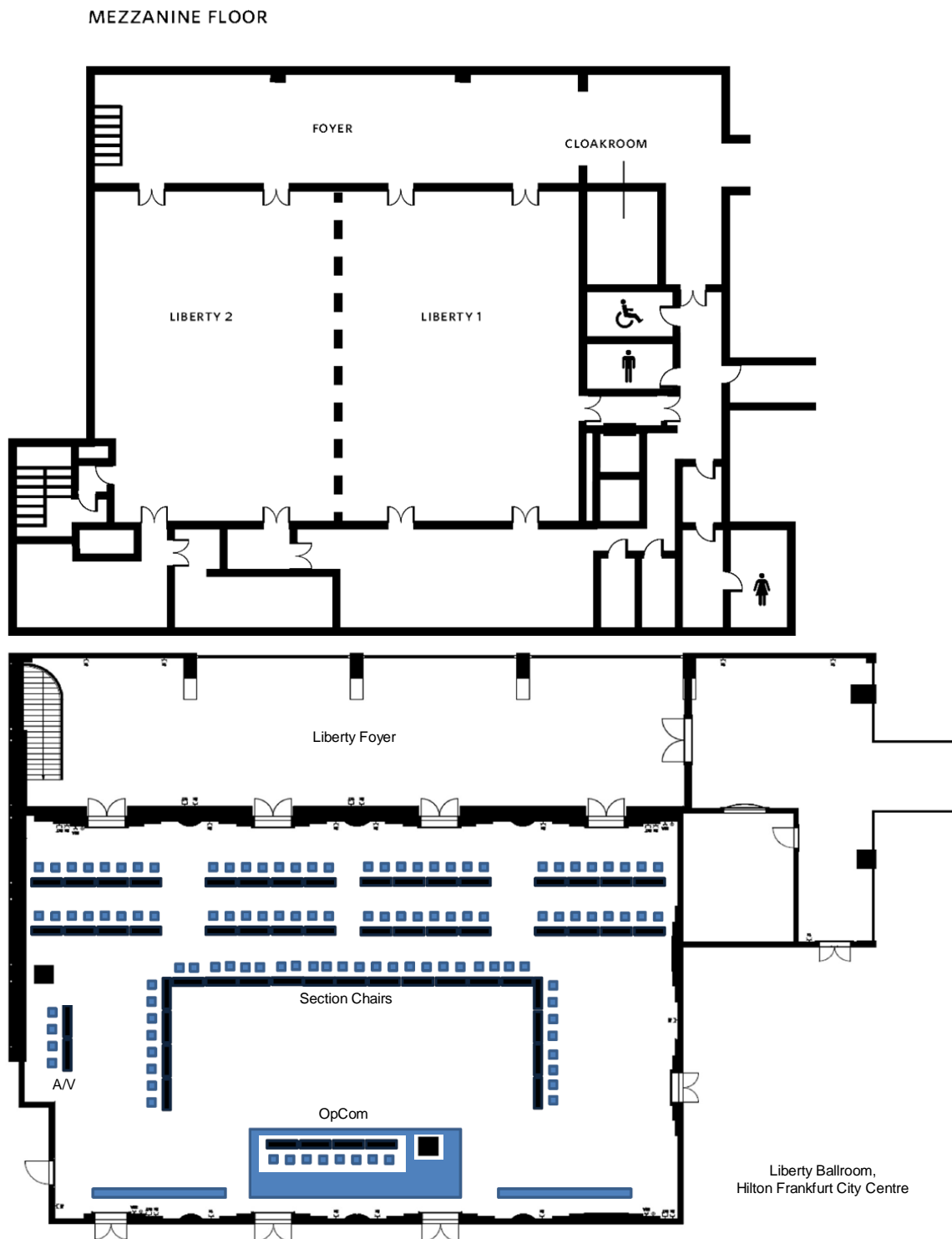


Fig. 6. Meeting room Liberty Ballroom, Hilton Frankfurt City Centre.

