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EYE Berlin

Dear EYE Berlin-er,

If you are reading this booklet, it means that you are officially an EYE Berlin Participant... Welcome on board!

We are very pleased to see your passion and your interest in this event: it is a demonstration of the willingness of young people, like you, to speak up and make a difference. And we are proud to offer you the stage to do so.

EYE Berlin has been such a journey for the Organising Team but we are happy that you have joined us for this last part. We have been working hard to deliver the unforgettable experience you are looking forward to so bear with us and keep checking your inbox for more exciting information!

In this booklet, you can find more information about the logistical part of the event, which can be useful both when planning your trip to Berlin but also during the event to easily move around the city.

Further details about the programme of the event have been included in a separate document that you will/have received.

As usual, if you have any questions, the Participants' Support Department remains available at support@eyeberlin.org.

See you soon in Berlin!

Best,

The Organising Team of EYE Berlin

Important Information about the event

Here you can find a summary of what to expect from the event.

- Event Dates: April 18-20, 2024
- Venue: Colosseum Berlin
- Participants: 2,000 inspired youths from across Europe
- Activities: Workshops, panel discussions, cultural events

Note: Event details, including a full schedule, are in your welcome packet. For assistance, contact support@eyeberlin.org.

The event will include a number of workshops and events, that have been organised with the following schedule:

Schedule

April 18th

16:00 - 20:00 Accreditation

18:00 - 21:30 Movie Night

April 19th

10:00 - 11:30 Opening Ceremony

12:00 - 17:30 Workshops and Panel Discussions

12:00 - 17:30 Active Europe Fair

18:00 - 20:00 Plenary Session with MEPs

April 20th

10:00 - 15:00 Active Europe Fair

10:00 - 17:30 Workshops and Panel Discussions

15:30 - 17:30 Youth-led Plenary Session

18:00 - 19:00 Closing Ceremony

19:30 - 21:30 Euroconcert

If you cannot make it to accreditation on April 18th, no worries: please get in touch with the support team (support@eyeberlin.org) and discuss alternative options for badge pick-up.

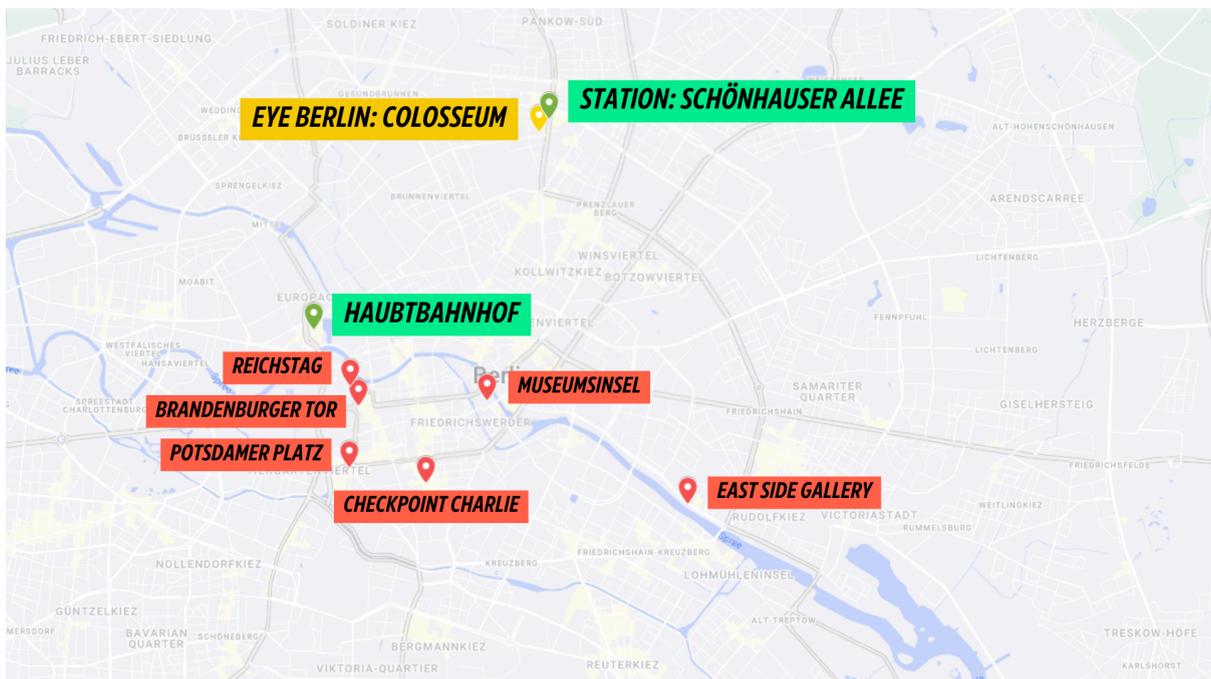
Please note that the event will not offer any food or drinks: as mentioned also during the registration, all the expenses have to be covered by the participants.

