



9th Macroeconomic Policy Research Workshop on Understanding Financial Frictions

Hosted by the Magyar Nemzeti Bank

September 30 – October 1, 2010

Budapest, Hungary

VENUE OF THE MEETING

The 9th Macroeconomic Policy Research Workshop will take place on September 30 – October 1 2010 in the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (The Central Bank of Hungary)
Address: 1054 Budapest, Szabadság tér 8-9. (Please see the attached map.)

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION

Each delegate participating in the Workshop is automatically accredited by returning the completed **REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM** to the Protocol Department of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB) by e-mail to protocol@mnbb.hu or by fax to +36 (1) 428-2551 .
The organizers in the MNB are responsible for collecting the reservations and forwarding them to the K+K Hotel Opera (kk.hotel.opera@kkhotels.hu), unless otherwise requested on the reservation form. **The deadline for hotel reservation is the 13th of August, 2010.** Any reservation made after this date will be subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at the special MNB rate.

ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST

The **Ferihegy Airport** is the international airport of Budapest located approximately 25 km from the city centre and the hotel. The airport has two terminals: the **Ferihegy 2A**, which serves all Schengen destinations and the **Ferihegy 2B**, which serves all non-Schengen destinations. (Ferihegy 1 is for the low cost airlines only.)

For further information see: <http://bud.hu/english>

Central telephone number for information: +36 (1) 296-9696

Flight information is available on +36 (1) 296-7000



MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE HOTEL

Participants are responsible for their own transportation arrangements between the airport and the hotel.

1. Taxi

If you would like to go into town by taxi, order one by phone or take one of the **Zóna taxis** waiting outside the airport. Zóna Taxi is the official taxi company of Ferihegy Airport. They have stands at both terminals (Ferihegy 2A and 2B). They operate on a fixed fare system for four zones between the airport and the city centre. At the taxi stands you can find a map showing the zones and tariffs. The estimated travel time is 40 minutes, depending on traffic.

- **transfer fee: approx. HUF 5000** (from airport to inner city)
- **phone: +36 (1)365-5555**

2. Airport Minibus

Airport Minibus is a kind of collective taxi with a boarding capacity of 8 to 10 passengers. The minibuses handle transfers from the airport to the passenger's accommodation back and forth and it's available 24 hours per day, every day of the year. Airport Minibus Desks can be found at both terminals. Tickets can be purchased at the arrival customs area or at the LRI Airport Passenger Service desk in the waiting area. You can pay by cash and credit card at the desks. You can order your minibus online too. The transfer from the airport to the hotel takes approximately 1 hour depending on traffic.

- **for further information see:** <http://www.airportshuttle.hu/en/>
- **call center: +36 (1) 296-8555**

SOCIAL EVENTS

1. September 30, 2010 (Thursday)

Danube cruise with dinner

Address: Vigadó tér, Pier No 8. (Please see the attached map.)

2. October 1, 2010 (Friday)

Wine tasting in the Magyar Nemzeti Bank



GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Cards

Major credit cards can be used to obtain cash from ATMs in banks and on the streets as well as to pay bills in hotels, restaurants and shops.

Exchanging money

All visitors are advised to exchange currency only at accredited places. Do not take the risk of changing money on the street; it is both risky and illegal. The majority of banks have 24-hour ATM's some of which can also exchange foreign currency. Individual banks and travel agencies are free to set their own rates but they must be clearly displayed. Rates offered at *bureaux de change* in the city centre and near the main railway stations are generally better than those available in the banks, at the airport and in hotels. **The Hungarian currency is the forint.** There are coins to the value of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 forints, and notes for 200, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 forints.

Electricity

Hungary's electricity network operates at 220/230 Volts. Plugs are the regulation continental type.

Medical Service

Delegates are advised to make appropriate arrangements for insurance to cover emergency medical, surgical or hospital expenses while in Hungary.

24-hour medical assistance: +36 (1) 786-6658

24-hour dental assistance: +36 (1) 267-9602

Time Zone

Budapest is on Central European time: GMT + 1, Daylight Saving Time (Apr-Oct): GMT + 2

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