

Important information and data

Dear participants,

Please allow me to share necessary information on arrival and accommodation options in Skopje, as well as other useful information for your pleasant stay. Hans Em Faculty of Forest Sciences, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Engineering (HEF) in Skopje and the Conference Organizing Committee (COC) supervise all coordination activities.

Address of venue

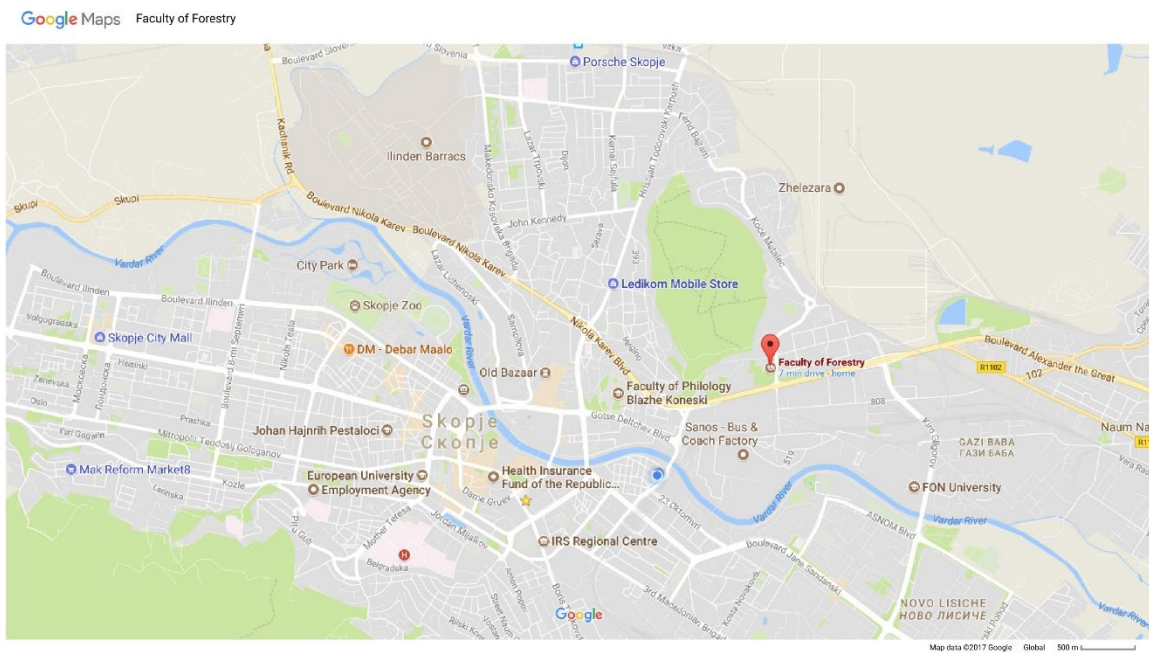
Hans Em Faculty of Forest Sciences, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Engineering - Skopje (Former: Faculty of forestry – Skopje)

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MK-1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

In addition, please find location map of HEF in Skopje and map link, as well as GSM contact numbers of the COM officials.

