**Venue:**

The conference takes place in the Holiday Inn hotel (link to: <http://www.holidayinn-zilina.sk/en/contact/> in Zilina (link to: <http://slovakia.travel/en/zilina>), Slovakia (link to: <http://slovakia.travel/en/>). There will be the Internet access / wifi available in the hotel.

**Travel information:**

There is an international airport in Bratislava (link to [https://www.bts.aero/en/flights/flight-schedule/arrivals/](https://www.bts.aero/en/flights/flight-schedule/arrivals/0)). However, the regular flights to Bratislava Airport are quite limited, therefore we recommend to use Vienna airport (link to <http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers>) which features a dense network of European destinations as well as long-haul flights to Asia, North America and Africa. It is approximately 60 km from Bratislava.

We would like to provide **travel assistance** to registered participants arriving to and departing from the Vienna airport. There will be a coach service provided from Vienna airport to the Holiday Inn hotel in Zilina in different times within the day prior to the start of the conference, i.e. on 21 November 2016 (lunch time around 13:00, afternoon around 16:00). Please, be aware that **a welcome drink is organised on 21 November at 20:00 in the Holiday Inn hotel**, hence plan you are kindly asked to plan your flight to get to Vienna by 16:00.

The coach service will be also provided at the end of the conference, i.e. on 23 November late afternoon and on 24 November early in the morning. **The exact times of coach services from and to Vienna airport** will be provided later on depending on the actual time of arrival and departure of the participants. Therefore we kindly ask all the participants that want to use this service to provide us with **the information on their arrival and departure times by 28 October 2016**. Please, send the information to: lucia.pijakova@uniza.sk

For those participants who prefer to travel to Zilina by their own:

***Air transport***

A From Vienna International Airport (Austria)

1. There is a regular bus connection between the Vienna airport and Bratislava bus station (Autobusova Stanica). Please, find more information on: <http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival__parking/bus_connections>
2. From Bratislava bus station (Autobusova stanica) to Bratislava main train station (Hlavna stanica), please, take the trolleybus 210: <https://imhd.sk/ba/schedule-timetable/linka/210/smer/Hlavna-stanica/zastavka/Autobusova-stanica/209715205162>. You are obliged to buy a one-way ticket before entering the vehicle and immediately after the ticket must be marked in the nearest ticket marker. You will need the ticket for 15’, zone 100 = 2 zones, which costs 70 cents. Tickets can be purchased from the ticket vending machines at many public transport stops. Please, be aware that these ticket machines accept coins only. For more information on the public transport in Bratislava, please see: <https://imhd.sk/ba/doc/en/14971/Ticket-Price-List-from-TOMORROW-1st-Nov-2015>
3. From Bratislava main train station to Zilina train station, there are direct trains. There are two providers:
	1. ZSR (Slovak Railways); trains operate every two hours and the journey from Bratislava to Zilina takes 2,5 - 3 hours. The one-way ticket train costs approximately 10 EUR: <http://www.zsr.sk/anglicky.html?page_id=124> . The timetable is available here: <http://www.zsr.sk/buxus/docs//cestporiadok/pdf/pdf2016/kcp12_06_2016/180.pdf>.
	2. Regiojet (three connections per day only): <https://cestovnelistky.regiojet.sk/Timetable?2&id=2740722007>
4. From Zilina train station to Holiday Inn hotel, you will need 10 minutes by walking:

[https://www.google.sk/maps/dir/%C5%BDelezni%C4%8Dn%C3%A1+stanica,+%C5%BDilina/Holiday+Inn+Zilina,+%C5%A0portov%C3%A1,+%C5%BDilina/@49.2284212,18.7405047,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x47145c02cfd0f377:0x2eaca1f899e41644!2m2!1d18.74508!2d49.22691!1m5!1m1!1s0x47145c1c6142b9d9:0x9a852f42aaffde9a!2m2!1d18.7425131!2d49.2296388](https://www.google.sk/maps/dir/%C5%BDelezni%C4%8Dn%C3%A1%2Bstanica%2C%2B%C5%BDilina/Holiday%2BInn%2BZilina%2C%2B%C5%A0portov%C3%A1%2C%2B%C5%BDilina/%4049.2284212%2C18.7405047%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m13%214m12%211m5%211m1%211s0x47145c02cfd0f377%3A0x2eaca1f899e41644%212m2%211d18.74508%212d49.22691%211m5%211m1%211s0x47145c1c6142b9d9%3A0x9a852f42aaffde9a%212m2%211d18.7425131%212d49.2296388)

B From Prague Airport (Czech Republic)

1. Take a bus (Airport Express) to Praha Hlavni Nadrazi (Prague Main Train Station): <http://www.dpp.cz/en/bus-ae-airport-express/>
2. From Praha Hlavni Nadrazi to to Žilina, take a direct train (450 km / approx. 5 hours). There are two providers:
	1. Ceske drahy /Czech Railways (almost every hour): <https://www.cd.cz/spojeni/conn.aspx>
	2. Regiojet (three connections per day only): <https://bustickets.regiojet.com/Timetable?5&id=2764657016>
3. From Zilina train station to Holiday Inn hotel, see paragraph 4 in section A.

C From Bratislava Airport (Slovak Republic)

1. Take a bus (line 61) to Bratislava Hlavna Stanica (Bratislava Main Train Station): <https://imhd.sk/ba/schedule-timetable/route-line/61>
2. From Bratislava Hlavna stanica to Žilina, take a train (almost every hour, 200 km / 2,5- 3 hours): <http://www.zsr.sk/anglicky.html?page_id=124>
3. From Zilina train station to Holiday Inn hotel, see paragraph 4 in section B.

***By car***

In Slovakia, vignettes or online payment are required for use of motorways and expressways for all vehicles of up to 3.5 tons. They are available in three different lengths of validity, 10 days (10 EUR), 1 month (14 EUR), and year (50 EUR). Vignettes can be bought in petrol stations, while the online payment can be done via: <https://eznamka.sk/selfcare/purchase/?sessionexpired=False&frompayment=False>

**Visa Information**

Slovakia is a member of the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Portugal, Spain and Sweden). For citizens of the following countries no visa is required for access to the Schengen Area for a maximum of 90 days: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican City, Venezuela.

It is the responsibility of the participant to review his/her visa status and determine whether they need a visa or visa renewal for entering Slovakia. For details that apply specifically to your country please visit a website of the nearest Consulate or Embassy of Slovakia or check the information provided on: <http://www.slovakia.org/visainfo.htm>

**Currency**

The official currency in Slovakia is the Euro – EUR.

**Insurance**

The Organisers do not accept any liability or responsibility for death, illness or injury to persons or for the loss of, or damage to property or for any financial loss of any person attending the Conference. Participants should make their own arrangements in respects of health and travel insurance.

**Credit cards**

Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted credit cards. The hotel at the conference venue accepts payments by credit cards.

**Useful Phrases in Slovak**

<http://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/slovak.php>

**Wheather Forecast in Zilina**

<http://www.weather-forecast.com/locations/Zilina/forecasts/latest>