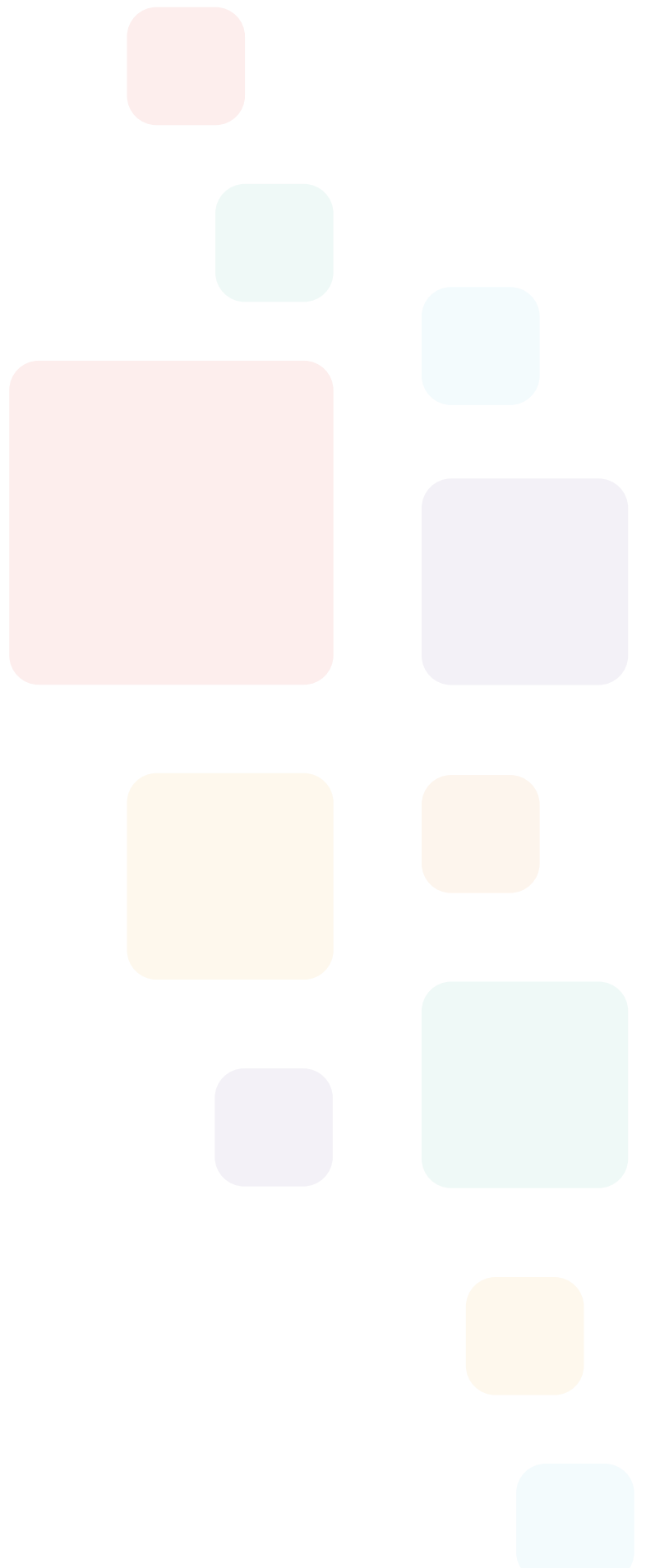


**2018**  
**WSDC**

NEWSLETTER 3

JULY 2018





Dear WSDC community,

We are looking forward to welcoming all 630 participants from 67 nations in Zagreb in just under a week.

To help you make sense of the tournament, we prepared this final newsletter. Please read through it carefully - information listed here is essential for all attending delegations.

