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# 1ST INTERNATIONAL ERASMUS STAFF WEEK AT BME

*5-9 May 2025 Budapest, Hungary*

# INTERNATIONAL VISITORS' WELCOME GUIDE



# BME Erasmus+

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# About BME

The direct predecessor of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) is the Institutum Geometrico-Hydrotechnicum, founded in 1782, which was the first institute in Europe to train engineers in university structure.

BME's mission, inseparable from training and education, is to conduct scientific research which encompasses the three activities required to make up the innovation chain: fundamental and applied research, technological product and service development, and the application of research findings.

The popularity of BME's foreign language courses has been growing year by year. Students from abroad now represent over 12% of BME's enrolment, hailing from more than 30 countries.

Many young people are studying at BME as part of the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme, which aims to support the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education. With this large number of international students, BME ranks second in Hungary.

With its consistently high rankings, BME is among the top universities globally, ranked in the top 2-6%. The British ranking organisation Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) evaluates the performance of over 1,400 higher education institutions across five broad areas: arts and humanities, engineering and technology, life sciences and medicine, natural sciences, and social sciences, covering a total of 51 disciplines. Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) is the only Hungarian university to feature in the engineering and technology category, consistently achieving higher rankings year after year.

# Testimonials

*“I remember walking through the old hallways of Building K or sitting in the library, and wondering how many great minds had been here before me. Late nights turned into early mornings, studying for exams or finishing assignments, fueled by coffee and determination. I’d wake up, grab another coffee, and start all over again. Those moments of focus, exhaustion, and quiet reflection made BME more than just a university—it became a part of me.”*

*“Studying in BME has taught me a lot of lessons about the real world and what it takes to overcome challenges. It was here that I learned not only the technical knowledge of my field but also how to face obstacles with resilience and determination. These experiences allowed me to meet many people from different backgrounds and make friends and connections. Each challenge, whether studying or personal, helped me grow, and turned me into a more confident and capable person. BME has been more than a university to me, it has been a journey of self-discovery and changes.”*

*“Knowledge is definitely not the only thing we acquire at BME. Five years have made me grow a lot. Thank you to all the friends who have come along. We have fought together, laughed together, and supported each other until today. We may not be the best yet, but we are striving to become the best. Wishing me and my friends a bright future.”*

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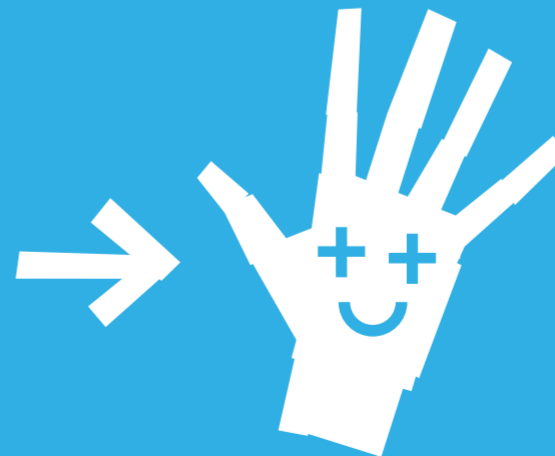
*“I began my journey at BME in 2020, during the challenges of the pandemic, and have experienced both the best and toughest days here. Spending countless hours in the university’s stunning library remains one of my fondest memories. I am deeply grateful to my professors for their guidance and for sharing their invaluable knowledge. Studying at this historic institution has been an honor and a transformative experience.”*

*“It’s a wonderful experience filled with challenges and happiness. The way I managed my journey here give me immense confidence and courage to take with me for the future. This place has lot to offer but it depends on you how much you strive for that. Nonetheless it’s an exceptional journey and will have a special corner in my heart going forward in my life.”*

*“Being a student at BME is very challenging and tough at times, but overall, it was a great experience for me. There were many happy days and some tough ones too. I will always cherish my time as a student and the memories I made. Thank you, BME!”*

*“BME wasn’t just a university—it was a vibrant playground for ideas, passions, and friendships that will stay with me forever.”*

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# Explore Budapest

The ever-changing city of Budapest awaits you with vibrant nightlife, thermal baths galore, spectacular 19th-century architecture, and all the modern conveniences you'd expect to find in a Central European capital. The city's unique combination of rich culture, affordability, and a student-friendly atmosphere makes it a top destination for international students.

The BME campus, located on the right bank of the Danube, is the largest urban university campus in Budapest. Boasting outstanding transport links to the entire city, the campus is a treasure trove of stunning historical and modern architectural gems, leafy parks with sun traps, and even the only European research reactor operating on university grounds.

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# Xplore the BME Campus

## BME campus

The campus is located in the heart of Budapest – within easy reach of ample housing facilities, public services, historic sights and recreational facilities –, but it still provides a peaceful environment suitable for intense study and research.

The campus is made up of two neighbouring parts, both on the right bank of the River Danube. The historical campus boasts beautiful buildings and an elegant park, which can be an inspiring place to stroll around and engage in discussions.

