

Wikimania 2024

Attendee Guide

2024 Core Organizing Team

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Collaboration of The Open



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- This year's theme celebrates the ways people come together across languages, geographies, disciplines and walks of life to strengthen the open ecosystem.
- To bring Collaboration of the Open to life, the Core Organizing Team is:
 - Prioritizing **language inclusivity**, with live interpretation in six languages
 - Working on **improvements to the virtual event** based on feedback from the 2023 evaluation
 - **Increasing the number of scholarships** to double what was awarded in 2019

Story of Katowice

Did you know that Katowice has transformed from a mining hub to a far more green, sustainable city? With 42% of its urban area covered by forest and green spaces, it's a fantastic place to gather for Wikipedian from around the world.

Fun fact: our venue was once a large mine site!

Culture-based development has truly reshaped this city, and we can't wait for you to experience it during Wikimania.

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Schedule

Aug 6:

Self-Organized meet ups, pre conference day for registered attendees only, tours around the city. Fancy a meet up with your community and needing a space?

[Check here!](#)

We will have open meet up space at Diament Plaza Hotel during this day.

Aug 7 - Aug 10:

Day 1 : Opening Ceremony

Day 4 - Closing Ceremony

Aug 11:

Returning Day



More details on our [Eventyay Page!](#)

Programming

Room	Wed August 7	Thu August 8	Fri August 9	Sat August 10
Auditorium Livestream + interpretation whenever scheduled	9:00 – 9:45 (orientation session)	9:00 – 9:45 (keynote 1) 15:30 – 17:00 (lightning talk showcase 1) 17:15 – 17:45 (keynote 2)	9:00 – 9:45 (keynote 3) 15:30 – 17:00 (lightning talk showcase 2) 17:15 – 17:45 (keynote 4)	9:00 – 9:45 (keynote 5) 15:30 – 17:00 (showcase)
Breakout rooms (7 in total) Livestream + interpretation in 4 rooms. Livestream only in 2 rooms. No livestream or interpretation in 1 room.	10:00 – 12:00 (session block A) 13:30 – 15:00 (session block B) 15:30 – 17:00 (session block C)	10:00 – 12:00 (session block A) 13:30 – 15:00 (session block B) 15:30 – 17:00 (session block C)	10:00 – 12:00 (session block A) 13:30 – 15:00 (session block B) 15:30 – 17:00 (session block C)	10:00 – 12:00 (session block A) 13:30 – 15:00 (session block B) 15:30 – 17:00 (session block C)
Large room	WikiWomen Summit	Hackathon		
Main Hall Livestream + interpretation whenever scheduled	Opening Ceremony			Photo session, Closing Ceremony, and then go to closing party venue

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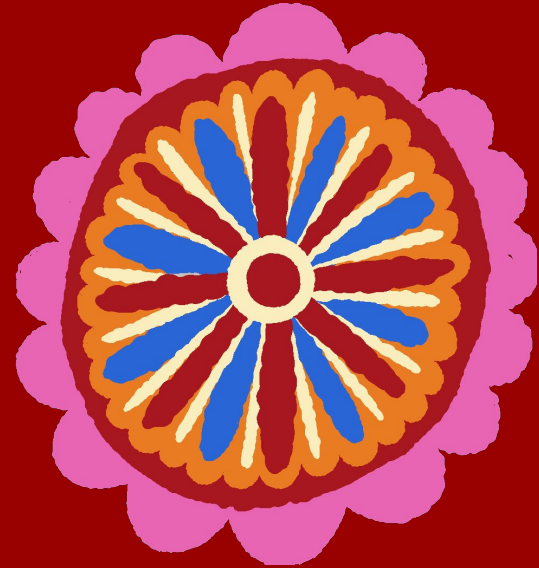
Side Events & Tours

There are several tours (guided, city walking, and group organized tours that you can explore during Wikimania. Feel free to check them [here!](#) Here are some of the available tours:

- DAY IN THE PARK (Including Ethnography Museum, Stadium, Planetarium, Sky Gondolas, Zoo And Amusement Park)
- LIBRARIAN WALKS: One Day 4 Libraries, 4 Exciting Places, 4 Editing Opportunities
- City walking tours with a local tour guide (and a Wikimedian!)
- [Silesian Museum](#): Free Guided Tour in English < 90 minutes

Don't forget to check **Wiki Science Competition** photo exhibition in the center of Katowice as part of our partnership with the European City of Science.

