



10th Nevsky International Ecological Congress



INFORMATION
FOR PARTICIPANTS



WELCOME TO THE X NEVSKY INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONGRESS!

 **25–26 May 2023**

 Tavrichesky Palace
([47, Shpalernaya Ulitsa, St. Petersburg](#))

Participants are kindly requested to arrive at the Congress venue 30–40 minutes before the start of an event.

The Congress venue may only be accessed with an accreditation badge activated according to the results of a PCR test for COVID-19. An accreditation badge is invalid without a negative PCR test result.

Congress Organizers

- Government of the Russian Federation
- The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- The Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS)
- Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ATTENDEES: ENTERING RUSSIA

Documents for crossing the border

To avoid encountering any problems when crossing the border, all foreign participants arriving from abroad are required to bring the following documents with them:

If you **require a visa** to enter Russia

- Invitation for foreign arrivals
! Please note that this is not an invitation to the Congress, but a separate document from the Congress organizers.
- Valid foreign passport and visa
- Medical insurance policy that is valid in Russia

If you **do not require a visa** to enter Russia

- Valid foreign passport
- Medical insurance policy that is valid in Russia

Participants **are not required** to present a PCR test result for entry to Russia or undergo self-isolation after arrival in St. Petersburg.

Obtaining a visa

Upon presenting all the required documents, participants will be able to receive a same-day, short-term, single-use entry visa into the Russian Federation for the period **from 17 May to 3 June 2023**. In order to apply for an entry visa, the invited individual should visit their local consular office of the Russian Federation. The locations of your nearest Russian consular office can be found on the [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#).

Visa = invitation for foreign arrivals + list of documents

An invitation for attendees from foreign countries can be generated in the [Roscongress personal account](#) ('My events – NIEC – Event dashboard – Visa support').

Your personal information will be automatically uploaded from the Roscongress personal account to the document. You can manually add the city and country where you will be applying for your visa.

If you have found any errors in your personal data in the application for participation, you can contact a Roscongress Foundation specialist to make changes to the personal data.

For detailed information on an invitation for foreign arrivals and documents needed to apply for a visa, see:

 ['Entry to Russia'](#) section of the Congress website

Visa-free regime

Citizens of some states can enter the Russian Federation without a visa for 30 to 90 days (apart from trips for work or commercial activities).

To cross the border, attendees need the following documents:

- Valid foreign passport
- Medical insurance policy that is valid in Russia

ARRIVAL IN ST. PETERSBURG

Arrival by air. Pulkovo Airport

Pulkovo Airport (LED) is St. Petersburg's only airport that serves scheduled domestic and international flights. The journey from the airport to the Congress venue takes about 60 minutes, depending on the traffic.

For a list of items requiring a written customs declaration and to find out how to fill in the declaration form, see the '[Customs](#)' section of Pulkovo Airport website.

 [41ZA, Pulkovskoye Shosse, St. Petersburg](#)

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 pulkovoairport.ru

Should you be unable to travel directly between your point of departure and St. Petersburg, we advise flying via transit through Moscow or foreign airports, from which flights to Russia are operated (more information is available on the website in the '[Arrival to St. Petersburg](#)' section).

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	 a-group.aero	 jetport.ru

Arrival by rail

MOSCOW – ST. PETERSBURG

Sapsan high-speed trains depart from Leningradsky and Kursky Rail Terminals in Moscow, and arrive at Moskovsky Rail Terminal in St. Petersburg. Up to 17 trains run along the route daily, with the journey time ranging from 3.5 to 4 hours.

Please visit the [Russian Railways website](#) for a detailed Sapsan timetable.

RUSSIAN RAILWAYS CALL CENTRE

 +7 (800) 775 0000

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Currency and bank card transactions

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Please note the following currency exchange restrictions in the Russian Federation:

- Only USD and EUR cash can be freely exchanged for RUB cash
- You must present your ID (passport) for transactions over RUB 40.000
- There is NO exchanging non-cash currency for RUB cash using Mastercard or Visa bank cards issued outside of Russia. It is also not possible to withdraw RUB cash from these cards

For the latest exchange rates, please see the Central Bank of the Russian Federation website: cbr.ru.

