

## Practical Information Guide for Delegates: 6<sup>th</sup> European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum (2017 EEEN Forum) 23-24 November, Edinburgh

### The venue

The venue for the 6<sup>th</sup> European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum 2017 is the [Royal Society of Edinburgh](#) (full address: [22-26 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ](#), tel.: +44 (0)131 240 5000).

Located conveniently in the centre of Edinburgh, it is very easy to reach by public transport, as detailed below. The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) is an educational charity, registered in Scotland, operating on a wholly independent and non-party-political basis and providing public benefit throughout Scotland.



The RSE's aim is to play a leading role in the development of a modern enlightenment that will enable Scotland to contribute significantly to addressing the global challenges facing humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Further details about the RSE's vision, objectives, impacts and development goals can be found in the [Strategic Framework 2016-2021](#).

Established in 1783, it has since then drawn upon the considerable strengths and varied expertise of its Fellows, of which there are currently around 1600, who are based in Scotland, the rest of the UK and beyond.

### Venue access

The RSE has facilities available for visitors with disabilities. More details can be found on [the Help and Information](#) page of the RSE website.

### Internet access

WiFi is available at the venue and you will get the access credentials on arrival.

### Technical equipment (for speakers)

RSE operates a system to check all USB sticks to be used on RSE IT equipment, to ensure the USB stick is virus free before use. Therefore we ask that speakers for the EEEN event send their powerpoint presentation in advance to [SEPA](#) to ensure that it will be ready on the RSE system in time for your arrival. It is important to ensure that your presentation is compatible with Office 2010 version.



## Getting to the RSE

**By rail:** Edinburgh Waverley Station, which has frequent local and national services, is a 10-minute walk to the RSE.

**By bus:** Edinburgh's bus station is situated on North St Andrew Street, off St Andrew Square, which is a 5-minute walk to the RSE.

**By car:** Main roads into Edinburgh are the M8 from the West, the A1 from the South, and the A90, followed by Queensferry Road, from the East. Street parking near the RSE is metered until 18:30. The nearest car parks are the St James Centre, approached from either Queen Street or Leith Street, and Greenside Place car park on Leith Street. Both are 10-minute walk from the RSE.

**By air:** Edinburgh Airport is approximately 30-40 minutes transfer time from the centre of Edinburgh. **Buses and trams** leave the airport every 8-10 minutes and terminate in Edinburgh City Centre; both stops are a 5-minute walk from the RSE.

**Edinburgh Trams** run services from every 7 minutes to the City Centre with a journey time of 30 minutes. Services to the City Centre operate between 06:18 – 22:48 hours.

**The Airlink bus service** provides a frequent service into the City Centre. The service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with buses every 10 minutes during the day. Journey time to City Centre is approximately 30 minutes.

**Car hire:** the airport is about 8 miles (12km) west of the city centre and the journey (via the A8 Glasgow Road) takes about 25 minutes in light traffic. A number of car hire companies operate from the airport.

**Taxi:** there are two taxi options when you get to Edinburgh Airport:

- You can pre-book Edinburgh Airport's official private hire service using an [online taxi booking form](#), or by calling 0844 448 8576. The private hire rank is located on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park.
- You can pick up a black cab at the rank on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park.

## Registration

Registration for the event is free of charge: see event website for further detail [www.eea.europa.eu/een2017](http://www.eea.europa.eu/een2017)



## Meals at the event

SEPA will offer coffee breaks, lunch on both days and the networking dinner on Day 1 - Thursday 23 November. Please complete SEPA's registration form to confirm your participation in these.

## Networking dinner – Thursday 23 November

A networking dinner for registered participants will take place at the **Scottish Café & Restaurant Contini** at the **Scottish National Gallery** (The Mound, Edinburgh; Tel.: +44 (0)131 225 1550). This is only a 5-minute walk from the RSE, as shown in the map below. Participants are asked to arrive by 19:00; dinner will be served at 19:30.

**Dinner dress code:** smart casual.



## Optional visit to the Scotch Whisky Experience – Friday 24 November



On the last day, SEPA has organised an optional visit to the Scotch Whisky Experience for whisky tasting and talk on SEPA's work with the Scotch Whisky Association. The visit will start after the close of the formal proceedings at 15:00 and is expected to last a couple of hours.

Please complete SEPA's registration form to confirm your participation in this.

