

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

for participants attending

**6<sup>th</sup> Central and Eastern Europe regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, 19 to 21 February 2018 and UNITAR/OECD nanosafety workshop - 22 & 23 February 2018,**

**Lodz, Poland**

We are pleased to provide you with the following information regarding the practical arrangements for the above meetings.

### 1. Venue of the meeting

The meetings takes place at Hotel Ambassador CentrumLodz at the following address:

Hotel Ambassador Premium Lodz

90-307 Lodz

Ul. Jana Kilińskiego 145

<http://www.hotelambasador.eu/en/premium/hotel>

### 2. Accommodation

Special prices are offered for participants during the meeting days at Hotel Ambassador Premium where the meeting takes place, and Ambassador CentrumLodz. Both hotels are adjacent to each other.

*Ambassador CentrumLodz*

90-307 Lodz

Al. Pilsudskiego 29

Phone +48 42 677-15-20

Special price: 250 PLN/night standard for single use; 290 PLN/night standard double use.

Please, for booking use the following e-mail

[centrum@hotelambasador.pl](mailto:centrum@hotelambasador.pl) referring to SAICM

Hotel Ambassador Premium Lodz

90-307 Lodz

Ul. Jana Kilińskiego 145

Phone +48 42 6771530

Special price: 300 PLN/night standard for single use; 350 PLN/night standard double use.

Please, for booking use the following e-mail

[premium@hotelambasador.pl](mailto:premium@hotelambasador.pl) referring to SAICM

### 3. VISA arrangements

**Participants are responsible for obtaining their own entrance visa and transit visa if required**

Since December 21, 2007, Poland is part of the Schengen Area, a zone without controls on internal borders which comprises of 28 countries. Third-country nationals may enter Poland if they are in possession of a valid travel document and a visa (if required). Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 includes the lists of third countries whose nationals must possess valid visas to cross external borders, and of countries whose nationals are exempt from this obligation.

[List of countries whose nationals may enter Poland without a visa](#)

For more information please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland website:

[http://www.ms.gov.pl/en/travel\\_to\\_poland/entering\\_poland/](http://www.ms.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/entering_poland/)

In case you need any assistance with issue your visa, please do not hesitate to contact organizers:  
[szymon.domagalski@chemikalia.gov.pl](mailto:szymon.domagalski@chemikalia.gov.pl) mob: +48 662271341

#### 4. Transportation - How to reach Łódź (Lodz)

##### A. Direct international connections to Łódź

There are limited number of direct connections by air or by bus from certain cities.

##### OPTION 1 by air

There are available connections from/to Great Britain (London Stansted, East Midland), Ireland (Dublin), You can check details here: <http://www.airport.lodz.pl/en/flight-timetable.html#tab2>

From the airport to the hotel we suggest to take a taxi. They are available in front of the exit from the airport. You can also call a taxi using numbers suggested on the airport website:

“Taxi Plus”, phone no: +48 42 6 500 500 or „Taxi 400 400”, phone no: +48 42 6 400 400. While ordering a cab you can ask for a driver who speaks English.

Fares of both taxi corporations are, respectively:

initial fare: 5,9 PLN and 6 PLN;

cost of 1 km in day tariff (from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m): 1,7 PLN and 2,16 PLN

cost of 1 km in night tariff: 2,55 PLN and 3,24 PLN

Taxi fare from the airport to the hotel Ambassador Centrum should be from 20 PLN<sup>1</sup> (5€) to 40 PLN (10€) depending on the time of day.

##### OPTION 2 by bus

You can reach Łódź by bus “Polski Bus” going from: Vienna, Berlin SXF and ZOB, Prague, Brno, Budapest, Amsterdam, Dortmund, Duesseldorf, Hamburg, Hannover.

Details on connections you can find here: <http://www.polskibus.com/en/bus-stop-map.htm>

Bus arrives to Fabryczna Station and to Kaliska Station or to Lodz Fabryczna. How to reach the Ambassador Centrum hotel from both stations is described below.

##### B. Reaching Łódź from WARSAW AIRPORT

##### OPTION 1 by train

To reach Łódź you can take train that goes to **Łódź Fabryczna** (Lodz) station from two train stations in Warszawa:

- Central Station (**Warszawa Centralna**) (it is nicer and has escalator) or
- West Station (**Warszawa Zachodnia**). (a faster option)

How to reach **Warszawa Centralna** or **Warszawa Zachodnia**?

- 1) by train that goes from the airport (**Warszawa Lotnisko**) to **Central** or **West Station**. There are two kinds of trains' brand, SKM and Koleje Mazowieckie (KM). Choose line S3 of SKM or any train of KM to reach one of two stations mentioned above. During the day the trains leave frequently so, there is no need to check the timetable. In case of late arrival to Warsaw it is recommended to search connections and timetables via website: <https://koleo.pl/en/>. As departure and arrival places choose: Warszawa Lotnisko Chopina and Warszawa Zachodnia or Warszawa Centralna. Next to the connections you will find also prices of tickets.

