

PRACTICAL INFORMATION GUIDE

The workshop will be held at the **VVF Villages "Les Géraniums"**, which is located on the outskirts of the town of Obernai, about 30 km from Strasbourg. Strasbourg-Entzheim International Airport is about 20 km away.

The workshop will begin at **18.00** hours on **Monday 29 May** and end with breakfast on **Thursday 1 June**. Participants are expected to arrive in the afternoon of Monday 29 May and depart after breakfast on Thursday 1 June.

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1. Access to the Site

• Organised Group Transportation

On Monday 29 May, group transportation (two buses) will be arranged from Strasbourg railway station - via **Strasbourg-Entzheim** airport - to the venue. The trip between the station and the airport takes about 30-40 minutes.

Bus departure times
Monday 29 May
Strasbourg railway station
14.30 and 16.00
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Strasbourg-Entzheim airport
15.00 and 16.30

Where to find the coaches?

- at **Strasbourg railway station**: the coaches will park along the pavement in Boulevard de Metz, which is to the right of the station as you come out of the arrivals hall.
- at **Strasbourg-Entzheim airport**: please wait outside the main airport entrance.

The coaches will have a sign in the window indicating "ESF Research Conferences" for easy recognition.

Bus transportation back to the station and to the airport will also be arranged for **Monday 29 May** departing **after breakfast**. Departure times will be finalized at a later stage in order to suit the majority.

You are strongly urged to take advantage of this organized transportation, which is included in the conference fee.

• By Air

Strasbourg is the nearest airport to Obernai. However, it is also possible to fly to **Frankfurt** or **Basel** and then take the train to reach Strasbourg.

Strasbourg-Entzheim airport:

Strasbourg-Entzheim airport is located 12 km south-west of Strasbourg. There are direct flights on weekdays between Strasbourg and Athens, Brussels, Copenhagen, London Gatwick, Madrid, Paris (Orly & CDG) and Vienna.

You can easily reach Strasbourg city center and/or railway station by using the **airport-city bus**, which runs every 20 minutes between 05.00 and 22.30 daily, and which connects with the A line of the Strasbourg tramway service. Bus stop is in front of the arrival hall of the airport. Approximate fare: one-way EUR 5.00; return EUR 9.30. The ticket covers airport-bus and tram and can be bought at the Travelex agency in the arrival hall of the airport. The shuttle to tram stops "Baggersee", where there is a connection to tram line A to downtown and to the railway station ("Gare Centrale"). The journey between "Baggersee" and the airport takes about 12 minutes.



Strasbourg-Entzheim airport <http://www.strasbourg.aeroport.fr/>

Air France airlines <http://www.airfrance.com/>

A **taxi** between Strasbourg and Obernai costs about EUR 46. There are taxi ranks outside the airport. Otherwise call Taxi 13 at 0388 36 13 13.

From Frankfurt airport to Strasbourg:

- **by train**: Strasbourg can be reached from Frankfurt on the Frankfurt-Darmstadt-Mannheim-Heidelberg line. There is a train service every hour at 54 minutes past the hour between Frankfurt Flughafen and Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. From Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof there are a few direct trains through to Strasbourg. Otherwise it is necessary to travel to Offenburg or Karlsruhe and to change for Strasbourg. Some services require a change in both Mannheim and Offenburg. There are departures roughly every 1-1 1/2 hours from Frankfurt. The journey to Strasbourg takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes.

- **by bus**: another convenient mean of transfer is the **Lufthansa airport bus**, which operates a daily service between the two cities. Frankfurt airport departure point is in Terminal 1, Arrival area, Exit B4. The journey takes 2 hours and 45 minutes and costs EUR 55 single (EUR 84 return). Arrival in Strasbourg is first at the Hotel Hilton, then at the Council of Europe and at the railway station (in front of Grand Hotel Concorde). You can obtain a ticket from a Lufthansa travel agent or straight from the bus driver. More information is available from the web (see address below).

Lufthansa airport bus http://www.lufthansa-airportbus.com/strecken_strasbourg.html

Frankfurt/Main airport <http://www.frankfurt-airport.de/>

German railways (Deutsche Bahn) <http://www.bahn.de>

Basel/Mulhouse airport:

Basel/Mulhouse EuroAirport is located 10 km from Basel and 25 km from Mulhouse.

An airport bus runs frequently throughout the day to **Basel** railway station. Journey time is about 15 minutes. There are also buses which run daily every 30-60 minutes from the airport to **Mulhouse** railway station. Journey time is approximately 30 minutes.

There are trains to Strasbourg from Basel, some with a change in Mulhouse, about every 1-2 hours. The journey takes an hour and 15 minutes.

Basel/Mulhouse airport <http://www.euroairport.com/>

Swiss Federal railways (SBB) <http://www.sbb.ch/>

• By Rail

There is a local rail service from Strasbourg Central Station to Obernai with some convenient afternoon departures. The journey takes 30 minutes and costs about EUR 5.00. Take a taxi to the VVF upon arrival in Obernai. Taxis might not show up immediately but you can call one of these numbers to get hold of one: Alain Taxi 03 88 48 73 64 • Eschbach Taxi 03 88 95 52 65 • Taxi du Piémont 03 88 95 58 24 • Griesbaum Taxi 03 88 95 03 84.

• French railways (SNCF) <http://www.sncf.com/>

• By Public Transport

A bus service (Compagnie des Transports Strasbourgeois - CTS) runs from the station square in Strasbourg to the center of Obernai and in the other direction from Obernai railway station. The journey takes about an hour and costs about EUR 3.60.

• CTS <http://www.cts-strasbourg.fr>

• By Road

Obernai is reached on the **motorway A 35** from Strasbourg to Saint-Dié. At the junction with the A 352 continue on the N 422. Go through Obernai, and follow the signs to the Eurovillage. Turn right at the junction just outside Obernai (The junction resembles a roundabout) and follow the road to the car park of the center.