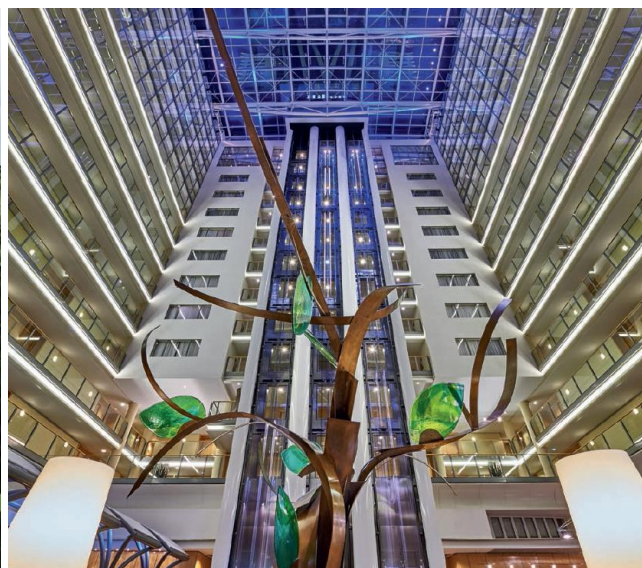
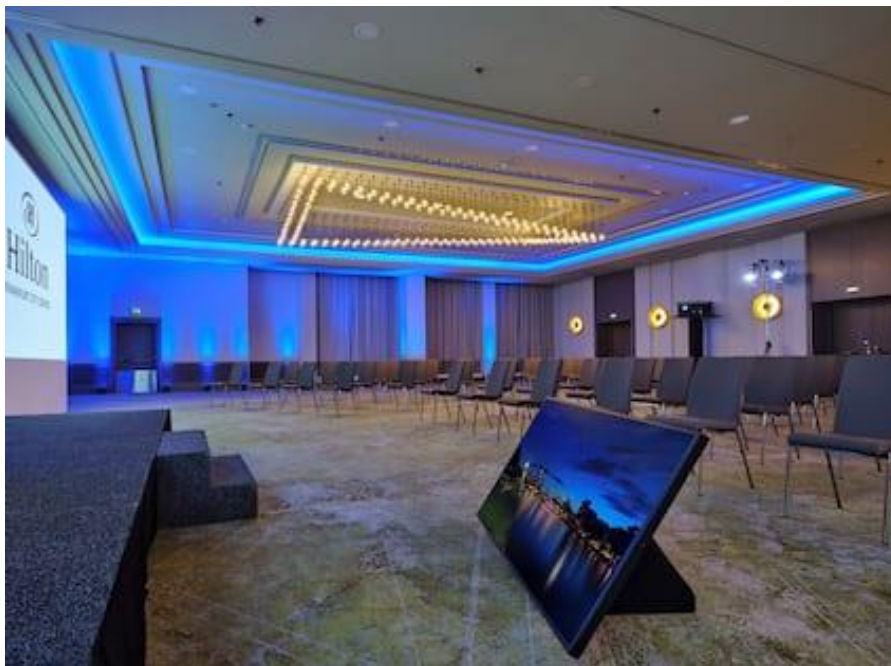


Fig. 7. Hilton Frankfurt City Centre

6. Frankfurt climate

https://www.weather-atlas.com/en/germany/frankfurt-weather-november#climate_text_1
<https://www.holiday-weather.com/frankfurt/averages/november/>
<https://www.accuweather.com/en/de/frankfurt/60311/november-weather/168720>

Weather: The last month of the autumn, November, is another chilly month in Frankfurt, Germany, with average temperature varying between 8.4°C (47.1°F) and 2.8°C (37°F).

Rainfall: In Frankfurt, during 14 rainfall days, 49.1mm (1.93") of precipitation is typically accumulated. In Frankfurt, during the entire year, the rain falls for 169 days and collects up to 629.3mm (24.78") of precipitation. **Bring your own umbrella!** ☺

Daylight: The average length of the day in November is 9h.

Sunshine: In Frankfurt, the average sunshine is 1.7h.