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<sup>1</sup> Zł is abbreviation from the name of Polish currency ZŁOTY



Tickets can be bought on train from a ticket machine (may accept only coins):  
or from the ticket machines that are in the passage between the airport and Warszawa Lotnisko Train Station (cash and credit card accepted)

Please find below are examples of the machines.



On Koleje Mazowieckie trains you can purchase tickets from a conductor. In that case the ticket can be more expensive.

SKM ticket are accepted also in the Koleje Mazowieckie trains, however it has to be validated on ticket validator or by conductor (in case you could not find validator you could approach conductor to validate your ticket).

To reach Warszawa Zachodnia ticket for 20 minutes ride is enough. Luggage is carried free. To reach Warszawa Centralna consider buying ticket for longer ride (40 min).

### **Warszawa (Central Station or West Station) – Lodz (Łódź Fabryczna Station)**

Travel with a train from Warsaw to Lodz takes around 1h30 min. Here you can find the timetable of trains: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>

Cost of a ticket should not be higher than 30 PLN (around 7 Euro) in second class and 60 PLN (15 Euro) in first class. You can buy ticket in a ticket offices<sup>2</sup>, where cash and cards are accepted or from ticket machines (cards accepted). Another option of purchasing the tickets is directly on a train from a conductor. Choosing that option you will have to pay a little more than in the ticket office or machine. Please remember to inform the conductor about the intention of buying the ticket (before or just after you get on train) and please be aware that conductor may not accept credit card.

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<sup>2</sup> Warszawa Centralna Station - ticket offices are located at the main hall level and at level -1, in the shopping malls of the station. Warszawa Zachodnia – ticket offices are located close to the entrance (map of the station <http://pkpsa.pl/dla-pasazera/dworzec/mapy/W-wa-Zachodnia.pdf>)

## OPTION 2 by bus

### Okbus

Okbus goes directly from the airport (bus station at the airport [https://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/uploads/user\\_files/mapa\\_terminal\\_autokarowy.jpg](https://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/uploads/user_files/mapa_terminal_autokarowy.jpg)) to Łódź. In Łódź it arrives at Łódź Kaliska Bus Station. Below there is a timetable of buses that goes from the airport to Łódź.

### Lotnisko Chopina (Okęcie)

Departure: 00:30 06:45 09:20 11:00 12:00 14:30 16:00 17:35 20:50 23:20

### Łódź Kaliska

Arrival 02:30 08:45 11:30 13:00 14:10 16:30 18:00 19:45 23:00 01:10

Travel takes around 2h.

Website of OKbus: <https://www.okbus.pl/en>.

Cost of a ticket is between 9 and 36 zł (from 2,5 to 8,5 euro). Tickets can be purchased on website.

To the message with practical arrangement there is attached map of the airport with bus terminal shown.

## OPTION 3 – by taxi

It takes no more than 1h30min to reach Łódź by taxi and it costs around 400 PLN (100 euro).

If you decide to use this option please advise us one or two days before your arrival so that we could organize taxi for you, ensuring that you will not pay more than 400 PLN.

## OPTION 4 – rented car

From Warszawa to Łódź is highway and the travel (to the center of Łódź) takes no more than 1h 30 min.

## How to reach the hotel from train or bus station in Lodz?

You can use public means of transport or taxi.

Public means of transport

From Fabryczna Train Station - trams **1** (direction Dworzec Łódź Chojny) and **5** (direction Kurczaki),

From Kaliska Bus Station - trams **8** (direction Cm. Zarzew), **10A** (direction Augustów), **10B** (direction Olechów) and **14** (direction Dw. Łódź Dąbrowa).

For searching connections: <http://www.mpk.lodz.pl/rozklady/polaczenia.jsp>

A single tickets cost: 2,80 PLN up to 20 minutes, 3,60 Pln up to 40 minutes and 4,40 PLN up to 60 minutes. Going from Kaliska Station you will need ticket for 3,60 PLN and going from Fabryczna Station ticket for 2,80 PLN.

You can buy ticket on a tram or a bus from the ticket machines that are mounted in the front part on buses or in the first tram carriages. You can pay with cash or card.

Other options of buying ticket:

at Fabryczna Station - from stationary machine and places selling newspapers;

at Kaliska Bus Station - in the building of the station (short, long grey building).

Here is website of public means of transport in Łódź: <http://www.mpk.lodz.pl/lang.action?lang=en>

Taxi – it should take no more than 10 minutes to reach the hotel from both stations and it should cost no more than 25 PLN

Walk - If you arrive at Fabryczna Station you can take a walk from there (20 minutes of walk).

In any moment of your travel if you need help contact us via e-mail or by phone, for numbers as follows: office numbers

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