

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS:

### 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ASCOBANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

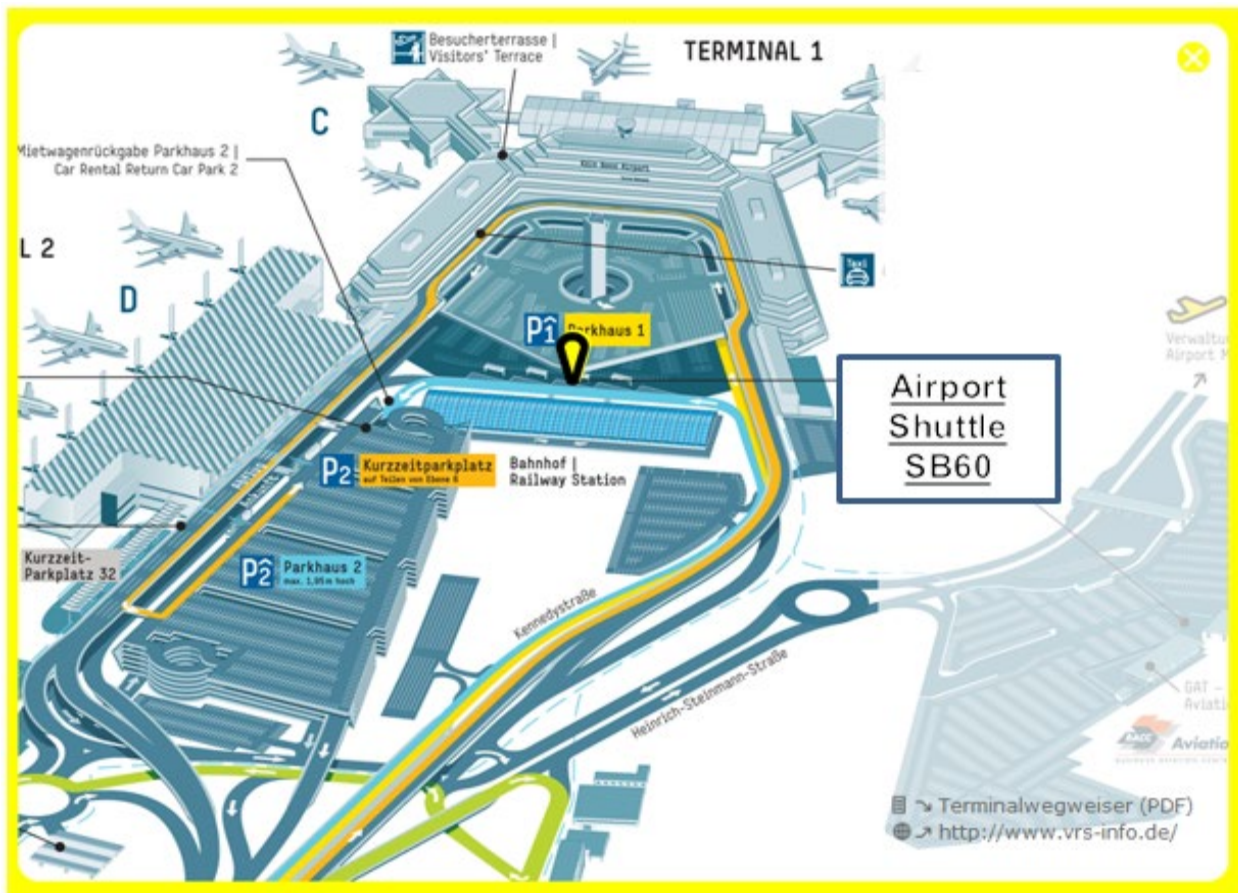
26-28 September 2023

Bonn, Germany

#### 1. Getting to Bonn

Bonn is located approximately 30 km south of Cologne, and ca. 170km northwest of Frankfurt, and can be accessed by car, by train, and by air from three airports, Cologne/Bonn Airport, Frankfurt International Airport and Düsseldorf Airport.