BANK CARDS

We do **recommend having cash with you** for the entire duration of the Congress due to restricted use of foreign bank cards in Russia.

The use of MIR and UnionPay cards in Russia is not restricted in any currency. We do recommend Nevsky International Ecological Congress participants to get a new card/bring an existing card of these systems, if possible.

Please note that UnionPay has started its operations in Russia relatively recently. Therefore, cards of this payment system may occasionally malfunction.

Hotel accommodation

Participants of the X Nevsky International Ecological Congress can book rooms in St. Petersburg hotels at special rates. The list of hotels, booking terms and application forms are placed in the 'My Events – Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Hotel accommodation' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#).

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CONGRESS VENUE

 [47, Shpalernaya Ulitsa, St. Petersburg](#)

The Nevsky International Ecological Congress will take place in the Tavrichesky Palace that is the [headquarters of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS Member Nations](#). The Tavrichesky Palace offers an ideal blend of an advanced technology platform for Congress participants to work at and a splendid historic interior. The palace features all the rooms and halls required for holding major international symposia, conferences, Congresses and business meetings.

The Tavrichesky Palace is located in St. Petersburg's historic centre. The journey from the airport to the Congress venue takes about 60 minutes, depending on the traffic.

A detailed map of the Congress venue can be found in the '[Venue map](#)' section.



In order to avoid any inconvenience when accessing the venue, participants are advised to leave any [items prohibited at the Congress venue](#) at their accommodation or in their vehicle.

ACCESS TO THE CONGRESS VENUE

Accreditation badge

An accreditation badge is required to enter the Congress venue and a number of cultural programme events.

The badge is personalized and may not be transferred to third parties. Participants must have their badge and identity document (passport) with them at all times while at the Congress venue.

If the accreditation badge is lost or damaged, please go to the Help Desk or any accreditation stand.

What should be checked before collecting the badge?

Before obtaining a badge, please make sure that the following conditions have been observed:

- 1 Participation in the Congress is confirmed via the Roscongress personal account
 - 2 Personal information provided in the Roscongress personal account matches participants' ID (passport) exactly
 - 3 A badge photo has been uploaded to the Roscongress personal account*
- Processing of data indicated in the Roscongress personal account (process takes at least one day)
- Participant badge is issued**

* Colour photo against a light background, photo size 480*640 pixels, file format – jpg or jpeg, full-face photo with no headgear, with the face taking up at least 70% of the photo.

If information contained in the participant's ID has changed in the time since a participation application was submitted, the participant's [Roscongress personal account](#) must be updated accordingly. If changes need to be made to uneditable fields, please contact your personal manager at the Roscongress Foundation.

In order to expedite the procedure for issuing a badge, please **upload a scan of the passport** (pages containing photo and ID info) in the 'My Events – Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Personal information' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#).

Please ensure that scans are legible and contain all the information entered during registration, including passport number and serial number (if applicable), passport issuing authority, date of issue, and photograph.

Image formats: jpg, jpeg, pdf, png.

There are several ways to find out or be notified when a participant badge is ready:

- An email notification
- A notification in the participant's [Roscongress personal account](#)
- A call to the Congress information center +7 (812) 406 7472
- A call to a Roscongress Foundation specialist.

How to collect your badge?

PCR testing is not required to get a badge. You can collect your accreditation badge first, then take the PCR test, or vice versa.

Participant accreditation badges may be collected in person or by a third party using a power of attorney.

Location	Date	Time
Parliamentary Centre (53, Shpalernaya Ulitsa)	23–24 May	09:00–21:00
	25 May	07:30–18:00
	26 May	08:00–15:00

COLLECTING A BADGE IN PERSON

Participant accreditation badges may be collected **in person** by presenting:

- The identity document that is listed in the [Roscongress personal account](#)
- Original of personal data consent form*

COLLECTING A BADGE BY AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTY

If a participant's badge is collected **by a third party** using a power of attorney, the authorized person must present the following:

- The authorized third party's passport
- An original standard power of attorney*
- A list of participants
- Copies of the passports of all participants to be accredited
- Originals of personal data consent forms*

*A power of attorney form and a personal data consent form can be downloaded from the '[Badge collection](#)' section of the Congress website.

