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GLOBAL SUMMIT

23-25 February 2026



Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Global Summit “Advancing sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches”

Date: 23-25 February 2026

Venue: Orangerie, Schönbrunn Palace and online (Link will follow)

Address: Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 47, 1130 Vienna, Austria

Language: English

We are pleased to host the Global Summit “Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches” from 23-25 February 2026 in Vienna, Austria and online. This practical information guide will assist you with the preparations for the meeting and your active participation during your stay in Austria.

CONTACT

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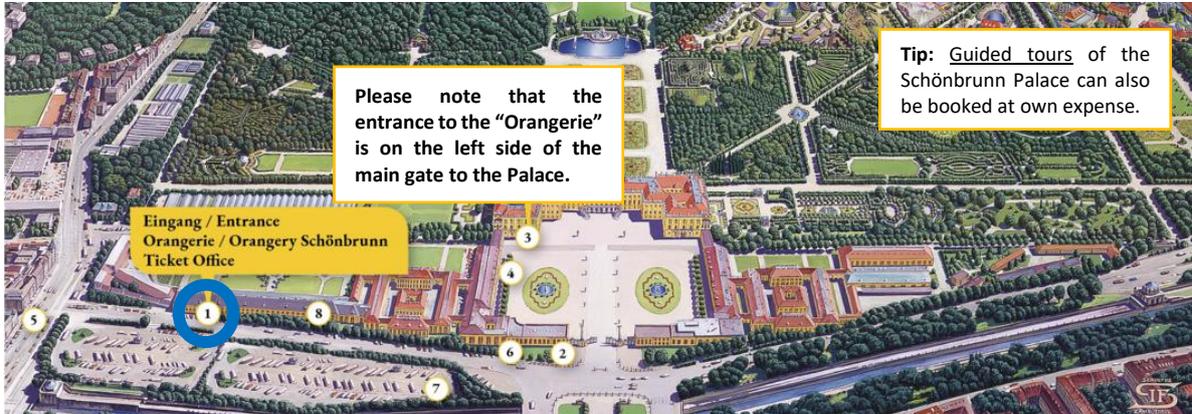
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REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

- If you have not registered yet, we kindly ask you to do so as soon as possible **here**, since the spots are limited. If you want to switch sessions or excursions at a later stage, please contact office@coli-bioeconomy.org.
- **On-site check-in** for the Global Summit will open at **8:00 am on Monday, 23 February 2026**. We kindly ask you to bring a document for verification (ID/passport/driver’s license).
- Each participant will receive a **personal badge**, which can be picked up at the **registration desk in the entrance hall of Orangerie Schönbrunn**.