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Registration

Open until July 26th, 2024

The registration fee is USD 100.

It is subsidized by Wikimedia Foundation to cover all the events, meals, and swag. Scholars will be waived with special registration code.

All attendees need to register on Eventyay

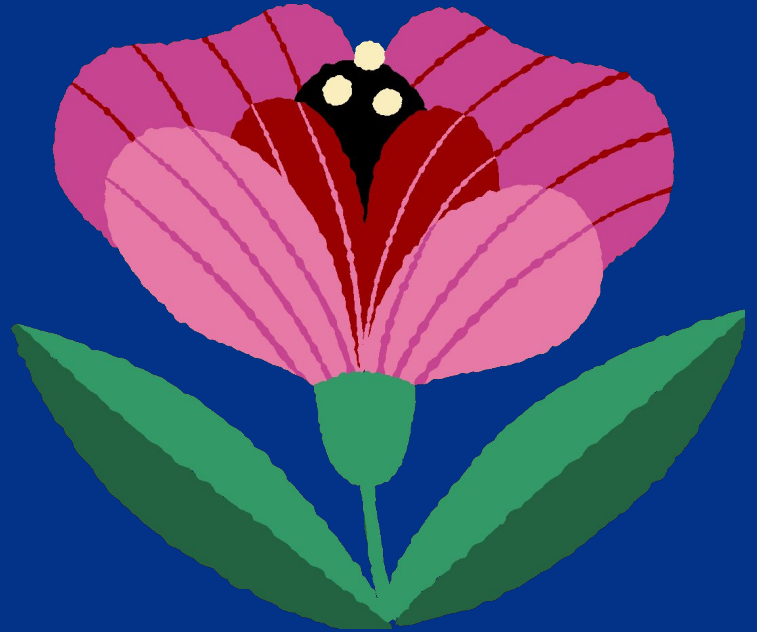
Any live interpretation will also happen through Eventyay

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What included in the conference ticket?

- Entrance to the conference
- Cool swags!
- Meals:
 - August 7: Lunch & Dinner
 - August 8: Lunch
 - August 9: Lunch
 - August 10: Lunch & Dinner

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Katowice International Congress Center



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International Congress Centre and Spodek Arena, MCK
Katowice, <https://www.mckkatowice.pl/en/>