Participants arriving at **Cologne/Bonn Airport** can reach Bonn city center by taxi or by bus. The taxi fare from the airport to the city center is approximately €60.00. For travel by bus, participants would board airport shuttle SB60, departing from the bus stop at Terminal 1 to the city center (final stop "Hauptbahnhof," central station). Please see the below map for directions to the bus stop:



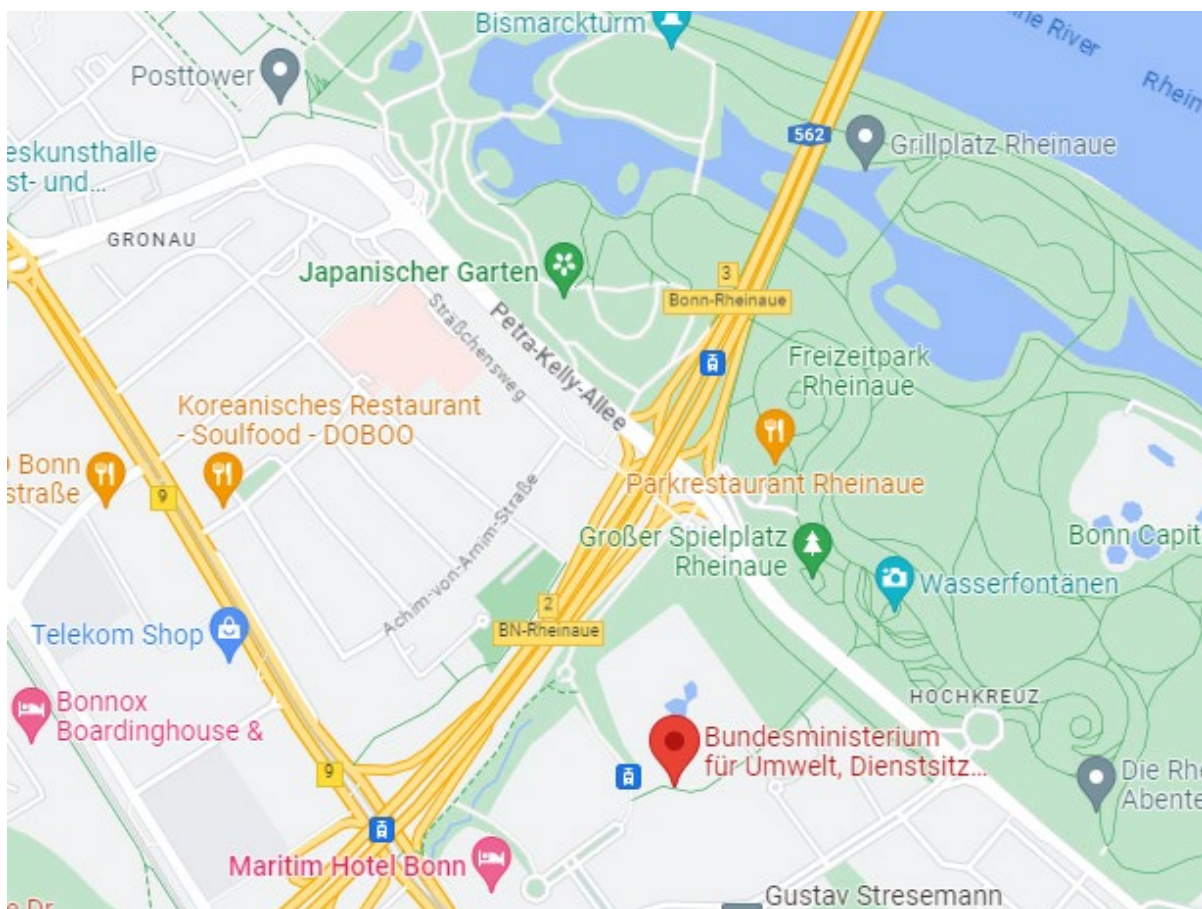
Participants arriving at **Frankfurt International Airport** may wish to take the train to Siegburg/Bonn. There is high-speed train service (ICE) between the airport and Siegburg/Bonn. Travel time is approximately 40 minutes. Departure is from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. The direction is Cologne. The station stop for Bonn is the town of Siegburg (please get off at 'Siegburg/Bonn'). Taxis are available for approximately €45.00 from Siegburg to Bonn. You can also catch tram 66 from Siegburg to Bonn. The tram journey takes 25 minutes. Regular train service between Frankfurt International Airport and Bonn central station (Hauptbahnhof) is also available (from the long-distance train station "Fernbahnhof" in the airport). Travel time is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes. This trip along the Rhine River is one of Germany's most scenic train trips and brings you directly into the city center of Bonn.