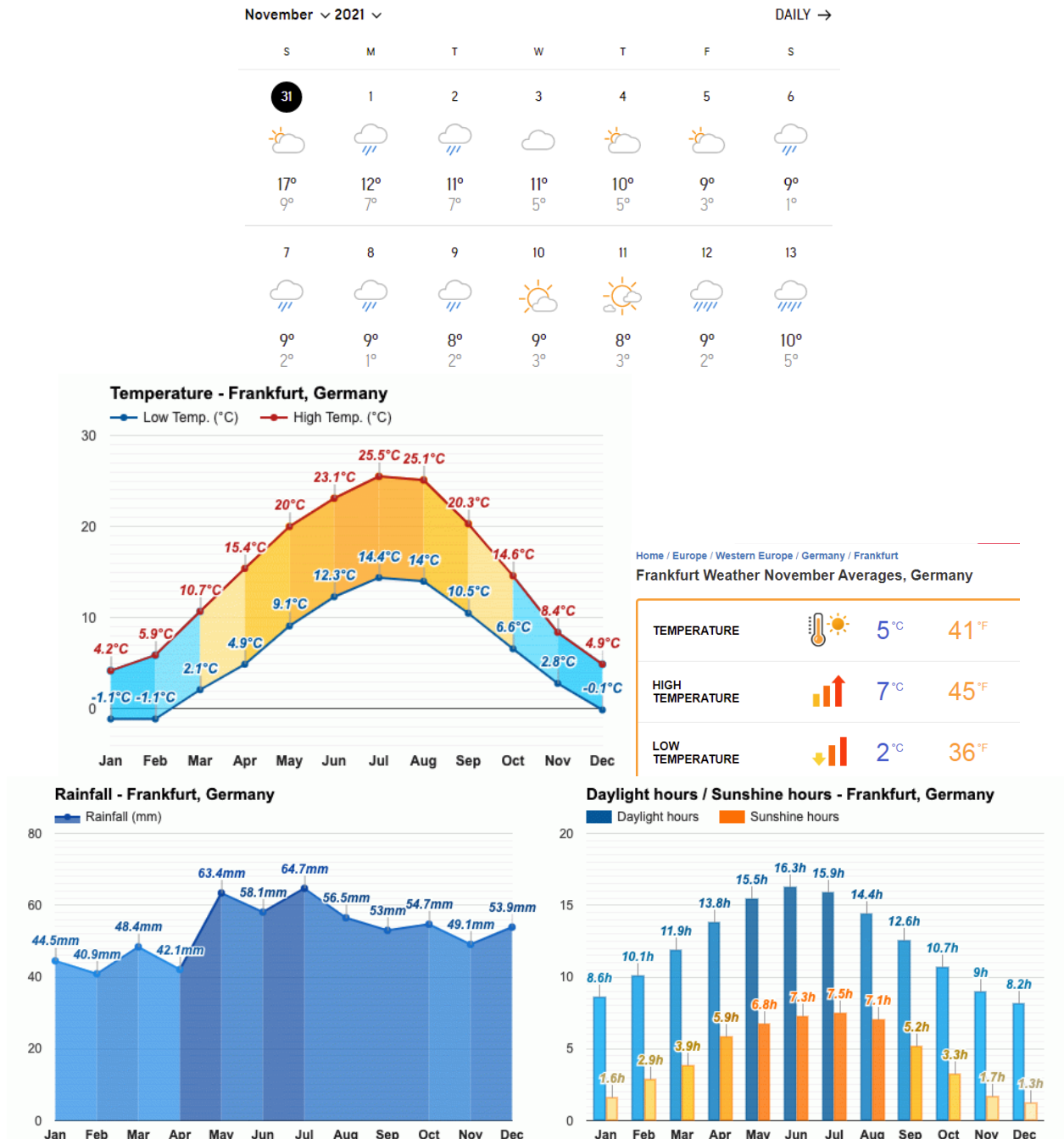


Fig. 8. Frankfurt climate

7. Social events

Saturday, 18:00–20:00 Frankfurt City Walking Tour (approximately [4 km slow walking](#))

Meeting with the guides at the front gate Hotel Hilton Frankfurt City Center, Hochstraße 4, 60313 Frankfurt am Main. End point MainNizza Restaurant.

Visit of the modern city center at Börsenplatz/ Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Hauptwache and Zeil commercial heart of Frankfurt passing the financial district. Enjoy the surprise, exploring the diversity of this small metropolis. Multicultural lifestyles, financial worlds, shopping arenas and key locations of Germany's history.