How to Reach the Venue

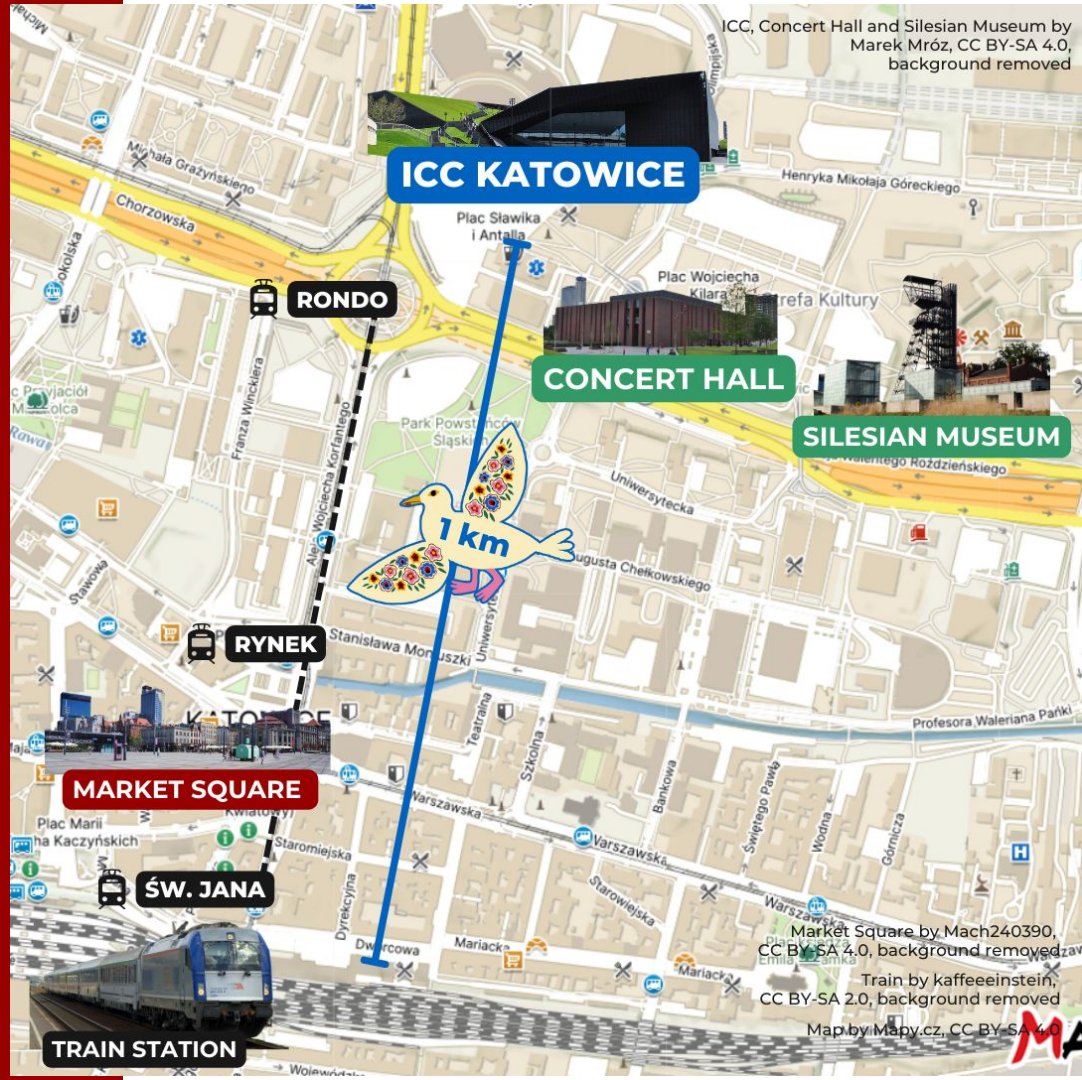
All routes are wheelchair accessible

From Station to ICC Katowice:
15-20 minutes walk

From ICC Katowice to Concert Hall:
3-5 minutes walk

From ICC Katowice to Silesian Museum:
around 10 minutes walk

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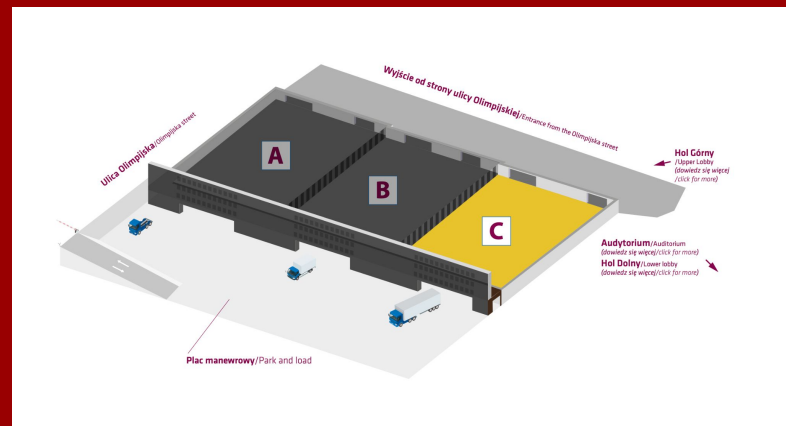


Floor Plan



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Read more about the rooms details [here!](#)



Room	Size	Name
3	M	Dilijan
7	M	Tbilisi
8	L	Belgrade
9	M	Ochrid
10	M	Istanbul
20+24	L	Warsaw
21+22+23	L	Lviv
11	M	Modra
19+25+26	XL	Voore
Auditorium		Kyiv
Main Hall	Main Hall C	Gdańsk

Plan sal konferencyjnych, MCK Katowice, <https://www.mckkatowice.pl/en/>

What should I prepare?