Berlin

General Information

Berlin has been the capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany since 1990. It is divided into the following boroughs: Mitte, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Pankow, Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Spandau, Steglitz-Zehlendorf, Tempelhof-Schöneberg, Neukölln, Treptow-Köpenick, Marzahn-Hellersdorf, Lichtenberg, Reinickendorf.

The city has approximately 3.5 million inhabitants; of those, almost 1 million have an immigrant background from all over the world. The biggest communities are the Turkish, Polish and Syrian.



Attractions

Berlin is a popular tourist destination, thanks to its history and architecture. Some of the most famous attractions include:

Brandenburg Gate: The only remaining town gate, built between 1788 and 1791 after the model of the Propylaea in Athens. It was commissioned by Frederick William II, king of Prussia from 1786 to 1797, as an entrance to Unter den Linden, which led to the Prussian palace.

Checkpoint Charlie: The best-known official crossing point between East Berlin and West Berlin during the Cold War.

Reichstag: The building hosts the Bundestag, or Federal Assembly, the lower house of Germany's national legislature. It can be visited free-of-charge; more information are available here: <https://www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag>

Potsdamer Platz: Now an important traffic hub, it also hosts a number of restaurants, bars and shops. Historically, it was crossed by the Berlin Wall, of which fragments are visible in the Square.

East Side Gallery: This open-air gallery, a remaining stretch of the Berlin Wall, is transformed into a canvas of diverse murals by artists from around the world. It stands as a vibrant testament to freedom and creativity, and a poignant reminder of Berlin's historical divides and reunification.

Museum Island: A UNESCO World Heritage site that is an ensemble of five world-renowned museums, each a portal to different epochs and empires:

- **Pergamon Museum:** Home to archaeological marvels like the Ishtar Gate and the Pergamon Altar.
- **Neues Museum:** A treasure chest of Egyptian artefacts, including the mesmerising bust of Nefertiti.
- **Altes Museum:** Showcases a rich tapestry of classical antiquities, echoing the grandeur of ancient civilizations.
- **Bode Museum:** An ode to the Byzantine and medieval eras, with an exquisite collection of sculptures and art.
- **Alte Nationalgalerie:** A celebration of 19th-century European art, featuring Romantic and Impressionist masterpieces.



How to reach Berlin

Berlin is well connected with the rest of the country and continent, and can be reached via plane, train, or bus. This section will give you an overview of how to reach the city, as well as its public transport system to plan your way to the event what kind of public transport there is and how to use it to get to the event.

By plane

Berlin's airport - **Berlin Brandenburg Airport, BER** - offers a set of national and international connections, both from legacy and low-cost carriers.

The airport is connected to the city via train: the train station - Bahnhof Flughafen BER, Terminal 1-2 - is located at the airport, just a short walk away from the terminal. The most direct connections are trains S9 and S45. Before entering the train, you need to buy a ticket at the ticket machine (€4,40 for the ticket covering the ABC zone). You can also buy a ticket on your phone with the app: BVG Tickets Berlin, available both on Apple and Play Store.

By train

Berlin is also connected to the rest of the country and a few major cities in other EU countries via train. The main hub for most of the connections is [Berlin Hauptbahnhof](#).

Most of the trains are offered by the national carrier Deutsche Bahn (DB). You can find more information about the connections at <https://int.bahn.de/en>. The station is connected to the rest of the city both with local trains and metro line U5.

When booking DB tickets, make sure to book second class and think about the different pricing options. Supersparpreis Young and Sparpreis are considerably cheaper, but limit you to one single train that you cannot miss due to your fault. Flexpreis is more expensive, but you can take any train that runs your route that day.

By bus

Berlin can also be reached by bus, both from other cities in Germany and from other countries in the EU. The main bus station is [Zentraler Omnibusbahnhof Berlin](#).

Connections are offered by multiple carriers, including Flixbus; you can check for tickets here: <https://global.flixbus.com/>

The station is connected to the rest of the city with buses, local trains, and metro line U2.