Passing by the Goethe house, birthplace of Germany's most celebrated author and poet. Goethe was born in Frankfurt on 28 August 1749 and he spent his childhood and youth here. During his time in Frankfurt, he wrote some of his major works, which today form part of world literature, such as The Sorrows of Young Werther.

Visit of the historic city centre the Römerberg/Justitabrunnen with a small introduction to the history and the development of the Main metropolis.

In front of the St. Pauls cathedral the guide will explain the background and course of this church served as the seat for the first German national assembly in 1848, which in turn provided the basis for Germany's present-day constitution.

The tour will be continued in the historic center, illustrating the growth from the mediaeval exhibition centre to today's financial metropolis.

The guide will comment on the reconstruction works of the historic center/ Neue Altstadt At the cathedral, the emperors were elected and crowned.

Along the river Main with a view of the Museum Embankment at the other side of the river the groups will reach the Restaurant Main Nizza.

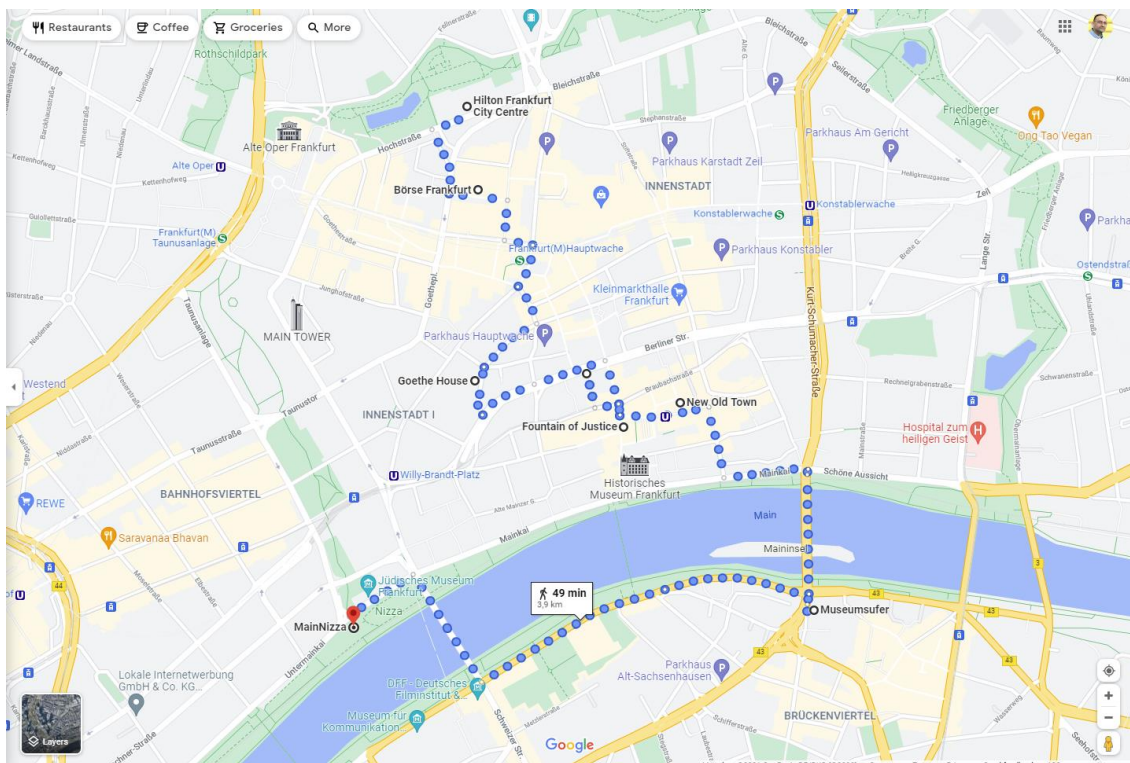


Fig. 9. Frankfurt city walking tour route [Google Maps directions](#)

Saturday, 20:00–23:00 Gala Dinner, Restaurant MainNizza.

Restaurant [MainNizza](https://mainnizza.de/home/das-mainnizza/), Untermainkai 17, 60329 Frankfurt am Main. Tel.: 0 69/29 92 07 5-14, Fax.: 0 69/29 92 07 5-15. <https://mainnizza.de/home/das-mainnizza/>

Return to the hotel by walking 17 min or shared taxi.

