

# 54<sup>th</sup> EITI Board Meeting in Oslo, Practical information

# The hotel

The 54<sup>th</sup> EITI Board meeting will be held at the <u>Quality Hotel Hasle Linie</u> in Hasle. **Hasle** is a neighborhood in the borough of <u>Grünerløkka</u> in <u>Oslo</u>, <u>Norway</u>. It is serviced by the station <u>Hasle</u> on the <u>Oslo Metro</u>.

#### Hotel Contact Details

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## The airport

The most accessible airport in Norway is **The Gardermoen Airport** located 50 km north of the centre of Oslo.

There are three ways to travel to the Hasle Linie Hotel from Gardermoen Airport.

- By taxi from the airport to Hasle. Taxis in Oslo are metered, and payment can be done either by cash or credit card. Taxi costs in Norway are normally very costly.
- By bus from the airport to Hasle.
- By train to Oslo Central Station followed by a short metro ride to Hasle.

## Taxi

Travel by taxi from the airport to Hasle

Taxis stands are available at the airport, but you can prebook your taxi at Welcome pick-ups (<u>Oslo</u> <u>Airport Taxis and Transfers - Book Online (welcomepickups.com)</u> to minimise waiting time at the airport. The average cost of a taxi ride from the airport is \$150.

## Bus

#### Travel by bus from the airport to the hotel

The airport express bus "Flybuss" departs from Platform 12 at the airport every hour – the journey from the airport to Hasle takes half an hour. Platforms are located right outside the exit of the airport and are numbered. Tickets cost NOK 199 and can be purchased on the bus using either cash or a credit card.

The bus will take you to Hasle Torg. From there, it is a short 600m (8 min walk) to the hotel.



# Travel to Oslo Central Station from the airport

Frequent rail and bus services run from the airport to the central bus and train station in the centre of Oslo. There are two train stops in the city – Oslo Central Station (Oslo S) and National Theatre Station.

- Airport Express Train (known locally as the "flytog") departs the airport every 10 minutes and takes 20 minutes from the airport to the city centre. Costs are NOK 210, for a single ticket. Tickets must be purchased before boarding the train in the local Norwegian currency (Kroner) or by credit card.
- Local trains are cheaper (NOK 114 for a return ticket) and take about 25 minutes from the airport to the Oslo Central Station. Departure timetables are displayed above the ticketing counters. Tickets for the local trains can either be bought before boarding the train or on the train in either the local Norwegian currency or by credit card. Tickets bought on the train are NOK 50 more expensive.

# Travel from the Oslo Central Station (Oslo S) to Hasle

#### To Quality Hotel Hasle Linie

- From airport to Oslo Central Station (Oslo S): Take either the "Flytoget" (Oslo Airport express train) or a local train to Oslo S 19 minutes. Remember to purchase your tickets before you board.
- From Oslo S to Metro: The Metro (known locally as T-Bane) is located within the Central Station and there is therefore no need to exit the station to reach the metro. It is located underground on your right-hand side as you reach the hall. Look out for the sign pointing towards "T-Bane" or ask someone for directions on how to get to the Metro.

Once you get to the Metro, go to Platform 1 and take the westbound metro No.5 to VESTLI. After 4 stops, you will alight at Vestli. The hotel is a short 500m (8-minute walk) from the metro station.

Note that it is also possible to combine a train ride from the airport to Oslo Central station with a taxi ride from the station to the hotel. Taxi costs will be less if taken from Oslo Central Station as opposed to taking it from the airport to the hotel.

#### To EITI Office - Rådhusgata 26 - 3rd floor

From Hasle, please take the metro all the way to the Oslo Central Station (Oslo S).

Alight at Oslo Central Station and take the exit marked *"KARL JOHAN"*. It is a short 5-minute walk from the station to the EITI office.

Below, is a map showing you how to get from the Oslo Central Station (*Oslo Sentralstasjon* on the map) to the EITI offices. The EITI Offices are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Rådhusgata 26 (entry from *Kongens gata*). To gain access to the building, please ring the doorbell marked "EITI" or call us on one of the numbers below and we will let you in.



## **Useful Information**

*Currency:* The currency in Norway is the Norwegian Kroner. Notes are in denominations of NOK 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of NOK 20, 10, 5 and 1.

**Exchange rate:** 1 USD = 7,8 NOK (<u>www.xe.com</u>) / 19/08/2022 All major credit and debit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are widely available.

*Climate:* The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Oslo in October is 3.9 °C (39.02 °F). The amount of rain in October is normal with an average of 90mm (3.5in). This makes it the wettest month of the year. It rains on average a total of 11 days. Most people don't tend to visit Oslo during this period since it is known as a chilly month. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 9.4 °C (48.92 °F). You will hardly see any sun with 87 hours of sunshine during the whole month.

*Clothing:* Due to the varied weather conditions in October it is recommended that you come prepared for the rain and the chilly evenings. Please bring a jacket as the evenings can be a little chilly.

*Swimming:* There is a possibility to swim at the nearby lake if the weather is good so, please bring your swimming gear if this sounds interesting.

Language: Norwegian is the official language. English is spoken by most people.

#### Emergency telephone:

Police - immediate assistance: Tel 112. Ambulance and Medical assistance: Tel 113.

#### *Time:* GMT + 1

*Electricity:* 230 volts AC, 50/60Hz. Plugs are of the European round two-pin type.

## Some recommended sights and activities

#### The National Gallery

The National Gallery has Norway's largest collection of Norwegian, Nordic and international art from the beginning of the 19th century up until today. The main exhibition displays Norwegian and international paintings and sculptures from the 19th century up until today, including many of Edvard Munch's major works. *How to get there: Tram/bus to National Theatre.* 

#### <u>The Viking Ship Museum – the Kon-Tiki Museum – the Norwegian Museum of Cultural</u> <u>History</u>

These three museums lie on the "Bygdøy peninsula", a 15-minute bus ride from Oslo city centre. In the **Norwegian Museum of Cultural History**, one of Europe's largest open-air museums, you find a variety of traditional houses from all over Norway. There are also several indoor exhibits with traditional handicraft items, folk costumes, furniture and church interiors. The **Viking Ship Museum** presents great Viking ship discoveries as well as other finds from Viking tombs around the Oslo Fjord. The world's two best-preserved wooden Viking ships built in the 9th century are exhibited here. The **Kon-Tiki Museum** houses a range of boats and artefacts from Thor Heyerdahl's expeditions. Here you can see the original Kon-Tiki raft (1947), the papyrus boat Ra II (1970), and an exciting collection of archaeological finds. *How to get there: Bus no 30 from National Theatre to Bygdøynes.* 

#### **Akershus Fortress**

This medieval castle offers a beautiful view of Oslo harbour and the Oslo fjord. Guided tours of the fortress are available. Afterwards, take a stroll along Aker Brygge and visit some of the nice restaurants/cafés. *How to get there: Tram/bus to Aker Brygge or National Theatre.* 

#### The Norwegian Opera/Ballet

Oslo's new Opera House opened on 12 April 2008 and is now the home of the Norwegian Opera and Ballet. The spectacular building has a fabulous location by the seaside and was designed by renowned Norwegian architecture firm Snøhetta. *How to get there: Tram/bus to Jernbanetorget* 

The "Oslo Pass" gives you free entry to 35 museums and attractions, free travel on all public transport within zone four, free winter walks, discounts on sightseeing, ice skate - and ski rental, and special offers in restaurants, shops, entertainment and leisure venues. You decide whether you want a card that is valid for 24, 48 or 72 hours. Prices and more information are available on the Visit Oslo website: <u>http://www.visitoslo.com/en/</u>

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