### [Scotch Whisky Experience](#)

354 Castlehill, The Royal Mile  
Edinburgh EH1 2NE  
Telephone: +44 (0)131 220 0441

## Hotel Accommodation

If you are looking for accommodation please note that the Royal Society of Edinburgh has Corporate Rates Agreements with the Hotels listed below. **For your best quote please ask for the "Royal Society of Edinburgh" Corporate Rate.**

### **The Principal Edinburgh Hotel** (1-minute walk from RSE) *(formerly known as The George Hotel)*

Contact: Reservations  
19-21 George Street  
Edinburgh EH2 2PB  
T: 0131 225 1251

W: <https://www.phcompany.com/principal/edinburgh-george-street/>

### **Ibis Styles Hotel** (3-minute walk from RSE)

19 St Andrew Square  
Edinburgh EH2 1AU  
T: 0131 292 0200

E: [H9058@accor.com](mailto:H9058@accor.com)

W: [www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-9058-ibis-styles-edinburgh-centre-st-andrew-square](http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-9058-ibis-styles-edinburgh-centre-st-andrew-square)



**Fraser Suites** (10-minute walk from RSE)  
Contact: Reservations  
12-26 St Giles Street  
Edinburgh EH1 1PT  
T: 0131 221 7200  
E: [sales.edinburgh@frasershospitality.com](mailto:sales.edinburgh@frasershospitality.com)  
W: [www.frasershospitality.com](http://www.frasershospitality.com)

**Eden Locke** (8-minute walk from RSE)  
Contact: Reservations ('book online using promo code CULTURE')  
127 George Street  
Edinburgh EH2 4JN  
T: 0131 526 4190  
E: [edenbookings@lockeliving.com](mailto:edenbookings@lockeliving.com)  
W: <http://www.lockeliving.com/eden-locke/>

**Marriott Courtyard Edinburgh** (14-minute walk from RSE)  
Contact: Reservations  
1 – 3 Baxter's Place  
Edinburgh EH1 3AF  
T: 0131 526 3778  
E: [Sales@courtyardedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:Sales@courtyardedinburgh.co.uk)  
W: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/edicy-courtyard-edinburgh>

VisitScotland also has more suggestions to choose from at:  
<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/edinburgh/accommodation/hotels/>

You can also refer to the following **interactive map** provided by Convention Edinburgh which shows hotels and transport around the city: <http://www.conventionedinburgh.com/attending-a-conference/map/>

Delegates may also visit the following website [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org) for more information about things to see and do in Edinburgh.

If you decide, as we hope, to take the opportunity to extend your visit to Edinburgh, we have also put together some useful information below on main attractions. We really hope you enjoy your visit and we look forward to welcoming you in Scotland!



## About Edinburgh

*“Edinburgh is Scotland’s inspiring capital where centuries of history meet a world class city in an unforgettable setting.*

*The city’s magnificent architecture shifts from the narrow closes of the medieval Old Town to the grace of the Georgian New Town. Above it all, with its towering splendour, stands Edinburgh Castle.*

*A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Edinburgh is a compact and bustling city yet home to the largest arts festival in the world.*

*Offering outstanding food and drink and unforgettable experiences, Edinburgh is truly an award-winning city.” (from [The Guardian](#))*

### Main attractions:

[Edinburgh Castle](#)

[Holyrood Palace](#)

[Scott Monument](#)

[Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#)

[National Museum of Scotland](#)

[Royal Botanic Garden](#)

[Edinburgh Zoo](#)

[Our Dynamic Earth](#) (near the [Scottish Parliament](#))

[Camera Obscura](#)

[Surgeons’ Hall Museums](#)

[Scotch Whisky Experience](#)

[The Royal Yacht Britannia](#)

[Mary King’s Close](#)

[Calton Hill](#)

And ...if you fancy climbing an extinct volcano and enjoy great views...[Arthur’s Seat](#) is the hill to climb!

## Weather

The following presents the average conditions for Edinburgh in November, as presented on: <http://www.holiday-weather.com/edinburgh/averages/november/>

- **TEMPERATURE** 6°C 43°F
- **HIGH TEMPERATURE** 9°C 48°F
- **LOW TEMPERATURE** 3°C 37°F
- **RAINFALL** 70 MM
- **RAINFALL DAYS** 21 DAYS

## Assistance

Questions about the event can be directed to [communications@sepa.org.uk](mailto:communications@sepa.org.uk)

