

2025 EUA–CDE Annual Meeting

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future of doctoral education in Europe

Hosted by University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 4–6 June 2025

Address of the conference venue:

[Internef building](#)

University of Lausanne

Quartier Centre

1015 Lausanne

Switzerland

Getting around:

Travel within Switzerland

- Train travel in Switzerland is high quality with an extensive network, but can be expensive for visitors. Before leaving your home country, we encourage you to check the information and diverse offers here: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/tickets-offers/tickets/guests-abroad.html>
- Once in Switzerland, train tickets (SBB/CFF/FFS) can be bought at any station (red ticket machines), or using the SBB Mobile app. While you will be offered this option when booking tickets, there is no need to reserve a seat on Swiss trains.
- The entire public transport schedule, including local services, is available on the SBB Mobile app timetable and allows you to plot your journey from any hub directly to the metro stop at UNIL.
- If you are staying in Lausanne, your hotel will provide you with a free public transport card for the duration of your stay.

Travelling to Lausanne

International EuroCity and TGV run daily and frequently to Lausanne, Geneva, Zurich and other major Swiss cities. You will find more information on direct long-distance connections at <https://network.sbb.ch/en/>

The closest international airport to Lausanne is at [Geneva](#) (GVA. Direct trains run every 20 minutes from Geneva Airport to Lausanne main station, and take about 50 minutes).

There are also options to [Zurich Airport](#) (ZRH). Direct trains run from Zurich Airport to Lausanne main station twice per hour, with more frequent journeys possible via Zurich or Bern. The journey will take about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Travelling to the University of Lausanne

The University of Lausanne's main campus is situated on the outskirts of Lausanne and can be easily reached by public transport.

- From Lausanne main station, take the Metro M2 toward Croisettes and transfer at Lausanne-Flon. From Lausanne-Flon, take the M1 to UNIL-Chamberonne. (approx 20 minutes)
- Alternatively, travel to Renens station, and take the Metro M1 towards Lausanne-Flon, getting off at UNIL-Chamberonne. (approx 10 minutes)
- From UNIL-Chamberonne, walk about 5 minutes to reach the Internef building.
- At peak hours, the number 1 bus leaves from Lausanne main station with a stop at "Allée de Dorigny", about 3 minutes from the Internef building. (20–25 minutes)

Taxis are available from all airports and city centers.

- From Geneva Airport to the University of Lausanne, the journey takes approximately 40 minutes and costs approximately CHF 210–250.
- From Lausanne train station to the University of Lausanne, the journey takes approximately 10 minutes and costs approximately CHF 20–25.

Bike Sharing: Two bike sharing apps are available in Lausanne, with numerous stations on the UNIL campus:

- <https://www.publibike.ch/en/home>
- <https://www.bird.co/how/>

We recommend you plan your route via the lakeshore at Vidy. It's a very pleasant cycle!

Good to know:

Mobile phone usage:

!Please note!: Switzerland is not covered by the EU's "Roam Like at Home" regulations. This can lead to significant charges for calls, texts, and data usage if you are not prepared.

Currency & language:

The official currency of Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The official language of the meeting is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Telephone Services and Emergency Calls:

The international dialling code of Switzerland is +41 (0041)

Universal European emergency number: 112

Fire brigade 118, Police 117, Ambulance: 144

Weather:

Temperatures in Lausanne in June can vary from 17 °C to 27 °C.

Photography:

Photos and videos will be taken during the event and may be used by the organisers and host for publications and websites. Should you be opposed to your picture being used in this way, please contact the photographer or the organisers onsite.

Voltage:

Electricity in the Switzerland is supplied with a 230 Volts 50 Hz system. Switzerland uses type C (2-pin) and Type J (3-pin) plugs. (Type C 2-pin plugs also fit J sockets). Most power sockets are designed for three pin round plugs.

Visa requirement:

Each person travelling must have a valid passport or ID card. A visa is required for stays exceeding three months. For a stay of less than three months, a valid passport will suffice. These provisions apply to travellers with passports from North, Central and South America (except Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Jamaica, and Peru), Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

For passport holders from other countries, visa requirements for Switzerland are the same as those that apply to the Schengen Area (which includes Switzerland) for a stay of up to 90 days.

For all information regarding visas and business visas, contact your nearest Consulate General of Switzerland. You may also find the following links useful:

www.swiss-visa.ch / www.schengenvisainfo.com