

## Getting here, around, and away

The conference is hosted at Heinrich-Heine-Universität's city centre "Haus der Universität" (HdU), at Schadowplatz 14, 40212 Düsseldorf. It's about a 30-minute walk from the Hauptbahnhof (Hbf; main station).

- The easiest way to get to HdU from the Hbf is by U-Bahn, either U70 towards Krefeld; U74 towards Meerbusch; U75 towards Neuss; U76 towards Krefeld; U77 towards Am Seestern; U78 towards Arena/Messe Nord; U79 towards Duisburg.
- The closest U-Bahn (sort of an underground train) stops are Schadowstraße (served by the lines U71, U72, U73, or U83) and Heinrich-Heine-Allee (for lines U70, U75, U76, U77, U78 und U79).
- The closest tram stop is Schadowstraße (for lines 701, 705, 706).
- And the closest Bus stop is Heinrich-Heine-Allee (for bus lines SB50, 780, 782, 785, 805, 817).

Düsseldorf is well connected by rail to the rest of Europe.

- Eurostar trains arrive into the Hauptbahnhof (Hbf) from Paris and Brussels. If you're travelling from the UK, you can take a Eurostar to Paris and then change for another one into Düsseldorf.
- ICE (Intercity Express) high speed trains come into the Hbf from Brussels, Austria, Switzerland, and all across Germany, including fairly regular services direct from Frankfurt, Munich, and Berlin. IC's and EC's are other categories of high-speed, long-distance trains.
- RE (Regional Express) and RB (Regional Bahn) trains are slower, but connect Düsseldorf with towns and cities across the state of Nordrhein Westfalen (NRW), including Aachen, Bonn, Cologne, Dortmund, and Essen.
- StadtBahn (commuter trains) are slower again, usually running along the same routes as RE trains, and are a great way to see smaller and less urban places like Essen Werden.

A much cheaper option is Flixbus, which run budget buses connecting Düsseldorf with major cities across Europe (including London, via Amsterdam or Brussels).

**Düsseldorf Airport** (DUS) is close to the city, and connected to it by ICE, RE, Stadtbahn, and U-Bahn lines. Most of its connections are within Europe or neighbouring countries such as Turkey and Egypt.

If you're flying from further away, you're likely to be coming into **Frankfurt Airport** (FRA). There are ICE trains direct from the Flughafen Fernbahnhof (Airport long distance flights train station) to Düsseldorf Hbf.

You might also be flying into **Schiphol Airport** (AMS) in Amsterdam. Connections to here are as good as, or better than, those to Frankfurt. There are slightly fewer trains direct to Düsseldorf, but still plenty of them, or journeys with just one change.

If you're planning to travel a fair bit while in Germany, consider buying a **Deutschland Ticket**. It's €58 for a calendar month and covers all travel on every form of transport throughout Germany, excluding high speed services like the ICE and Eurostar. You can buy these through different apps (as below), but will have to subscribe and remember to cancel your subscription, which can renew on odd days of the month. A Düsseldorf Card will also cover local travel (and offer other discounts) for a set period of time.

For any long-distance travel by ICE or RE trains, use the Deutsche Bahn app **DB Navigator**. You can set this to be in English, check train times and platforms (including delays...) and buy tickets.

For journeys within Düsseldorf, the DB Navigator app still works, but it's easiest to use the **Rheinbahn app** (run by the company that runs Düsseldorf's public transport system).

If you want one, you can buy a Deutschland Ticket in either the DB Navigator or Rheinbahn app. Remember that this doesn't cover high-speed trains: you'll need to buy those separately.

**Uber** functions within Germany, and there are taxis available at transport hubs. Please take an authorised airport taxi, queued up by the taxi ranks outside Arrivals. You can also take an Uber from the airport; the Uber waiting area, is located opposite Terminal Exit B at the Arrivals level.

If you would like to travel by car within the city, the easiest and most reliable way to do so is via the Uber app. This way, you can also pay with card as some taxi drivers only accept cash. We advise against taking any taxi without booking, as a small number of drivers have been known to overcharge passengers picked up in this way (this is more frequent near hotels and tourist areas).