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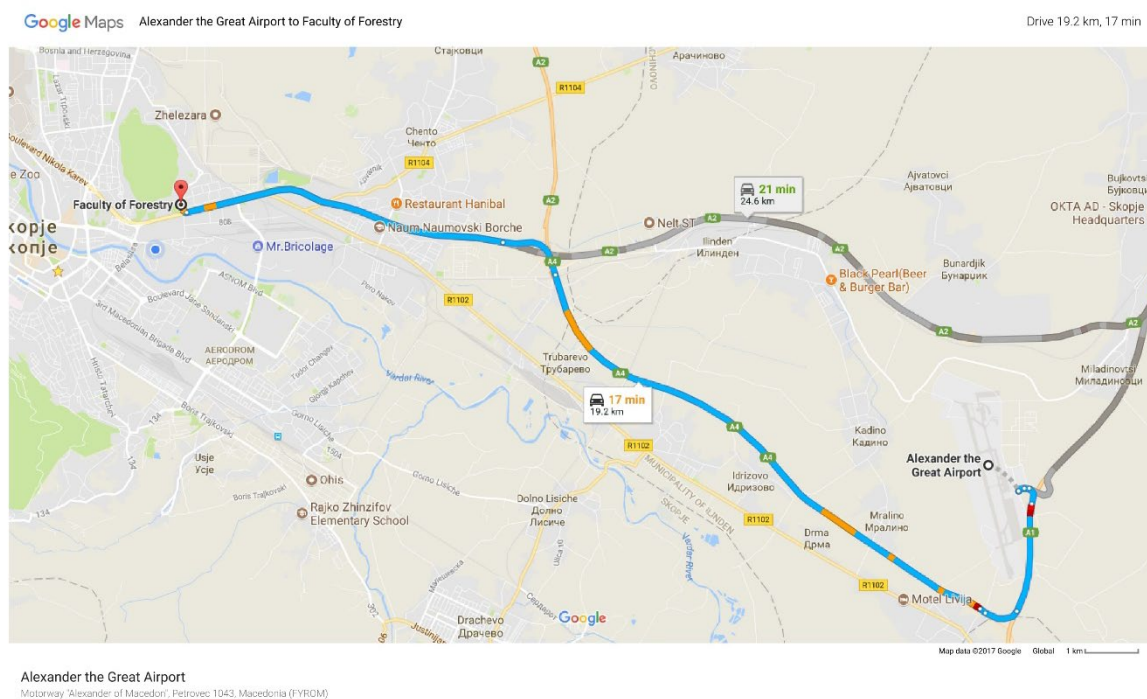
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Participants arriving at Skopje International Airport have several options for transport to HEF or Skopje city center.

1. Taxi – Approx. 25€ per route (group transport advised, max. 3 passengers per route); should you decide for this option, we could assist you for booking a car from recommended companies.
2. Bus – One-way ticket available only, approx. 3€ per person. Busses or mini-busses provided by Airport shuttle service. Starting point in front of the airport building. Several bus stops through the city possible (choose the nearest one to your accommodation). Note that these are relatively rare, and check on the time-table at the following link: <https://www.wtransporter.com/en>
3. Rent a car service – several rent a car options available at the airport. Rental per day varies by provider and by car type/class.
4. Contact us at 75HEF@sf.ukim.edu.mk for assistance.

The route from Skopje International Airport to HEF in Skopje is shown on the map below and at the following link:

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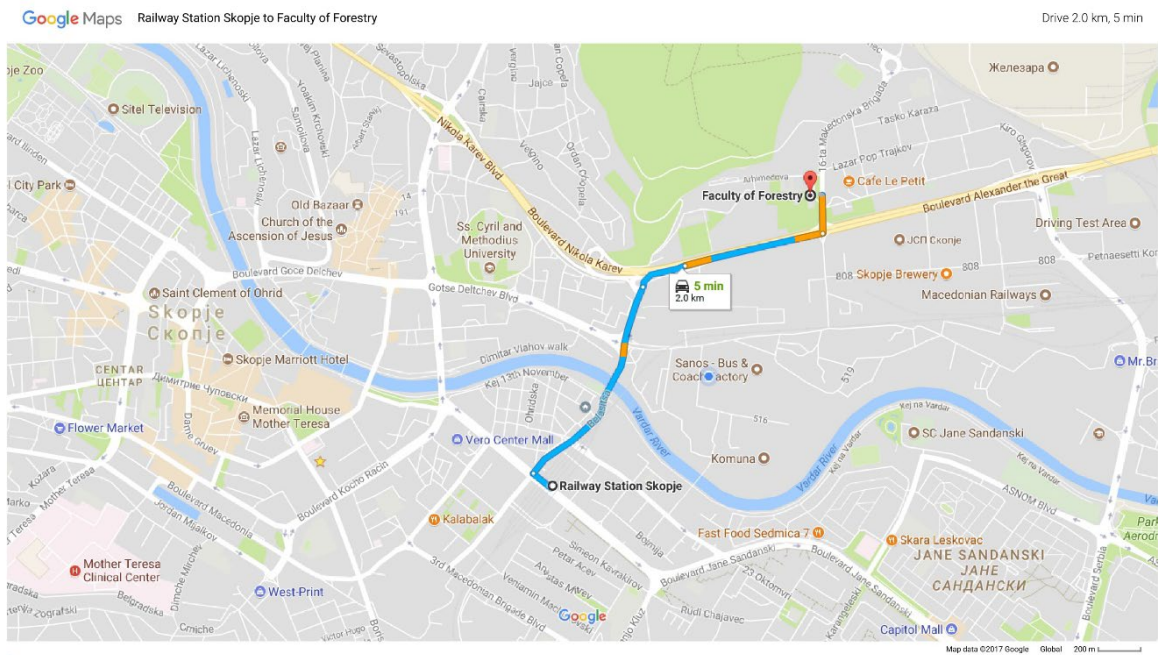
Participants arriving at the International Bus Station in Skopje or the Railway Station in Skopje have several options for transport to HEF or Skopje city center.