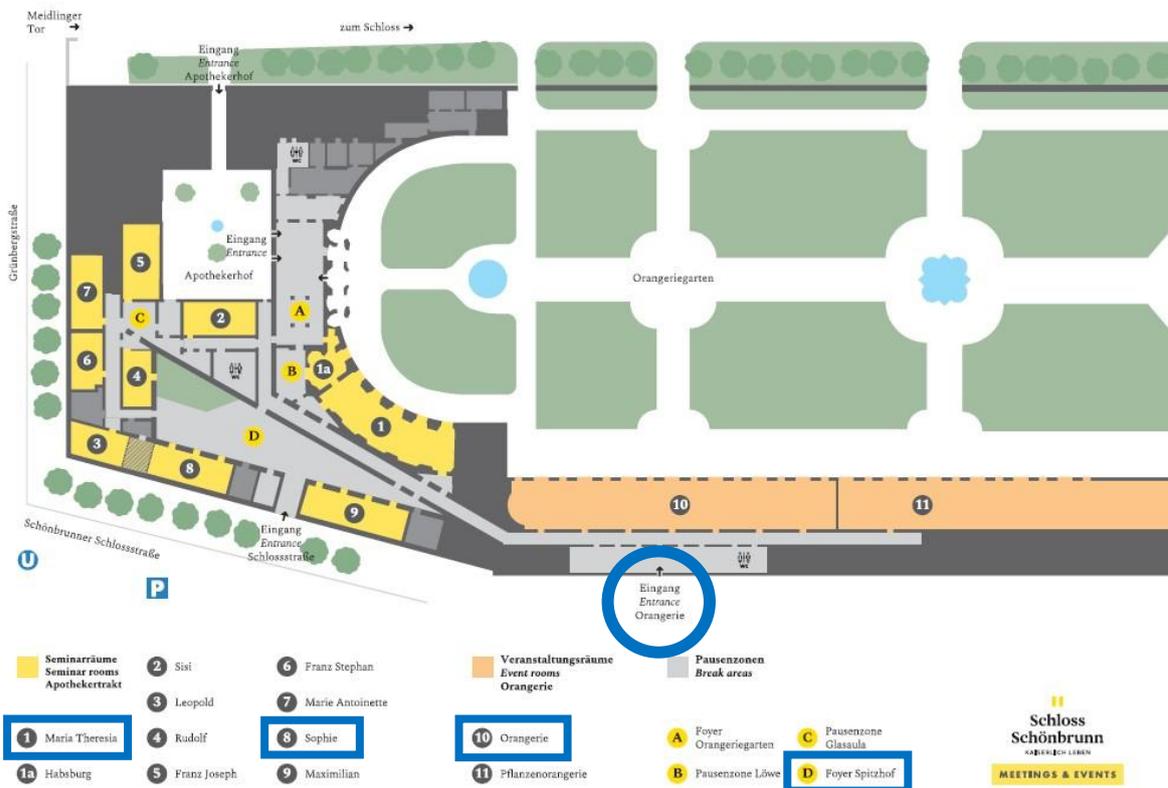
VENUE

Orangerie Schönbrunn at Schönbrunn Palace (see nr. 1 in the map below), Schönbrunner Schlosstraße 47, 1130 Vienna, Austria



(WKE Konzert- & Eventveranstaltungs GmbH: <https://www.palaceconcertsvienna.com/de/kontakt/lageplan-anfahrt>)

Overview of the conference venue Orangerie Schönbrunn



(WKE Konzert- & Eventveranstaltungs GmbH)

- Plenary sessions will be held in Room 10 “Orangerie”.
- Thematic sessions will take place in Room 1 “Maria Theresia” and Room 8 “Sophie”.
- The exhibition will be in hall D “Foyer Spitzhof”.
- Meeting point for the excursions will be in front of the entrance Orangerie Schönbrunn.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Monday, 23.02.2026		Tuesday, 24.02.2026		Wednesday, 25.02.2026	
08:00 – 09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	08:00 – 09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:30 – 13:30	Item 1. High-Level Session	09:00 – 13:30	Item 6. Communication Session	09:30 – 13:30	Item 9. Draft Co-Chairs' Summary
	Coffee break (11:00 – 11:30)		Coffee Break (9:40 – 10:10)		Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:30)
	Item 2. Business Talk		Item 7. Thematic Session II		Draft Co-Chairs' Summary (continued)
	Item 3. Science Talk		7.1 Building the future with wood 7.2 Forest potentials beyond wood		
Item 4. Mission of the CLI	Coffee Break (12:10 – 12:40)	Item 10. Closing remarks			
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break (exhibition)	13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break (exhibition)	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
15:00 – 18:15	Item 5. Thematic Session I	15:00 – 18:15	Item 8. Thematic Session III	14:30 – 18:30	Item 11. Field trips
	5.1 Policy meets practice 5.2 Sourcing wealth and financing opportunities		8.1 Advancing forest-based value chains 8.2 Growing forest-based innovations		Tour #1: Wood construction Tour #2: Technical University Vienna Tour #3: Climate Forest Site Tour #4: Austrian Forest Products Research Society Tour #5: Forest-based Bioeconomy
	Coffee Break (17:00 – 17:30)		Coffee Break (17:00 – 17:30)		
	Thematic Session I (continued)		Thematic Session III (continued)		
18:30 – 21:30	Reception (location tbc)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Plenary: Room 10 (Orangerie) Breakout Sessions: Room 1 (Maria Theresia Saal) & Room 8 (Sophie) </div>			

The updated programme will be uploaded to the [COLI website](#).

High-Level Session

In case your delegation would like to make a statement at the High-Level Session (Federal Minister or similar) during the Opening Session on Monday 23 February 2025 09:30-11:00 CET, please contact the COLI Secretariat. High-Level speaking slots for the Opening Session are limited and are reserved upon request in advance only.

Thematic Sessions

Item 5, 7 and 8 will be interactive sessions. Therewith, we want to guarantee that everyone can raise her or his voice. To support your preparation for the conference, we will provide GUIDANCE NOTES and BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS for the topics of the thematic sessions in advance on the [COLI website](#). In the meantime, you can find the videos of the GLOBAL WEBINAR SERIES organized by FAO, along with background information and summaries, [here](#).