Before issuing a badge, an accreditation point attendant will make sure that the data specified in the [Roscongress personal account](#) corresponds to the ID document. In the event of any discrepancies, it will not be possible to issue a badge the same day.

PCR testing for badge activation

WHEN TO GET TESTED?

All Congress participants, media representatives and staff who will be present at events must take a PCR test for COVID-19.

PCR test to access the Congress venue must be taken no earlier than 07:00 on 24 May (GMT+3) and no later than 24 hours before visiting the Congress venue.

Results will be provided within 24 hours.

The badge will remain active from the moment a negative result has been uploaded to the Congress information system until the end of NIEC. One PCR test is enough to attend all NIEC events.

WHERE TO GET TESTED?

Testing will be carried out at the Congress's **dedicated** testing centres, which are provided by Rospotrebnadzor in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The results will be uploaded to the Congress information system automatically.

The results of tests taken at other laboratories will NOT be accepted for access to the venue.

[View the Testing Centres List](#)

DATA REQUIRED FOR TESTING

1. Information about your immunity to COVID-19

It is necessary to fill in all the required fields related to COVID-19 immunity in the [Roscongress personal account](#):

- Information about COVID-19 vaccination status
- Information about previous coronavirus infection (COVID-19) status
- Information about the presence or absence of COVID-19 antibodies
- Information about permanent residence and temporary address in St. Petersburg during the Congress

2. Congress participant ID

The ID is a participant's identification number in the Roscongress personal account. You can view your ID:

- On the badge (if it has already been received)
- In the 'Personal data' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#)
- In the 'My events – NIEC – Event dashboard' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#)

If a test is not associated with a participant ID, it will not be possible to send the test results to the Accreditation Centre in order to activate the badge to attend the event.

3. Medical treatment consent form

For participants planning to take a PCR test in Moscow, you must print, fill in and sign a medical treatment consent form before visiting the testing centre and bring it with you. Medical treatment consent form can be downloaded in the ['PCR testing'](#) section on the Congress website.

BOOKING A TEST

PCR testing at dedicated Congress testing centres is strictly by appointment only.
Please arrive at the time of your booking.

In the [Roscongress personal account](#), go to the 'My events' section and choose 'NIEC', then open the 'Event dashboard – COVID-19' tab. In the 'COVID-19 – PCR testing centre and time slot selection' section, choose the most convenient testing centre from the list and select a time slot.

Please note: in order to book a PCR testing you must follow the two terms:

- All the required fields of the questionnaire in the 'Data on immunity to COVID-19' section are filled in the [Roscongress personal account](#).
- The contact phone number and contact email are indicated in the questionnaire of the 'COVID 19' section. It is not necessary to authorize the phone number.

TEST RESULTS

Lab results will be provided within 24 hours.

There are several ways to find out this information:

- Receive the test result at the email address indicated in the questionnaire with data on COVID-19 immunity
- In the 'COVID-19 – Test results' section of your [Roscongress personal account](#)

If you don't get the test result within 24 hours, you can find out information by:

- Calling the Congress information centre at +7 (812) 406 7472
- Calling your Roscongress Foundation specialist

CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Business programme

The key theme of the X Nevsky International Ecological Congress is **'Ecology: a right, not a privilege'**.

[View the Congress programme](#)

The event will cover a broad range of issues:

- Adaptation to climate change
- National strategies and priorities in environmental protection
- Circular Economy
- Digitalization and artificial intelligence
- Preserving of natural resources and biodiversity of the Arctic and Antarctic
- Development of eco-tourism, eco-education and eco-volunteering

The key event of the Congress is a **plenary session that titles 'Humans and the planet: are they compatible?'**, which will be moderated by Speaker of the Russian Federation Council and Chairwoman of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of CIS Member Nations Valentina Matviyenko and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Viktoria Abramchenko.

The plenary session and certain business programme events will feature simultaneous interpreting between Russian and English.

Receivers for simultaneous interpreting are issued at the entrance to each hall hosting an event. In the Duma Hall, receivers for simultaneous interpreting are located on the tables.