1. Taxi – Approx. 5€ per route (group transport advised, max. 3 passengers per route);
2. By foot – Approx. 15-20 minutes walking distance.

Both stations (placed at same location) are very close to Skopje city center (approx. 10-15 minutes walking distance). Public bus transport available with pre-paid chip card and tickets also available for purchase from the bus driver. The timetable of the numerous bus lines around Skopje is available at: <http://www.jsp.com.mk/vozenred.aspx>.

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Currency

The national currency is the Macedonian Denar (MKD). All major currencies can be easily converted in banks and exchange offices. There is no big difference regarding exchange rates, nor major commission to worry about. ATM machines are very common, as is paying with credit card. There is also an exchange office at the airport but with less favorable exchange rates.

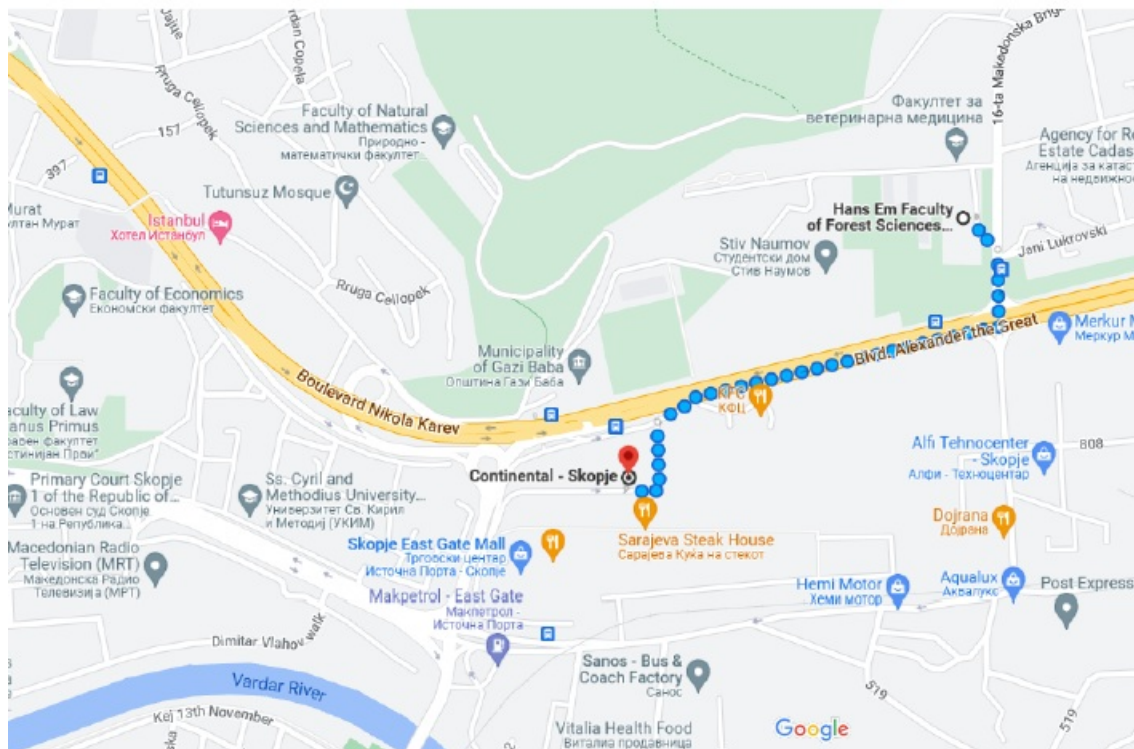
The following currencies can be easily exchanged to MKD in every exchange office: EUR, USD, CHF, GBP, CAD, AUD, SEK, DKK and NOK.

Hotels and accommodation

For the purpose of this conference, we have collaboration with three different hotels in Skopje. They offer accommodation for the conference participants at discounted prices.

