

ASCEND General Assembly Budapest : October 2025

Agenda

**ASCEND coordination team
& City of Budapest**

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Budapest is the capital of Hungary, standing in the heart of the Carpathian basin as a union of Buda and Pest on the two banks of the river Danube.

Amongst tourists, the city is famous for its beauty thanks to some imposing architecture and for its vibrant night life.

We are a nation proud of our distinct culture and language as well as our world-famous wines and gulyás soup.

Budapest has a lot to offer, and we hope you get to experience the best of it in your short visit.

Please feel welcomed in our beloved city!



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Monday 6th October (on invitation only)

- WP5 workshop Business Models 11.00 – 18.00
 - Charleroi, USG, R2M, BLS



Tuesday October 7th : morning

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Core group meeting**
(WP leaders, coordination team, Lighthouse & multiplier cities)
- 10-30 - 12.00 **Steering Committee meeting**
One representant per partner (physically present or with a proxy)
 - Feedback on the last review meeting and decision to be taken
 - Amendments and administrative tasks
 - Next period: objectives and coordination WPs
 - Other topics
- 10:00 – 12:00 **Hungarian City Alliance Network (CAN)**
Meeting in partnership with Net Zero Cities
 - *Objective: to map opportunities and explore synergies for developing a Hungarian city alliance, building on the learnings from ASCEND*
 - *Participants: Budapest/ENC/NZC/CAR*



Tuesday October 7th : afternoon

- 13:30 – 14:00 : Registration
- 14:00 – 14:15 : Welcome & introduction (Budapest/Coordination team)
- 14:15 – 14:30 : Budapest strategy for now and the future (Budapest)
- 14:30 – 15:15 : General State of advancement / Next steps for the coming year
Featuring transversal work packages (WP5, WP6, WP7, WP8)
- 15:15 – 15:30 : Communication & Dissemination tools
- 15:30 – 16:15 : Progress & next steps in the lighthouse cities (Lyon & Munich)
- 16:15 – 16:45 : Break
- 16:45 – 18:15 : Progress & next steps in the multiplier cities
(Multiplier Cities & Stockholm)
- 19:00 : Dinner



Wednesday October 8th : morning

- 9:00 – 10:00 : Return on experiences from other projects (programme to be confirmed)
- 10:00 – 11:00 : Feedbacks on the conclusions of the business models workshops (University of St Gallen) – Part 1/2
- 11:00 – 11:20 : Coffee Break
- 11:20 – 12:00 : Feedbacks on the conclusions of the business models workshops (University of St Gallen) – Part 2/2
- 12:00 – 12:15 : Exploitation plan
- 12:30 – 14:00 : Lunch break



Wednesday October 8th : afternoon

- 14:00 – 15:30 : Parallel sessions
 - Workshop WP6 monitoring & evaluation
 - Workshop WP8/WP5 on the tools
- 15:30 – 16:00 : Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 : Parallel sessions
 - Workshop Solution Package n°6 / Work Package n°5
 - Workshop Solution Packages n°1-2 (to be confirmed)
- 17:30 – 18:00 : Advisory Board insights
- 18:00 – 18:15 : Conclusion by the coordination team
- 19:00 : Dinner