From **Düsseldorf Airport** to Bonn there are direct trains to the central station, which run hourly and have a travel time of about 1 hour.

Bonn also has good train connections. Participants may wish to download the Deutsche Bahn travel app: [DB Navigator](#).

## 2. Meeting Venue

**Federal Ministry for the Environment,  
Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV)  
Robert-Schuman-Platz 3,  
53175 Bonn, Germany**



Upon entry to the ministry, all participants must present their passports/national ID cards at the security guardhouse at the main entrance. All participants will receive an access pass to enter the building. Please wear this badge during your stay at BMUV. (Please note: the meeting badge from the ASCOBANS Secretariat will not give entrance to the building.)

### 3. Security requirements at the venue

Please note the standard security requirements that you need to be familiar with when you enter the ministry:

- Delegates must ensure their own medical and other insurance covers for the duration of the travel, including the meeting.
- All participants will be checked for their passports/national ID cards at the front gate.
- No friends or family members are allowed to enter the building unless they are meeting participants.
- Smoking is only allowed outside the building.
- The participants are not allowed to move around the building unless escorted by official ministry staff.
- Please report any loss of provided ID badge to Security, for corrective action regarding access.
- Participants should not leave their personal items of value unattended.

Participants should come to the security gate (30 min before start of the meeting to ensure that there is enough time to deal with last-minute changes if there are any).

### 4. How to get to the meeting venue

#### **By tram (U-Bahn):**

From the Bonn central station (Hauptbahnhof), in the city center take tram 66 (direction: Bad Honnef or Ramersdorf) to the stop "Robert-Schuman-Platz."

Coming from the U-Bahn, walk straight towards "Robert-Schuman-Platz" and turn left after about 25m (see picture on the right)

#### **By bus:**

Bus lines 631 and 638 go directly to Robert Schuman Platz.

Tram and bus tickets can be obtained from ticket machines in the stations or on the bus or tram itself. If you are travelling in and around Bonn, use the 1b button, one-way ticket. Please note that the machines in the bus and tram usually only accept credit/debit cards.



#### **By taxi:**

The fare for a taxi ride to the venue from Bonn city center (Hauptbahnhof - central station) is about €20, and from Bad Godesberg about €15. The phone number for Bonn taxis is **+49 (0) 228 555 555**.

UBER Service is also available in Bonn.

### 5. Registration

Registration will open at 08:30 on Tuesday 26 September 2023 in front of the meeting room at BMUV. The way to the meeting room will be signposted from the lobby.

## 6. Lunch and coffee breaks

Coffee breaks will be provided by BMUV. Lunch, at own expense, will be available at the cafeteria of BMUV.

## 7. Hotel accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own hotel reservations. The Secretariat can suggest the following hotels which are easily accessible by public transport.