1. **Hotel Continental**, which is the closest hotel to the Faculty of Forestry (about 10 min walking distance). A 4 star hotel, Continental offers a comfortable stay and its location is in between HEF and the city center. You can see the hotel's location and the route from the faculty on the map and link below.

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In order to book your stay at the Hotel Continental, and for any additional information about the accommodations there, please contact Ms. Sandra Naceva (sales2@hotelcontinental.com.mk), with the text **HEF 75** included in your mail subject and mention you are a participant of the conference. If you do not include HEF 75 in your subject, we cannot guarantee you the discounted prices.

For pictures of the hotel, the website is <https://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>, but please make your reservations directly on the e-mail address above.

- Ibis Skopje City Center**, located in the city center (1 min walking distance from the main square) is also a 4 star hotel in the heart of the city. Even though it is a little bit further from the faculty, all of the most popular tourist attractions (also restaurants, cafes etc.) in Skopje are within walking distance of it. It has great facilities and offers quality stay. You can check the hotel's location and the route to the faculty on the map and link below.

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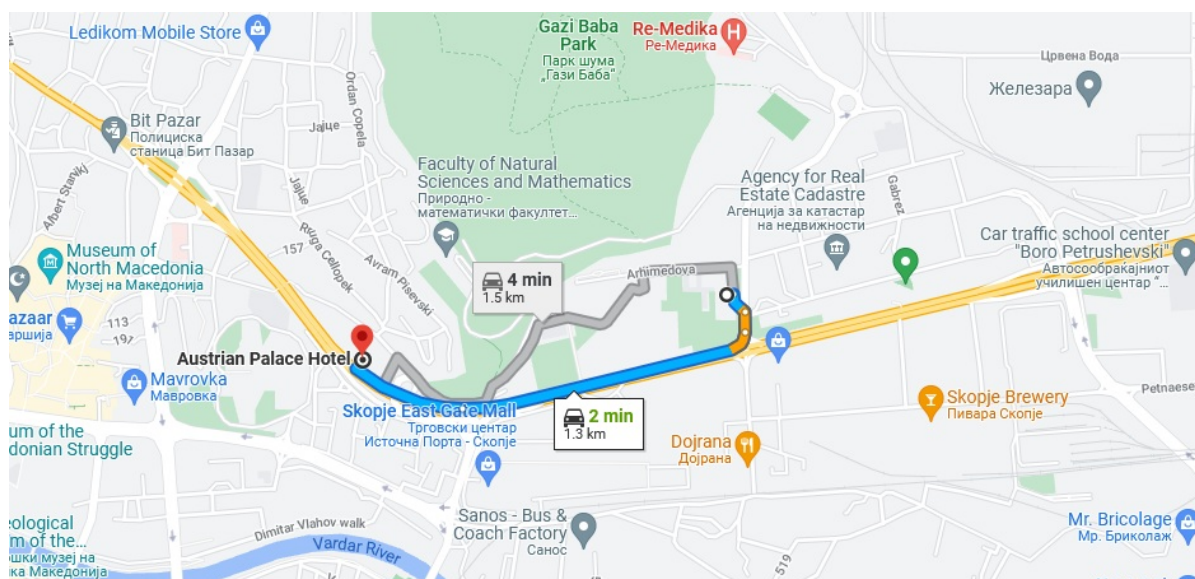


Ibis Skopje City Center offers special discounted prices for the participants of our conference. In order to get the discount, you will have to fill out a specific form, which you can get by contacting Blagoj Shurbevski (shurbevskib@yahoo.com) and send it to the following e-mail: h9672@accor.com. Without sending the filled form to the hotel, you will not be able to get the discount.

For pictures of the hotel visit <https://all.accor.com/hotel/9672/index.en.shtml#section-rooms>.

3. **Austrian Palace Hotel** is a newly opened hotel in proximity to the faculty. It offers comfortable rooms for affordable prices, and with a discount for conference participants. You can check the hotel's location and the route to the faculty on the map and link below.

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In order to book your stay at the Austrian Palace Hotel, and for any additional information about the accommodations there, please contact Ms. Narcisa Gjorova (narcisa.gjorova@yahoo.com). To get the discount for, don't forget to mention that you are a participant of: **International Scientific Conference "Better Forestry, for Better Forests, for a Better Planet"**.

In hope for some good time in Skopje, I salute you.

On behalf of COC

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