

2024 European Learning & Teaching Forum

Learning for, in and with society

Hosted by Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

7-8 February 2024

Getting around

Address of the event venue

The Forum will be held at the event center of the Ruhr University Bochum
Universitätsstraße 150,
44801 Bochum

Wheelchair accessibility

You can find a map for wheelchair users here: https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/anreise/rollstuhlfahrende_en.html

Access from airport, train station, other public transport to the venue

- **Train travel and public transport**

At Bochum's main train station, ICE, IC, EC, regional trains, and city trains arrive and depart in quick succession. You can reach the Ruhr University, which has its own station, easily by catching the **underground (U-Bahn) train U35** (CampusLinie). On workdays, the U35 (going to Bochum Hustadt) departs in five-minute intervals, and it takes less than 10 minutes to go from the main train station to the university station.

- **Long-distance and air travellers**

The travelling distance between the airports in Dortmund, Münster/Osnabrück, Cologne/Bonn, and Düsseldorf and the Ruhr University is two hours at most. Düsseldorf airport is the most easily accessible one, with up to eight direct trains per hour running between the airport and Bochum's main train station; the journey takes about half an hour.

- **Arrival by car**

Motorists can reach the Ruhr University easily via Germany's – and especially North Rhine-Westphalia's – dense motorway network. The fastest route is that via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the motorways A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit for Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs for "Ruhr-Universität" and, once there, look for the electronic information boards.

Address for navigations systems: **Universitätsstraße 150, 44801 Bochum**

Further information and maps can be found on the Ruhr University's mobility website:

<https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/how-get-rub>

Good to know

Some general information for first-time visitors to Germany

- Emergency services can be reached with 112, police 110
- Paying with credit cards is generally possible in hotels, restaurants, and most supermarkets. Sometimes, in smaller restaurants or taxis you will need cash to pay.
- Tap water is one of the most regulated food items in Germany and drinkable everywhere. It is however very uncommon to get free tap water at restaurants.
- Germany uses the Type C and F plug
- Tipping for service in restaurants is not mandatory, although common as a gesture of appreciation of a good service. Between five and ten percent is common or depending on the sum of the bill, you could round up the bill to the next full Euro.
- The ground floor is usually referred to as "Erdgeschoss" or "EG". One floor up would be the first floor ("1. Obergeschoss" or "1. OG")
- The Learning & Teaching Forum coincides with the beginning of street Carnival season. The 8th of February is "Weiberfastnacht". Some partying people in costumes can be expected until the following Wednesday; especially in the Rhineland region (Düsseldorf, Cologne, Bonn).

Language

The official language of the Forum is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Twitter

If you would like to tweet about the event or follow the discussions on Twitter, use the hashtag [#EUALearnTeach](#).

Photography

Please note that photos 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.

Visa requirements

EU citizens do not need a visa and can travel to Germany on either a passport or an ID card. Non-EU citizens are advised to check the requirements on the [government website](#).

Places of interest in and around Bochum

- **Bermuda3Eck**

The “Bermuda triangle” is Bochum’s densest urban area for bars and restaurants. Located close to the city center it provides a variety of dining options with about 60 establishments to choose from. It could be found between Südring, Brüderstraße, Kortumstraße, and Viktoriastraße. <https://www.bermuda3eck.de/>

- **Schauspielhaus Bochum**

Located on Königsallee just outside the Bermuda3Eck the Schauspielhaus Bochum has been one of the leading places for contemporary theatre and performing arts in Germany. More information and schedule: <https://www.schauspielhausbochum.de/en/>

- **Deutsches Bergbaumuseum**

The Leibniz Research Museum for Geo-resources is tasked with collecting, preserving, investigating, exhibiting, and teaching the material heritage of the mining industry. Opening hours and further information at: <https://www.bergbaumuseum.de/en/>

- **Museum unter Tage**

The „Museum unter Tage“ was build underground to preserve the landscape around “house Weitmar” and the surrounding park. It hosts the collection “Weltsichten” which includes about

350 pieces of landscape paintings from 15th century onwards to classical oil paintings and modern Video-Sound-Installations. It also shows changing exhibitions that are developed in cooperation with the Institute of Art History of the Ruhr University Bochum, if possible, sent on tour from here to other museums throughout Germany and Europe. Opening hours and further information at: <https://situation-kunst.de/en/mut>

- **Museum Folkwang, Essen**

The Museum Folkwang is a famous art museum in Essen and has a major collection of 19th- and 20th-century art in display. The museum was founded in 1902 in Hagen by arts Karl Ernst Osthaus under the name Folkwang Museum and played for a long time a pioneering role in the field of modern art. Museum Folkwang incorporates the Deutsche Plakat Museum (German poster museum), comprising circa 340,000 posters from politics, economy and culture. The Museum is easily reached via Essen Main Station and the underground lines U11 and U17. Essen Main Station is well connected to Bochum by multiple local trains per hour. More information on current exhibitions and opening hours: <https://www.museum-folkwang.de/en>

- **Zeche Zollverein, Essen**

The Zollverein Coal Mining Complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage List and host to a number of exhibitions and museums, e.g. the Red Dot Museum. It is an outstanding example for the structural change from mining industry to a knowledge based tertiary sector economy in the Ruhr region. Further Information and opening hours at: <https://www.zollverein.de/zollverein-unesco-world-heritage-site/plan-your-visit-to-zollverein/>

- **German Football Museum, Dortmund**

The German Football Museum is intended to be a living place of remembrance and experience of German football history. The focus is on information about historical football events and the development of sport in all its facets as well as social and societal issues relating to football. The Museum is located close to the Dortmund Main Station which is well connected to Bochum by multiple local trains per hour. More information and opening hours: <https://www.fussballmuseum.de/en/start>