

How to get to the first IGU WOC 4 meeting in Cologne

The first IGU WOC 4 meeting will be held in the rooms of the **Hotel Pullman Cologne, (Helenenstraße 14, 50667 Cologne, Germany)**, which is also your accommodation.

The most convenient way to get to the meeting in Cologne is to arrive by train and take a taxi to the hotel.

Cologne is served by a variety of national and international trains. In particular, there are direct train connections from the major international airports in Köln/Bonn, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt.



Arrival by train

Train schedules as well as ticket orderings are available from the homepage of **German Railways** (<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>). Please select “Köln Hbf” as destination.

From Cologne Main Station you walk about 10 minutes to Hotel Pullman (**Helenenstraße 14, 50667 Cologne, Germany**). Go out of Cologne Main Station (Exit: Cologne Cathedral, City) straight on in the direction of the Cologne Cathedral. Turn right and walk down Komödienstraße for 750 meters, which passes into the Zeughausstraße. After 200 meters you will find the Hotel Pullman on your left hand side.

If you prefer to take a taxi, you will find them in front of Cologne Main Station (Exit: Cologne Cathedral, City). The telephone number to order a taxi is **+49 221 2882**. The ride takes about 5 minutes and costs about **10.00 €**.

Arrival at Köln/Bonn airport

If you arrive at Köln/Bonn airport, you can walk to the train station “**Köln/Bonn Flughafen**”. There are many direct connections to “**Köln Hbf**”, please see the homepage of **German Railways** (<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>) or ask the local staff.

Interurban trains (S-Bahn) to Cologne are usually leaving about every 20 minutes. The ride takes about 15 minutes. You will have to buy a ticket at a ticket machine and stamp it prior to your ride. The price for a one way ticket is about **7,50 €**.

If you prefer to take a taxi to Cologne, you will find them at the central information point in the airport. The telephone number to order a taxi is **+49 221 2882**. The ride takes about 15 minutes and costs about **30.00 €**.

Car rental is available from all major companies in the airport.

Arrival at Düsseldorf airport

If you arrive at Düsseldorf airport, you will have to take the Sky Train to get to the train station “**Düsseldorf Flughafen**”. There are many direct connections to “**Köln Hbf**”, please see the homepage of **German Railways** (<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>) or ask the local staff.

Regional trains (RE) to Cologne are usually leaving about every 30 minutes. The ride takes about 40 minutes. You will have to buy a ticket at a ticket machine and stamp it prior to your ride. The price for a one way ticket is about **19.00 €**.

In addition you can use **express trains (ICE)** as well as **national trains (IC)** which are leaving about every hour. The ride takes about 40 minutes, but you have to change the trains in Düsseldorf Main Station. One way ticket prices for first class are **30,50 € (ICE, IC or EC)**, for second class they are **19.00 € (ICE, IC or EC)**. You can purchase the tickets either in the internet, at the local counter, at the ticket machine or on the train (credit card only).

If you prefer to take a taxi to Cologne, you will find them at the central information point in the airport. The telephone number to order a taxi is **+49 211 33333**. The ride takes about 60 minutes and costs about **90.00 €**.

Car rental is available from all mayor companies in the airport.

Arrival at Frankfurt airport

If you arrive at Frankfurt airport, you can walk to the train station “**Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbf**”. There are direct connections to “**Köln Hbf**” about every 20 minutes, please see the homepage of **German Railways** (<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>) or ask the local staff.

The ride to Cologne in an **express train (ICE) or national train (IC)** takes about 60 minutes. One way ticket prices for first class are **104.00 € (ICE or IC)**, for second class they are **64.00 € (ICE or IC)**. You can purchase the tickets either in the internet, at the local counter, at the ticket machine or on the train (credit card only).

It is not recommendable to take a taxi to Cologne, as the distance is too far (about 180 km) and the ride is too expensive.

Car rental is available from all mayor companies at the Car Rental Center in Terminal 1.

Weather in Cologne

The weather in October is usually mild and sunny. The average temperature is about 14 °C and there are about 12 rainy days.

Further information

If you need further information, please feel free to send an e-mail to:

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