Cultural programme

On 25–26 May, Congress participants are able to enjoy free entry to a number of museums in St. Petersburg upon presentation of a NIEC participant badge:

- St. Isaac's Cathedral State Museum and Monument ([4, Isaakiyevskaya Ploshchad](#)).
- Present your badge at ticket offices No. 6 and No. 7
- Russian Ethnographic Museum ([4/1, Inzhenernaya Ulitsa](#))
- St. Petersburg State Museum of Theatre and Musical Art ([2A, Ulitsa Zhdanovskoy Rossi](#))
- State Memorial Museum of the Defence and Siege of Leningrad ([9, Solnyany Pereulok](#))
- State Museum of the History of St. Petersburg ([3, Peter and Paul Fortress](#))
- Multimedia exhibition 'Peter the Great. Boundless Strength of Spirit', Western Pavilion of Mikhailovsky Castle, Multimedia Centre ([8, Inzhenernaya Ulitsa](#))
- The Main Building of the Russian National Library ([18, Sadovaya Ulitsa](#))

For a detailed event programme, see:

-  ['Cultural programme'](#) section of the Congress website
-  Cultural programme stand (Tavrisheskiy Palace, Kupolny Hall)



ECO music

📍 Grand Hall of the St. Petersburg State Academic Philharmonic named after D.D. Shostakovich ([2, Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa](#))

🕒 26 May, 20:00–22:30

Access: by invitation. Prior registration via the [Roscongress personal account](#) is required. The number of seats is limited.



Concert dedicated to the 100th anniversary of composer Isaac Schwartz

📍 Small Hall of the St. Petersburg State Academic Philharmonic named after D.D. Shostakovich ([30, Nevsky Prospect](#))

🕒 25 May, 19:00–21:00

Access: upon presentation of a participant badge. Prior registration via the [Roscongress personal account](#) is required. The number of seats is limited.

Premiere screening of the documentary 'What is a Circular Economy?'

📍 Aurora Cinema ([60, Nevsky Prospect](#))

🕒 25 May, 19:00–21:00

The film was prepared by Channel One at the request of Russian Environmental Operator. The audience will have a chance to meet with the film crew at the premiere.

Access: by invitation.

EXHIBITIONS

The thematic exposition of environmental projects of federal and regional significance will be organized in the framework of the 10th Nevsky International Ecological Congress.

📍 Tavrishesky Palace

- Photo exhibition of the All-Russian festival of nature 'Pristine Russia'

Exhibition of art objects:

- Caspian Seal
- Dodo Bird
- Far Eastern Leopard
- Mandarin Duck
- Natterjack Toad
- Orca
- Panda
- Przewalski's Horse
- Saiga
- Snow Leopard
- Atlas by Recycle Group
- Bin No. 5 by Recycle Group
- Chalice by Maria Repkina
- Earth by Triumph Production
- Rocks by Ivan Repkin
- Save Error by Recycle Group
- Stones by Recycle Group
- Tree of Knowledge by Eva Helki

Kupolny Hall

- 'Air Monitoring' stand

Ekaterininsky Hall

- 'Clean Air' stand
- Ekolyata
- Exhibition by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation and the Russian Environmental Operator
- PSB
- ROSATOM
- Rosmolodezh
- Russian Agricultural Bank

Open territory

- Bicycle shredder
- Green Van
- ROSATOM

Next to the Duma Hall

- Golden Turtle International Environmental Festival

West (right) wing

- 3D Quicker individual orthopedic running insoles

SERVICES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Broadcasts of Congress events

A live broadcast of the plenary session and other business programme events, as well as the broadcast archive, will be available in English:

- In the '[Business programme](#)' section on the Congress website
- On the [Roscongress Foundation website](#)

Information and services points

-  Tavrishesky Palace, Kupolny Hall
-  Accreditation Centre (Parliamentary Centre)

At information and services points, participants can obtain information on the NIEC programme, available services, directions around the Congress venue and other sites, and also:

- Copy and print documents
- Record information to electronic media
- Learn about things lost and found at the venue
- Charge mobile devices
- Carry out a business trip registration

Internet access

Internet access is available free of charge at the Congress venue.

Network (SSID): **Ecocongress**

Password: **congress23**

Roscongress photo bank

The Roscongress Foundation provides photography for all events at the Nevsky International Ecological Congress, as well as at other events organized by the Foundation. Photographs are published in the Roscongress photo bank in real time. Images can be displayed by event and date to facilitate browsing.