FIELD TRIPS

All field trips will start from Schönbrunn Palace (meeting point conference entrance Orangerie). You will either walk (Tour #3), use public transport (Tour #2) or a shuttle bus (Tour #1, #4, #5). Please wear suitable shoes and warm clothing as February in Vienna can be cold.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are asked to arrange and cover transportation to and from Austria themselves. Should your travelling expenses be covered, you will be notified.

By Train and Bus to Vienna

- The train is a comfortable, environmentally friendly and convenient way to travel. Book your tickets via www.oebb.at/en.
- The bus is a good option to travel long distances to Vienna from all over Europe, following direct routes. For comparing different companies and routes, check <http://www.checkmybus.co.uk>.

By Plane to Vienna

Vienna Airport is located 18 km south-east of Vienna city centre. Regular flights operate to several international destinations, such as Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Vienna, Brussels, Rotterdam, London Gatwick. Other airports close to Vienna are Bratislava, Munich and Budapest. Please check for connection flights or a combination of flight and train/bus.

Transport tickets from the airport to the city center:

- The train is a comfortable, environmentally friendly and convenient way to travel. Book your tickets via www.oebb.at/en. S-Bahn: about €4.30 (one way).
- Fastest option: CITY AIRPORT TRAIN, approximately €12.00 for the (Wien Mitte-Landstraße City Terminal, one way). [Home | City Airport Train](#)

HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE (Orangerie Schönbrunn)

Vienna public transport ticket: Price: appr. €2.40 for single ticket

Metro / U-Bahn: Take green line U4 → get off at station **Schönbrunn**
Tram / Straßenbahn: Lines 10 and 60 stop at **Schloss Schönbrunn**
Bus: Line 10A also serves a stop at **Schloss Schönbrunn**

From major train stations → Orangerie Schönbrunn

- From **Wien Hauptbahnhof**: ~ 40 min. Take U1 (red line) to Karlsplatz, then change to U4 (green line) towards Hütteldorf → Get off at the **Schönbrunn station**
- From **Wien Westbahnhof**: ~ 15 min by taking tram line 60 towards Hietzing → Get off at the **Schloss Schönbrunn** station.
- From **Wien Meidling**: ~ 30 min. Take U6 (brown line) towards Floridsdorf, change Längenfeldgasse to U4 (green line) towards Hütteldorf → Get off at the **Schönbrunn station**.

From Vienna Airport → Orangerie Schönbrunn

By train / S-Bahn + Metro / U-Bahn: duration 45 – 60 min. (depending on connections)

- From the airport to Wien Mitte by S7, then change to U4 (green line) towards Hütteldorf → get off at Schönbrunn
- By City Airport Train (CAT) from the airport to Wien Mitte, then U4 to **Schönbrunn**.

By taxi or car: Parking is limited. The APCOA parking at Schönbrunn is a recommended option.

ACCOMODATION

Please find below some suggestions for accommodation. Please note, that we did not reserve any contingents at hotels. We recommend booking your hotel room as soon as possible, as the ball season will be taking place in Vienna during that period.

Hotels close to Schönbrunn Palace:

- [Parkhotel Schönbrunn ****s | 4-Sterne-Superior Hotel Wien](#)
- [Doubletree by Hilton Vienna Schonbrunn](#)

Hotels close to the city centre:

- <https://www.marriott.com/de/hotels/viemd-le-meridien-vienna/overview/>
- <https://www.almanachotels.com/de/vienna/>
- <https://www.marriott.com/de/hotels/vieat-vienna-marriott-hotel/overview/>
- [Ibis Vienna](#)

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

During the conference hours, food and beverages will be provided. On Monday evening, 23 February 2026, you will be invited to a dinner reception. Venue will follow.

DRESSCODE

The dress code for the Summit and the dinner reception is smart casual.

INTERNET AND TECHNICAL FACILITIES

Wireless internet will be available at the meeting venue. The password will be provided.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Visa information / entry requirements vary depending on the country of your origin. You find further information [here](#).

Currency: EUR, **Language:** German

Local Time: Central European Time (CET), which is GMT + 1 hour

Electricity: 220 Volt AC. Plugs and sockets conform to the European norm (type F in Austria).

Smoking: Is prohibited in indoor public areas.

Important Telephone Numbers:

European emergency number **112**, Fire service: **122**, Police: **133**, Ambulance service: **144**,
Dialling Codes in Austria: **+43**