Main Nice gives your meetings and business deals a stylish and pleasant ambience. The relaxing view through the large panoramic windows of the Main opens up completely new horizons for your success. A relaxed atmosphere, culinary delicacies, close proximity to the main train station, banking district and downtown Frankfurt, the spacious event area, the Bel Etage, on the upper floor with a wonderful view of the skyline of the banking city and the Main can accommodate up to 150 people. Additional agreement under the Corona Contact and Operational Restriction Ordinance: the owners of restaurants are obliged to record the name, address and telephone number of the guests in order to enable the tracking of infections in compliance with data protection regulations.

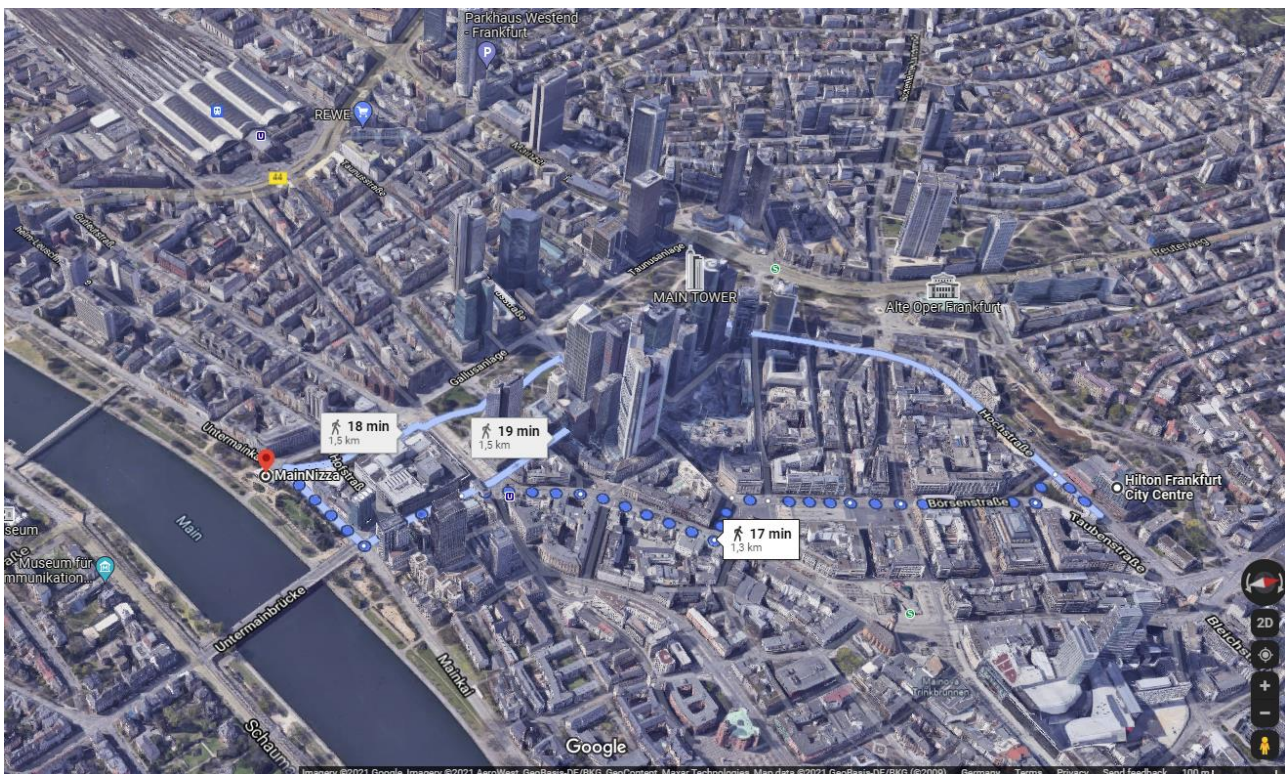


Fig. 10. The Restaurant [MainNizza](https://mainnizza.de/home/das-mainnizza/) is within [walking distance to the Hilton hotel](#).

[Google Maps directions](#)



Fig. 11. The [MainNizza](#) Restaurant