Public Transport in Berlin

Berlin has a good public transport system that uses several different forms of trains and buses to transport thousands of people per day. All trains and buses that are part of the public transport company in Berlin and Brandenburg, the VBB use the same tickets. **You must validate the ticket in the vehicle (bus, tram) or on the platform (U Bahn, S Bahn).**

To explain what kind of transport you might encounter, here is an overview:

Name	Abbreviation	Translation	Use
Regionalbahn	RB1	Regional trains	Cover longer differences between large stations
S Bahn	S1	Fast trains	Cover intermediate distances, the most important places and sights have their own station.
U-Bahn	U1	Underground	Subway stations often cover very densely populated areas.
Straßenbahn	1	Tram	Overground transport, which stops very frequently. Little difference between both modes of transport, trams are very frequent in East Berlin.
Bus	1	Bus	

Zones (or the ABC-System)

Tickets in Berlin are sold and priced based on what part of the city you can use them in. To simplify, there are 3 zones: A is the innermost part of the city, B are the suburbs, and C are the surrounding areas of Berlin. You can check online and on maps at every train station where your goal and your position are. Usually, you should default to the AB-Ticket as our venue is included in these zones, unless you are going outside of Berlin, for instance when travelling to the airport.

Where to buy tickets?

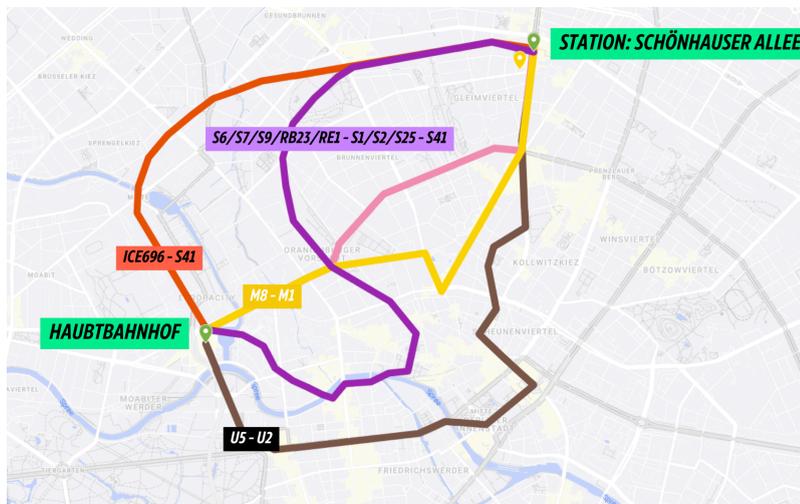
Tickets can be purchased at train stations and inside trams and only trams at machines, at the front of the bus, or online, for instance through the Deutsche Bahn (DB) App.

What kind of tickets should I buy?

It is important to remember that reduced fares (*Ermäßigungstarif*) solely apply to under-14-year-olds and other groups, but probably not to you.

German Name	Translation	What do I use this for?	Price (AB)
24-Stunden-Karte	24-hour ticket	Use this ticket to travel on all public transport in the selected area for 24 hours from the time of validation.	9,90€
4-Fahrten-Karte	4-One-Way-Tickets	Use this ticket for a reduced price to buy 4 one way tickets at once that you can use throughout your stay. Often, you get only two tickets which you can each validate twice.	10,80€
Kurzstrecke	Short-distance ticket	Use this to travel up to 3 stations with S or U Bahn, so only for short distances.	2,40€
Einzelfahrausweis	One way ticket	Use this ticket in all other cases	3,50€

Important routes



Berlin Airport to S Schönhauser Allee (Near the venue)

To get from the airport to the venue, start by getting a regional train, such as the FEX, the RE8 or the RE23 in the direction of the city centre. Change at **Ostkreuz** (Not Ostbahnhof) into the **S42** (Not 41.) Get out at S Schönhauser Allee. **You will need an ABC ticket.**

Berlin Central Station to S Schönhauser Allee

Take the U5 in the direction of U Kaulsdorf-Nord until Alexanderplatz. There, change into the U2, direction Pankow. Exit at S Schönhauser Allee.

Central Bus Station to S Schönhauser Allee

Walk to S Messe Nord and take the **S41** until you reach your destination.

Our venue is approximately 300 meters South of S Schönhauser Allee.

For your convenience, explore this map of the routes described above.

The venue

Most of our programme will take place in the Colosseum, an event location and cinema that was constructed as a hall for horse carriages 130 years ago. With space for all 1700 participants and a large atrium to add to it, our event will be mostly around there.



The address: **Colosseum, Gleimstraße 33, 10437 Berlin** - next to the train station “S Schönhauser Allee”.