The other part is a modern campus, near the Info Park. The new buildings are equipped with modern, state of the art lecture halls and a perfect study environment with flawless internet access and other facilities.

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# BME Campus map

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| <b>CH</b>  | Chemistry Building  |
| <b>KÖ</b>  | Central Library   |
| <b>K</b>   | Central Buidling  |
| <b>F</b>   | Physics Buidling  |
| <b>L</b>   | Hydraulic Machinery Laboratory                              |
| <b>MT</b>  | Mechaical Tachnology Building                               |
| <b>MG</b>  | Mechanics Building  |
| <b>MM</b>  | Mechanics Building  |
| <b>AE</b>  | Fluid Mechanics Building                                    |
| <b>EL</b>  | Building Construction Laboratory                            |
| <b>ST</b>  | Transportation Engineering and Vehicle Engineering Building |
| <b>J</b>   | Transportation Engineering and Vehicle Engineering Building |
| <b>DCs</b> | Chemical Technology and Biotechnology Laboratory            |
| <b>D</b>   | Mechanical Engineering Building                             |
| <b>TR</b>  | Nuclear Training Reactor                                    |
| <b>G</b>   | Production Engineering Building                             |
| <b>E</b>   | Classroom   |
| <b>H</b>   | Classroom   |
| <b>T</b>   | Classroom, Medical Center                                   |
| <b>R</b>   | Classroom   |
| <b>A</b>   | Administration Block  |
| <b>V1</b>  | Electrical Engineering and Informatics Building             |
| <b>Q</b>   | Electrical Engineering and Informatics Building             |
| <b>I</b>   | Electrical Engineering and Informatics Building             |



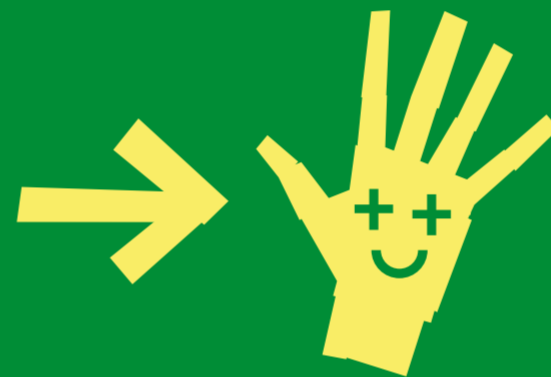
## TUESDAY'S PROGRAMME

# Arrival to the Campus

## Public transportation

Budapest's transportation is simple, fast, and safe! Whether you want to travel by public transport, car, bike, or scooter, the city offers every option for you. Learn everything about public transport, getting to the city centre, cycling, accessible travel, and parking! Find the most convenient mode of transportation for you and get anywhere easily in the capital!

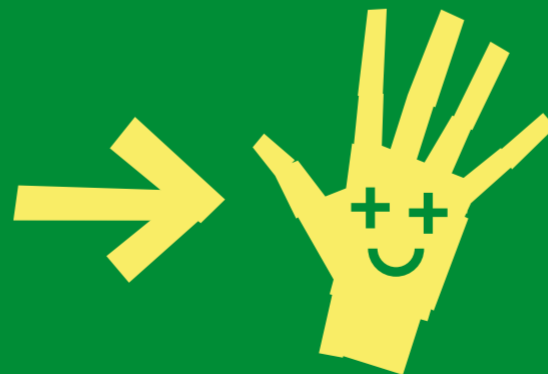
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## Information about taxi services

There are a number of taxi companies and independent taxi firms operating in Budapest. Please only get into a qualified, licensed taxi. We recommend that you order a taxi using an app or by phone. Budapest taxis have standardised signage: the cars are yellow with the words “qualified Budapest taxi/minősített budapesti taxi” on the left-side front door, the number plates are yellow, and the dashboard and the two rear doors display a table of fixed official taxi fares.

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# Useful Information

## Payment

The currency in Hungary is Hungarian Forint. Almost all establishments accept payment by card, but very few places, for example, markets, accept only cash.

## Sockets

In Hungary we use two types of power plugs/sockets – type C and type F.

Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and type F has two round pins with two earth clips on the side.

Hungary operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

## Emergencies

If you need help or assistance, feel free to contact your visit coordinator from BME.

In any emergency situation you should call the toll free number 112, as this is the contact number for the emergency services in Hungary.

## Weather

Please, make sure to check the weather forecast before coming to Budapest, in order to prepare for the trip accordingly.

The average temperature in Budapest:

Winter (December–February): +4°C – -2°C

Spring (March–May): +17°C – +7°C

Summer (June–August): +27°C – +16°C

Autumn (September–November): +16°C – +8°C

## Smoking restrictions

Smoking is prohibited within 10 m from the entrances of institutions of national and local government, as well as at the public transport stops.

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## **Sustainable Technology and Management**

— During the five-day programme of our first Staff Week you will have the opportunity to learn about the most significant and exciting labs and projects with a focus on sustainability, while exploring our university's EELISA communities, activities and the city's built heritage.