The photographs are available for viewing and free download in high resolution, and may be freely used, provided a reference to the Roscongress Foundation is included.

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ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System

The Roscongress Information and Analytical System is a unique Roscongress Foundation knowledge base.

The Roscongress IAS provides quick and easy access to all resources related to major business events in Russia that are organized by the Roscongress Foundation.

- Descriptions of **4,500+** sessions across more than **280** topics covering global and national development
- Talks, interviews, and insights from more than **16,000** speakers
- Research studies, articles, analytical digests, and expert reviews

Events participants and all visitors to the ROSCONGRESS.ORG website have a range of services at their disposal:

- **Summary:** analytical summaries of key discussions, including overviews of conclusions, objectives, and solutions.
- **Analytical digests:** a selection of analytical materials dedicated to important comprehensive studies on the business agenda of the forums and congresses.
- **Broadcasts video bank:** video broadcasts of business programme events and the broadcast archive. Broadcasts are available in the 'Programme' section of the Events' websites.
- **Search video broadcasts:** a feature enabling the user to search for information of interest within videos of events.
- **The Roscongress Blog:** interviews with famous people from the world of culture, sport and science, fascinating stories about the cities and regions in which congresses are held, and articles about the lifestyles of businesspeople.

Congress participants are able to use unique services and appreciate the advantages of the ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System in their mobile phones, tablets and computers.

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Mobile device charging

You can charge your smartphone, tablet or power bank at the information and services point at the Congress venue (Tavrishesky Palace, 1st floor, Kupolny Hall).

Lost & found

You can find out about things lost and found at the Congress venue at the information and services point (Tavrishesky Palace, 1st floor, Kupolny Hall).

Cloakroom

📍 Tavrishesky Palace, 1st floor (on either side of the main entrance/exit)