- ❖ How much money should I bring? It depends!
 - Most of the merchants will accept Visa/Master cards
 - Local currency is PLN/Polish Zloty.
- ❖ Pack your medicine according to your needs and prepare the label/doctor notes in your carry on bag
- ❖ On average day is 25°C (76°F) and at night 13°C (55°F), although it can occasionally get hotter, reaching more than 30°C (86°F) - lightweight clothes, lightweight jacket, umbrella, cap or hat and sunscreen are advisable to bring!
- ❖ Wear the comfortable shoes as you may need to walk a lot in this lovely city!

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How to get around Katowice?

Transport & Travel Information on our [Wikimania Wiki](#)

Local pharmacies in the mall by the train station

Open hours:

Most places open at 10AM and close at 8pm

Local convenience stores Zabka open till 11pm

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Act Like Polish People 101

Food: Try pierogi, singular pierog (especially the seasonal ones with blueberries), żurek (a soup made of soured rye flour), zapiekanka (Polish street food – baked baguette with cheese and mushrooms), jagodzianka (a traditional Polish blueberry sweet bun), pączek (doughnut), sernik (cheesecake)

Drink: Kompot (sweet beverage made with fruit)

Visit: Katowice Rondo

What to Learn – simple Polish, walk in right (be careful of tram and scooter)

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Emergency Contact List

In case of urgent situation in venue

During the conference:

You can notify us in Organizer badge or the WMF Staff around you

Local:

Hospital – this is the nearest hospital around the venue, but people with EU health insurance can go to any hospital within the city

- Szpital AVIMED, Gliwicka 159, 40-857 Katowice, Poland
- Polmed, Dąbrówki 10, 40-081 Katowice, Poland

Polish emergency number: 112

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Things to remember: Friendly Space Policy

Friendly space policies are guidelines for in-person and virtual Wikimedia community gatherings which advises that all participants seek to encourage a positive and constructive experience for all other participants. A related concept is a [code of conduct](#), which is a policy guiding behavior in all contexts, and not only at in-person events as a friendly space policy does.

General friendly space policy for Wikimedia events

The Wikimedia community is dedicated to providing a welcoming experience for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, appearance, race, religion, or preferred free license (and not limited to those aspects). We do not tolerate harassment of event participants. Participants violating these rules may be asked to leave the event at the discretion of the event organizers.

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Practical Notes

Things to bring

Sweeties to share! (be mindful of allergies!)

Postcards to write or share

Stickers or badges to share and swap

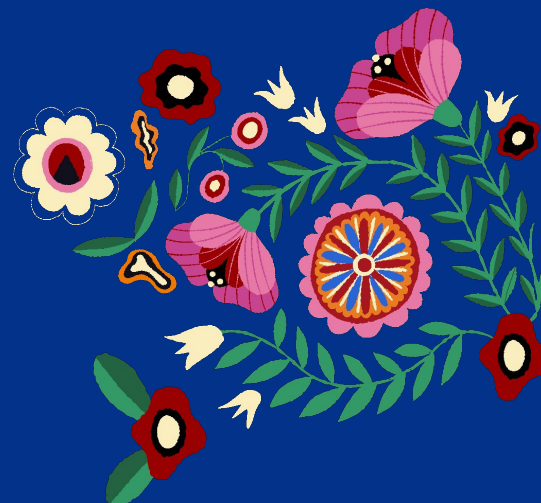
Chargers and adaptors

Light clothes! Suncream!

Comfy shoes!

Reusable water bottle to fill at breakfast and during the day

Cap or hat



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Partners

City of Katowice - check out the exhibition in the city centre

European City of Science

The Silesian Museum

The Ethnography park

The Planetarium

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