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Dear Participant,

We are pleased to welcome you to our Training and Cooperation Activity (TCA) "Optimising Adult Learner Mobility" (OPTIM-AL 3) How to involve Learners in Mobility Activities.

from 27 to 29 May 2024

in the Kardinal Schulte House in Bergisch Gladbach near Cologne.

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1. Arrival on 27 May 2024

Information on the house and the region:



This hotel awaits you in a large park in the Bensberg district. The conference centre of the Archdiocese of Cologne was built in the atrium style and is located in a former seminary. The centre of Bergisch Gladbach is a 10-minute drive away.

The 150 rooms in a quiet location provide a restful night's sleep to start an eventful day with renewed energy. You can expect completely new single and double rooms or twin rooms in a bright, friendly design, equipped with shower/WC, hairdryer, fast and stable Wi-Fi, desk, telephone, modern box-spring

beds, flatscreen TV and (invisible) wall heating, guaranteed with a view of the Cologne Bay, the park or Bensberg Castle.

The single rooms are particularly isolated from any outside noise and face the idyllic inner courtyard with a view of our chapel. In the morning, you will enjoy the rich breakfast buffet in the Hotel.

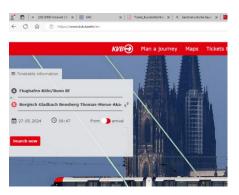
The Bensberg subway and bus station is a 7-minute walk from the Kardinal Schulte House. The A4 highway is only 3 minutes away.

2. <u>How to get to the venue</u>

On the 27.05.2023 we are looking forward to welcoming you at the Kardinal Schulte House in Bergisch Gladbach. In the following you will find all relevant information for a relaxed arrival.

The hotel is easily accessible by car or public transport within 60 Minutes. **Please plan your arrival and departure carefully so that you can participate in the TCA from the beginning to the end of the programme.**

For public transportation, you can check <u>KVB timetable information</u> to plan your trip.



Arrival by public transportation

<u>From Cologne main station</u>, take the express bus line "SB40" to the final stop "Bensberger Bahnhof".

From "Bensberger Bahnhof" you have to change in one of the following lines: Line 420 (this is the name of the SB40 from Bensberg station) in the direction of Overath Bahnhof or Line 227 in the direction of Moitzfeld/Steinacker or Line 421 to Lindlar Busbahnhof or Line 454 in the direction of Bechen Mitte.

The name of the bus stop where you have to get off is "Thomas-Morus-Akademie". This Academy is located directly in the Kardinal Schulte House.

Please note that the express bus does not run on Sundays and public holidays.

Another option is to take the S-Bahn (suburban railway) 11 to Bergisch Gladbach, then the bus, line 227 in the direction of Moitzfeld/Steinacker. You will need approximately 60 Minutes for the transfer to the venue.

<u>From Cologne-Deutz Station</u>, take S-Bahn No 11 to the Bensberg final stop, then either walk (approx. 15 minutes) or take bus line 227, 420, 421 or 454, just one stop further on. You will need approximately 20 Minutes for the transfer to the venue.

<u>From Cologne/Bonn Airport</u>, take bus number 423 from the bus stop "Flughafen Köln/Bonn Terminal 2" to the final stop "Bensberg Bahnhof". From "Bensberg Bahnhof" take one of the following lines: 227, 420, 421 or 454. You will need approximately 50 Minutes to arrive at the venue.

<u>By car</u>:

Via A4: Take exit no. 20 Bergisch Gladbach/Bensberg. At the junction, turn left onto the L136 towards Bergisch Gladbach/Bensberg. After approx. 700m, turn right.

3. <u>Room & registration</u>

You will be accommodated in the Kardinal Schulte House. We have already booked a single room from **27th to 29th of 2024 (2 nights)** for you. In the registration form we ask again whether accommodation is required for both nights. The NA at BIBB will cover the cost of your hotel room and all meals during the event. We kindly ask you to pay for any additional goods or services yourself.

Important Note: If you wish to arrive earlier or to stay longer please note that the booking of the hotel rooms in Kardinal Schulte House <u>before</u> the 27 May 2024 or <u>after</u> the 29 May 2024 have to be booked by yourself. Please directly contact Sabrina Keimer / Tel +49 2204 408 594 or by e-mail <u>reserv@k-s-h.de</u>. (97,00 € per room and night including breakfast). The National Agency at BIBB will not cover extra nights.

Once you arrive at the hotel, you will be welcomed by our event and organisation team, . Check-In for the hotel room is possible from 14:30 pm. On arrival you have the possibility to have lunch in the restaurant. Please indicate in your registration if you would like to participate in this lunch.

With your registration you will receive your name badge, which you are requested to always wear visibly during the event. This is valid both as a ticket to the conference, the dinners and as well for organized bus transfers. This way we now that you are part of the TCA.

You will also receive by the End of April information and the digital access to our conference App to connect to the other participants.

4. Dress code, what to pack?

We are planning a casual evening on Monday and a dinner on Tuesday. So, feel free to pack something more stylish if you wish. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes for the walking city tour.

However, there is no strict dress code for the entire event and the most important thing is that you feel comfortable.

You might consider checking out the Weather forecast for some input

5. <u>Supporting and social programme (28th May 17:30 – 22:15)</u>

On the 28 May we will have a guided walking city tour "Cologne is a feeling -Stories and anecdotes from the city's rich history". After the Tour we are expected in the <u>Stadtgarten Restaurant</u> for a vegetarian/vegan Buffet Dinner.

Short description of our walking city tour

What makes Cologne so special? What is "typically Kölsch"? Perhaps you are thinking of the Dom of Cologne? Cologne's sights are rather numerous as well as its well-known songs that appeal to young and old alike. By the way – they are sung not only at carnival time! Or is it the countless stories and anecdotes that are told here with a wink about the city and its inhabitants?

At the end of this humorous tour through the old town you will definitely agree with us: Cologne is a feeling!



6. Departure on 29 May 2024

After a good breakfast to start into the day at the hotel and followed by workshops until 12:15 pm, you will return home. Please check out of your room by 10:00 at the latest. The hotel will provide a room to store your luggage until the end of the event.

If you have any organisational questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anne-Marie via Mail <u>brkic@bibb.de</u>

If you have any questions about the content of the event, please contact Anke via Mail <u>dreesbach@bibb.de</u>

We can also be reached the $27^{\rm th}$ in the Kardinal Schule House via this telephone number: 0175 32 92 044

We look forward to meeting you in Bergisch Gladbach!