Unfortunately, luggage cannot be stored in the venue when you arrive. There are options to store your luggage for a while at many big train stations and other commercial options near the venue. However, in general, we would not recommend bringing great amounts of baggage with you, such as high-volume luggage or backpacks.

Here you can find a few options for storage:

- *Bounce Luggage Storage - Prenzlauer Berg* (<https://usebounce.com/> for online booking): Schönhauser Allee 52, 10437 Berlin, Germany
- *Luggage Storage Helmholtzkiez* (<https://stasher.com> for online booking): Schönhauser Allee 140, 10437 Berlin, Germany

At the venue, food will not be provided. Two bars will be available at the venue for purchasing beverages. Cafes and restaurants are located near the venue.

Accommodation

We recommend booking your accommodation as soon as possible, being Berlin a popular tourist destination. Berlin is quite well connected by public transport but it might be ideal to choose a location with easy access to metro and bus stations or close to the event's venues.

Here you can find some suggestions, as well as some good offers with special discount codes from hostels we have partnered up with.

Apartments

If you are travelling as a group, it might be more convenient to share an apartment.

You can check for options based on your needs and budget on both [Airbnb](#) or [Booking.com](#).

Hostels

Berlin offers a variety of Hostels and cheap(er) accommodations; here are a few:



The Circus Hostel

“Since 2001, we’ve been standing proud on Rosenthaler Platz, the mothership of The Circus overlooking one of Berlin’s busiest squares. You’ll find us in the heart of a lively nightlife and cultural scene in the centre of Berlin and within walking distance of many of the city’s famous sights. There’s always something going on, thanks to our regular programme of tours and events to help you experience the best of Berlin. Not only do we have our own microbrewery producing excellent craft beer, but The Circus Hostel is also home to the one and only Hoff Museum, dedicated to the man himself.”

Take a 360°tour of The Circus Hostel: The Circus Hostel Lobby ([freigeist-foto.de](#)). The hostel organises many events and activities including tours, hangouts, karaoke, board games, social hour, and more. Check out their events at: <https://circus-berlin.de/tours-activities-events/>

Important information

Address: Weinbergsweg 1a, 10119 Berlin, Germany

Promo code: EYE24 (10% discount)

Direct promo link:

<https://app.mews.com/distributor/8031daa0-1de0-4809-a860-aaf00086c633?mewsVoucherCode=EYE24>

Website: Hostel - Circus Berlin ([circus-berlin.de](#))

Contact Information: +49 (0) 30 2000 393 9

Instagram: @thecircus_berlin



a&o Hostels

“We stand for a simple, flexible hotel and hostel product with a good sense for guests, the right trends and the necessary courage, which brings us our unorthodox reputation in the travel industry. With our comprehensible concept, we aim to make guests pay only for the components they truly need and want. With a clear focus on costs and size, we offer our guests budget-priced accommodation at central locations. We operate on the lowest possible climate emission level per guest overnight.

a&o Green: Together with our suppliers, employees and also our guests, we have been working for many years to be sustainable and careful with the resources we use. All our hotels are certified with the GreenSign. Already now, A&O consumes only 3,73 kg of CO2 per overnight stay and is thus already 75% below the consumption that other hotels show. Our goal is to be the first European hostel chain to be CO2-neutral by 2025. "Net zero" for us means reducing our ecological footprint to a minimum and offsetting the rest.”

Check out A&O green aspects at <https://www.aohostels.com/en/green/>

Important information

Addresses:

- a&o Berlin Friedrichshain - Boxhagener Str. 73
- a&o Berlin Mitte - Köpenicker Str. 127-129
- a&o Berlin Kolumbus - Genslerstr. 18
- a&o Berlin Hauptbahnhof - Lehrter Str. 12

Promo code: EYEBerlin2024 (10% discount)*

***reservation needs to be done via the hostel's website**

(https://www.aohostels.com/en/buchungstool/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA_5WvBhBAEiwAZtCU7_eiMdxo8nmvl-abBCHe7H5bATyXP1IBdqAPvBKA4wEVLwgmjbH-RoC2dAQAvD_BwE)

Contact Information: +49 30 80947 1212 (Whatsapp)
+49 (0)30 80 947 5110 (Hotline)

Instagram: @aohostels

Club membership: get a 15% discount on all A&O bookings and many more benefits such as discounts on the breakfast buffet, early check-in & late check-out, and secret deals at