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TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
05.05. MONDAY		
8:30–9:00 AM	Registration	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
9:00–9:20 AM	BME: a new model — Hassan Charaf rector	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
9:20–9:40 AM	Internationalisation at BME — András Nemeslaki Vice-Rector for International Relations	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
9:40–9:50 AM	European University Alliance at BME — Gergely L. Vigh	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
9:50–10:00 AM	Erasmus+ at BME — Bibor Klekner, Questions	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
10:15–10:30 AM	Coffee break	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
10:30–12:00 AM	Icebreaking activities	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
12:00–1:00 PM	LUNCH	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
1:00–1:20 PM	AI in international relations — Szabolcs Bokodi strategic advisor, Rector's Office, University of Sopron	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
1:20–1:40 PM	AI at BME — János Levendovszky Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
1:40–2:00 PM	EWP - New improvements — Tibor Tóth	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
2:00–2:20 PM	Who Takes Care of Them? The Role of a National-Level Actor in Promoting International Students' Well-Being — Georgina Kasza PhD Head of Unit, Study in Hungary Directorate, Tempus Public Foundation-	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
2:30–4:30 PM	The City Behind Historic Facades, Architectural walking tour of BME Campus and Budapest	Meeting point: Building K
7:00–9:00 PM	Wine Tasting	Building K, 1st Floor, Ceremony Hall

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TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
06.05. TUESDAY		
9:00–10:30 AM	"Robotics in education and research – how does it work? Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics colleagues will show a VR/AR based immersive driving experience using a model car and a collaborative robotic arm playing table tennis, and the BME Industry 4.0 Technology Centre, as an innovative R&D centre, focusing on areas: digitalisation, research, development and introduction of Industry 4.0 technologies and applications."	BME Building I Room IB023
10:30–10:40 AM	Coffee break	BME Building I Room IB023
10:40–12:10 AM	Building a Greener, Healthier Future: Showcasing Sustainability Education and Wellbeing Programs at BME GTK	BME Building Q
12:10–1:00 PM	LUNCH	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
1:00–2:30 PM	Share your experience on EWP issues! – group discussion	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
2:30–4:00 PM	Program I. - On the Move – Discussion at Faculty of Transportation Engineering and Vehicle Engineering OR	Meeting point: Building K
	Program II. Let's get involved in the one and only training reactor in Europe	Meeting point: Building K
5:00–9:00 PM	Folk Night	Meeting point: Building K

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07.05. WEDNESDAY		
9:00–10:30 AM	"EELISA European University Alliance - partners, organisation, the vision Share your experiences on your alliances!"	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
10:30–10:40 AM	Coffee break	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
10:40–12:00 AM	EELISA Communities – organisation, BME founded communities	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
12:00–1:00 AM	LUNCH	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
1:00–3:00 PM	"Learning opportunities – Joint Programmes, SDG oriented activities, Internships, Students Mobilities, Student mobility experience Share your experience - discussion, questions"	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
6:00–8:00 PM	Gala Dinner – Dinner Cruise on the Danube	Jászai Mari Square
08.05. THURSDAY		
9:00–10:30 AM	"Share your experience on international relations at home initiatives! Presentations of the participants, discussion"	Building K, 1st floor, Room 93-95
10:30–10:40 AM	Coffee break	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
11:00–12:30 PM	Program I. Visiting the Quantum Electronics Lab	Meeting point: Building K
	Program II. Eat well – Why food quality is important? // A visit to Pharmatech Model Laboratory and ECO PAT laboratories	Meeting point: Building K
12:30–1:30 PM	LUNCH	Building K, 1st floor, Room 97
2:00–5:00 PM	Bridge Visit	Meeting point: Building K

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TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
09.05. FRIDAY		
9:00–10:00 AM	Program I. Visiting the Wind Tunnel	Meeting point: Building K
	Program II. Visiting the historical building of the Library of BME (OMIKK)	Meeting point: Building K
10:30 AM–1:00 PM	Certificate of Attendance	Building K, Ground floor, Aula
	Visit to Szentendre	Meeting point: Building K
1:00 PM	Departure	



# Participants

<b>Kim CRANE</b>	Cambrian College	Canada
<b>Eva SLEZAKOVA</b>	Masaryk University	Czech Republic
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<b>Adriana JOANIQUE</b>	ESCI-Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Spain

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<b>M. Yolanda FERNÁNDEZ BAENA</b>	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Spain
<b>Xiaoliang SUN WANG</b>	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Spain
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<b>Mahinur DURMUŞ</b>	Kastamonu University	Turkey
<b>Melek Hava KÖPRÜLÜ</b>	Kastamonu University	Turkey
<b>Merve Nur TUNÇEL</b>	Atlas University	Turkey
<b>Murat EMEÇ</b>	Istanbul University	Turkey
<b>Mustafa SIRAKEYA</b>	Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University	Turkey
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