- **Maritim Hotel Bonn**  
Godesberger Allee (access: Kurt-Georg-Kiesinger Allee 1), 53175 Bonn  
Tel.: +49 (0)228 81808; ext. -777 for bookings; email: [info.bon@maritim.de](mailto:info.bon@maritim.de)  
Website: [Hotel nah der Rheinaue | Maritim Hotel Bonn](#)  
- The hotel is within walking distance, approx. 5-7 minutes from BMUV.
- **Bonn Marriott Hotel**  
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 4, 53113 Bonn  
Tel: +49 (0)228 280500, website: [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)  
- Located next to the United Nations Building with access to 'Heusallee/Museumsmeile' subway station. From here take subway 66 direction 'Ramersdorf' 'Koenigswinter' or 'Bad Honnef' and go to 'Robert-Schuman-Platz'.
- **Hotel Kaiserhof**  
Moltkestraße 64, 53173 Bonn – Bad Godesberg  
Tel: +49 (0)228 957050; e-mail: [info@kaiserhof.bestwestern.de](mailto:info@kaiserhof.bestwestern.de)  
Website: <https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Bonn-Bad-Godesberg/BEST-WESTERN-Hotel-Kaiserhof>  
- The Hotel Kaiserhof is located right next to the train and tram station in the centre of Bonn-Bad Godesberg. Take the tram 63 or 16 to stop Max-Loebner-Strasse and walk 700 m to BMUV. Also, bus 638 will take you from Bad Godesberg central station directly to Robert-Schuman-Platz.
- **Motel One Bonn-Beethoven**  
Berliner Freiheit 36, 53111 Bonn  
Tel.: +49 (0)228 9727860; e-mail: [bonn-beethoven@motel-one.com](mailto:bonn-beethoven@motel-one.com)  
Website: <https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/bonn/hotel-bonn-beethoven/>  
- This hotel is located in the city center of Bonn, right next to the tram stop "Bertha-von-Suttner-Platz". From here, you can reach BMUV on line 66 in the direction of "Bad Honnef" or "Ramersdorf".
- **Best Western Domicil Bonn**  
Thomas-Mann-Straße 24-26, 53111 Bonn  
Tel.: +49 (0)228 729090 ; e-mail: [info@domicil-bonn.bestwestern.de](mailto:info@domicil-bonn.bestwestern.de)  
Website: <https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Bonn/Best-Western-Hotel-Domicil>  
- This hotel is located in close proximity to Bonn Central Station. From Bonn Central Station you can take the tram (line 66) to the stop Robert-Schuman-Platz.

**Please note:** The city of Bonn charges an overnight stay tax of 5% on the room accommodation rate from 1 July 2025 onwards for leisure travel, which needs to be paid by the guests at the hotel. This tax is not included in the hotel rates and needs to be paid additionally in the hotel.

Business travelers are exempted from this tax when showing an adequate verification that they are in Bonn for business purposes. The Secretariat will provide the participants with personalized invitation letters for this purpose. Furthermore, please fill out the tax exemption form and hand it to the hotel staff. The form can be found on the [ASCOBANS AC28 website](#) under 'Other Documents'.

## 8. Currency

Germany's currency is the euro (€). Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants, but not in every shop. Exchange rate on 28 July 2023: EUR 1 = SEK 11.5857, PLN 4.41, GBP 0.86.

## 9. Voltage and type of pins

In Germany, the electrical plug/outlet and voltage operate on **220 volts, 50 Hz**, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. Many appliances with power adapters (such as laptop computers and digital cameras) can be plugged into either 110-120 volt or 220–240-volt sockets/points and adapt to the voltage automatically.



## 10. Useful Numbers

Country dialling code: +49

City dialling code: +49 (0) 228

Railway Station Bonn: +49 (0) 228 19419

Emergency: 112 / Police: 110

Fire department: 112

Doctors: +49 228 364567 (General Practitioner) or +49 (0) 228 19257 (Medical emergency)

ASCOBANS Secretariat: +49 (0) 228 815 2416

## 11. Information on Bonn

For information on Bonn and its region, please refer to: <http://www.bonn-region.de/english.html>

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