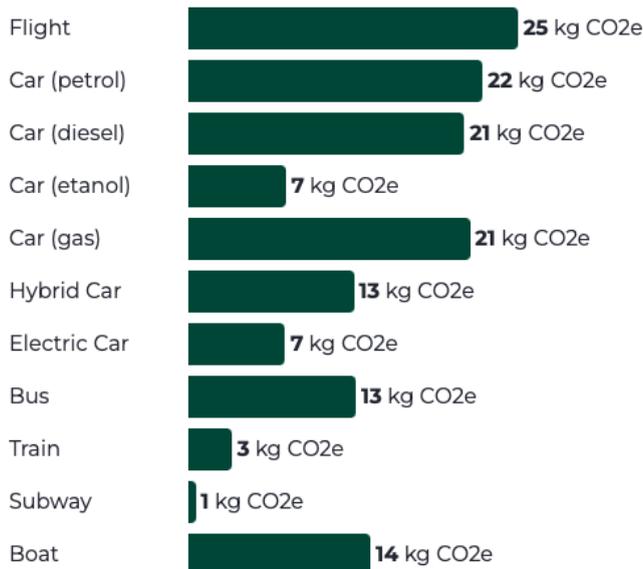
<https://www.aohostels.com/de/shop/detail/ao-club-membership/>

Sustainability

Travelling

When travelling, choose the best option based both on the distance and the environmental impact. For instance, between a 50-minute flight and a train ride, choose the train. In general, travelling by plane emits more than 8x the CO₂ of the same distance covered by train, as shown in the table.

Emissions if you travel by



Distance of trip in km

Source: <https://www.goclimat.com/travel-calculator>

You can check the impact of your trip at:

<https://greentripper.org/default.aspx?cl=en?&olt=plane>

Packing

The average temperature in Berlin in April is between 4°C and 13°C, so make sure to bring appropriate clothes. The event does not have a dress code, but considering the type of activities involved and the expected guests/institutions coming, smart-casual clothes are advisable. Umbrellas are always recommended.

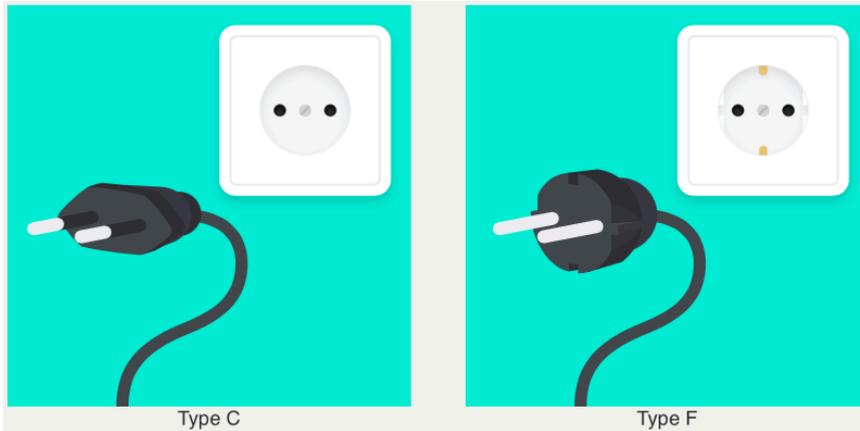
Tap water is drinkable in Germany so feel free to bring your reusable water bottle to stay hydrated during the event!

In case you purchase (any) bottled drink, keep in mind that Germany uses the “Pfand” system: bottles and cans that include the below symbol, can be thrown in dedicated machines to be properly recycled and you will get a voucher in return.



Here is a small list of things you should not forget to bring with you:

- **Documents:** ID or passport that you have communicated to us during registration and Health/Insurance Card.
- **Pens and notebook**
- **Phone, Laptop/tablet and charges:** Please note that Germany uses plug types C and F (see the picture), so make sure to bring adaptors if needed. We can't promise that there will be plugs available at the venue to charge your devices.



Type C

Type F

Source:

<https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/advice-for-you/when-travelling/travel-adaptor-for-germany/>

- **Money (cash or card, both are fine):** as mentioned already, all the expenses will have to be covered by you. So make sure you bring enough money to pay for your meals, accommodation, and transportation during the event, most establishments in Berlin may only accept cash.
- **Your best mood!** we are very excited to welcome you to Berlin, so get ready to enjoy your time and get the best out of this experience!

Ready, Set, Berlin!

We're beyond excited to welcome you to a city that promises inspiration at every corner. With this guide, you're equipped to dive into an experience that will echo in your journey as a changemaker. Berlin awaits your footprint.

For more information and updates, keep an eye on your inbox and our official channels.

See you in Berlin,

The Organising Team, EYE Berlin