Thursday October 9th : morning

- 9:00 – 12:00 : Site visit

Refurbishment of the former school

Waterworks



Venue & transport



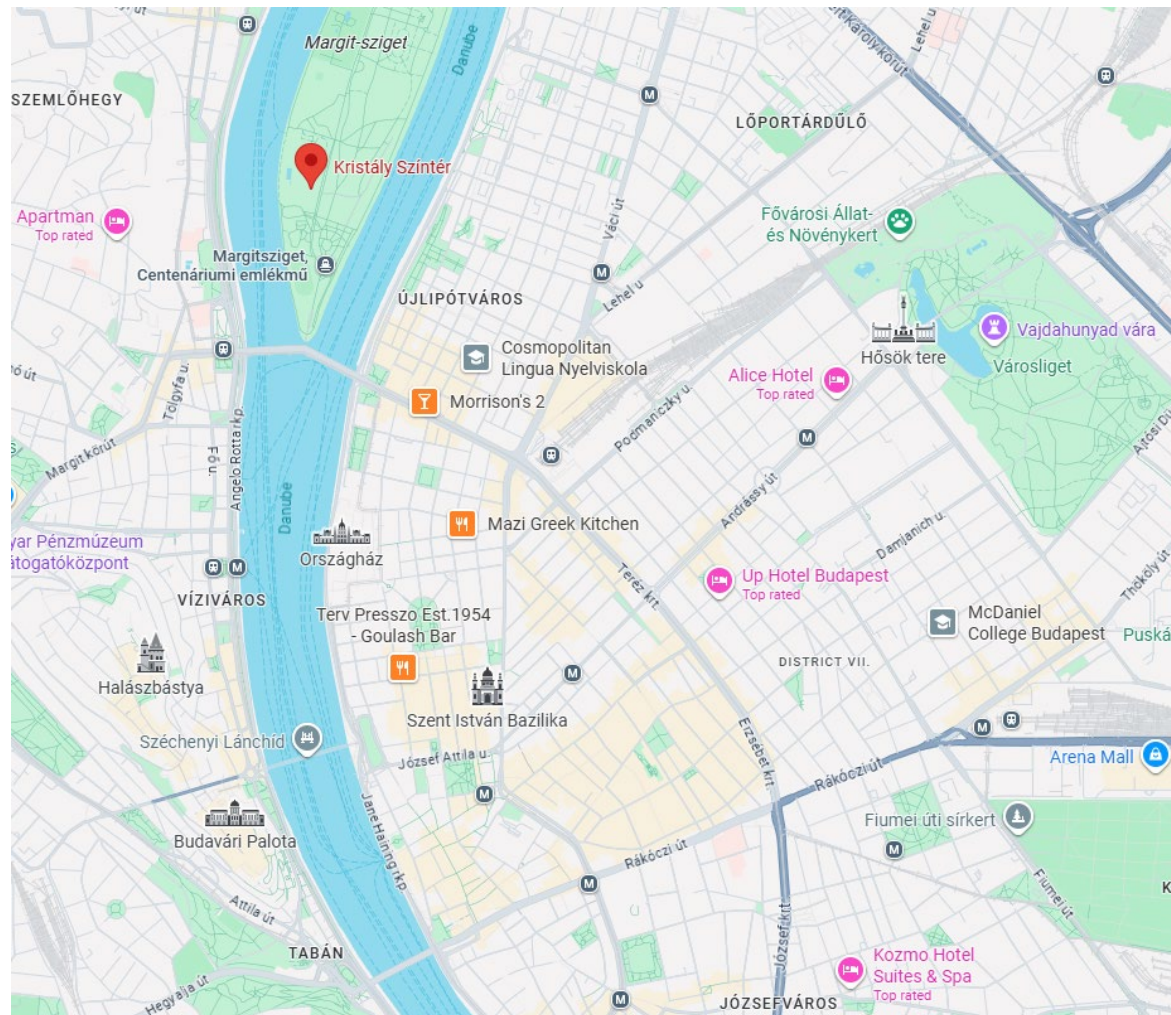
Kristály Színtér

Address: Budapest, Margitsziget 23800/7, 1138

[Kristály Színtér - Google Maps](#)

Getting there by

- Public transport:
tram line 4 and 6 (9 minutes walk from Margit-sziget station) or
bus 26 (1 minute walk from Hajós Alfréd uszoda station)
get your pass or ticket on **BudapestGo**
- Active transport:
approximately 15 minutes by bike from the city centre
See **MolBubi** or Lime for active travel rental
- Taxi:
as the venue is located on Margaret island, only **electric cars** are allowed to enter
Some reliable companies: FőTaxi, Uber and Bolt (standardised same price)



Transport to and from the Airport

- Public transport:
bus 100E is the express bus to the city centre (2200 Ft (~€5.50) for one way) or **bus 200E** (normal ticket price, more information @ [Visiting Budapest - BKK.hu](https://www.visitingbudapest.com)) change for Metro 3 at terminus

- Taxi:
taxi booths at the Arrivals exit or order by phone
Some reliable companies: FőTaxi, Uber and Bolt (standardised same price)

If you are coming straight to the GA; make sure you take an **electric car** as the venue is located on Margaret island, where **only** such vehicles are allowed to enter



Transportation around town

- Public transport:
check the website: [Visiting Budapest - BKK.hu](https://www.visitingbudapest.com)
you can download the smartphone application **BudapestGo** where you can by the airport bus ticket, single tickets, day passes whichever seems most suitable for you

- Active transport:
for bike rental see [MOL Bubi public bikes - BKK.hu](https://www.molbubi.com)
for which you can download the smartphone application **MOL Bubi** or check Lime for e-Scooter rental

- Taxi & Car rental:
while we strongly recommend using public and active transportation modes in the city here are
- Some reliable companies: FőTaxi, Uber and Bolt (standardised same price)
- Car sharing platforms: **MOL Limo** [MOL LIMO.](https://www.mollimo.com)



● Suggestions of accommodations



- Accommodation run by Central European University
[CEU - Accommodation](#)
- Mercure Budapest Korona
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- Danubius Margaret Island
[4*S Grand Margaret Island | Hungary | Budapest | Ensana hotels](#)
- Radisson Blu Béke Hotel
[Radisson Blu Béke Hotel**** Budapest, Nyugati pályaudvar](#)
- Barceló Budapest Hotel
[Barceló Budapest → Hotel in Terézváros |](#)
- Hotel NH Budapest City
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