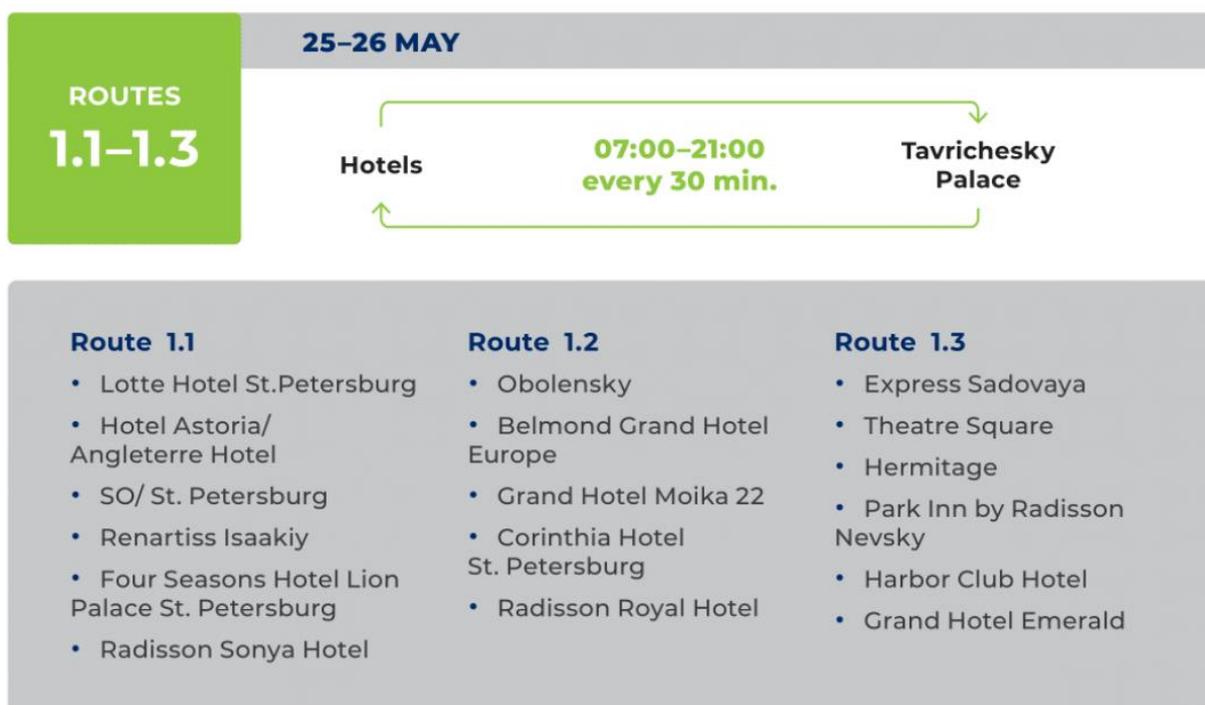
First aid

Ambulances will be stationed at the event venue for the duration of NIEC.

TRANSPORT

Shuttle buses

On the days of the NIEC, regular free shuttle buses for Congress participants and media representatives will run on the following routes:



The shuttle bus timetable may be subject to change. Please check the latest timetable in the [‘Shuttle buses’](#) section on the NIEC website.

Uniformed transport coordinators with identification signs will be on duty at shuttle bus departure points. Transport services stand is located in the Kupolny Hall of the Tavrishesky Palace.

Vehicle rental

Participants of the 10th Nevsky International Ecological Congress can rent a chauffeur-driven car.

The price of the transport service includes:

- Rental of a vehicle with a driver
- Accreditation
- All petrol and car wash expenses
- Vehicle disinfection and handling in accordance with official Rospotrebnadzor (Russian Federal Service for the Oversight of Consumer Protection and Welfare) recommendations, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 24-hour professional dispatch and consultations on any questions regarding both the vehicle and the driver

To submit an application, please go to the ‘My events’ section of the [Roscongress personal account](#) and select ‘Nevsky International Ecological Congress’. Next, go to the ‘Event dashboard’ section and download an application form in the ‘Car rental’ tab, then fill it in and email to autobookingaef@roscongress.org.

Contact RC Service for more information on vehicle rental conditions:

 +7 (495) 108 4848
 autobooking@ecocongress.info

Applications are accepted through 22 May.

DINIGN AT THE CONGRESS VENUE

During the breaks between the sessions on 25 and 26 May, free catering in the format of coffee break will be organized for participants. On 26 May, participants will be offered a light lunch as well.

Coffee break (free of charge)

 Tavrishesky Palace, Ekaterininsky Hall
 25 May, 10:00–11:00, 13:30–14:30
26 May, 08:00–09:00, 11:00–12:00

Catering format: hot and cold drinks, light lunch after the plenary session on 26 May.

Cafe (payment required)

 Tavrishesky Palace, west (right) wing
 25–26 May, 08:00–18:00

Catering format: hot and cold drinks, snacks, sandwiches, desserts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency services

Rescue service (for mobile phone users): 112

Fire brigade: 101 (for mobile phone users), 01

Police: 102 (for mobile phone users), 02

Ambulance: 103 (for mobile phone users), 03

St. Petersburg Tourist Information Bureau: +7 (812) 242 3906 (Mon to Sat, 10:00–19:00)

Weather in St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg has a humid coastal climate. The average temperature at the end of May is +16...+20 °C. Due to the city's geographic position and its proximity to the Baltic Sea an extreme change of weather is possible. We recommend Congress guests to bring warm clothing and an umbrella with them.

Drawbridges

A slew of drawbridges is an integral part of the main waterways of St. Petersburg. Therefore, when moving around the city center at night, you should take into account the actions of sea and river navigation and check your route with the schedule of the bridges.

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Emergency procedures

The Congress venue is furnished with modern safety equipment, including video surveillance and fire extinguishing systems.

In case of evacuation announcement, participants should:

- Keep calm and follow instructions of the Congress staff, the police and other persons responsible for maintaining public order and fire safety as well as the voice alarm instructions
- Not interfere with rescue personnel, police and transport operations
- Leave the venue according to the evacuation plans and follow the exit signs
- Give way to vehicles with sound and light signalling devices

We ask you to immediately report smoke, fire or any suspicious objects by dialling 112 on your mobile device and notify the Congress staff.

This information is valid as of 19 May 2023.

The latest information about the Congress can be found on the official website:

ecocongress.info.



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