As always, if in doubt, please get in touch with us at [wSDC2018@hdd.hr](mailto:wSDC2018@hdd.hr) or through our Facebook page.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Anastazija, Bojana & Bojan  
WSDC 2018 Co-Convenors

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# WSDC 2018 LOGISTICS

## WHERE, WHEN, WHAT

### Transportation and Venues

All participants will be accommodated at Hotel Panorama and Hostel Moving for the duration of the tournament. We'll have morning calls during breakfast every day on debate days and kindly ask all delegates, **especially team managers, to be punctual and aware of the rest of their delegates' whereabouts at all times.** The tournament is huge - 67 delegations and over 600 participants - and individual delegation's lateness will affect everybody else.

All preliminary rounds of WSDC 2018 will take place at two neighbouring schools, XV. gymnasium (MIOC) and Vladimir Nazor elementary school. We're aware we're breaking with the WSDC tradition of having rounds at multiple schools simultaneously, but are being extra careful to ensure the power-pairing trail goes smoothly.

There will be organized transport from accommodation sites to preliminary round venues and back for all participants. The buses will leave and return to a designated place right in front of Hotel Panorama/ XV. gymnasium (MIOC). Please make sure all of your delegates are aware of the following: delegations and adjudicators will be assigned to specific buses and cannot use other buses. Again, we're dealing with over 600 participants

and making sure everyone is accounted for is absolutely impossible if team managers are not in charge and aware of their delegates' whereabouts and if delegates don't use the buses they were assigned to.

We'll have organized transport for adjudicators and competing teams on elimination round days. Given that we can't guess which delegations/ delegates will want to see elimination rounds and which rounds specifically, there will be no organized transport for anybody else. However, elimination rounds will conveniently take place around the city center and are easily reachable by public transport, Ubers/ taxis and within walking distance if your delegation happens to be downtown.

We'll have organized transport for all participants to and from our Opening Ceremony venue - Croatian National Theatre.

There'll be organized transport to our Grand Final venue, Europa Cinema's Great Hall, for WSDC 2018 finalists and Grand Final judges. Since we can't know where everybody will be before the Final, other participants who want to see the Final will have to get to the venue on their own.

After the Final and the awards ceremony in Europa Cinema, there'll be organized transport for all participants back to the

Closing Party near Hotel Panorama.

### Airport transfers

All delegations that have provided us with their arrival information for 17.07. will be met at the airport by our shuttle service holding WSDC 2018 sign.

If you have not done that we are sorry but you will have to make your own arrangement regarding transfers. We can recommend using Croatia Airlines transfer bus to the city where cheap TAXI options are available.

Organized transport to the airport will be available on the 27th.

### Sparring venue

In order to help you prepare for the tournament while you're here, we've secured August Šenoa Elementary School (address: Selska cesta 95, 10110, Zagreb, a 10 minute walk from the hotel) to be used for any sparring rounds if you wish.

The School will be available from 17.07. through 23.07. from 09:00 to 22:00.

### Food

As announced on previous occasions, breakfast and dinner are covered for the duration of the tournament. **Breakfast will be served at the hotel and the hostel respectively. Delegates**

# LOGISTICS OF WSDC 2018

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### LIST OF VENUES

#### ACCOMODATION

**Hotel Panorama, Trg Krešimira Čosića 9**  
**Hostel Moving, Kranjčevićeva ul. 61**

#### TORUNAMENT VENUES

**Opening ceremony: Hrvatsko narodno kazalište, Trg Republike Hrvatske 15**

**Rounds 1 - 8:**

**XV. gimnazija, Jordanovac 8**

**Vladimir Nazor, elementary school, Jordanovac 23**

**Double Octos and Octos:**

**Gornjogradska gimnazija, Trg Katarine Zrinske 5**

**Quarter finals and semifinals:**

**4 venues located on Trg Republike Hrvatske**

**Finals and Awards Ceremony:**

**Kino Europa, Varšavska 3**

#### OTHER

**Cultural night - Hotel Panorama**

**Break Night Party - Johann Franck, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 9**

**WSDC closing party - Dom Sportova, Trg Krešimira Čosića 11**

**Sparring school - August Šenoa Elementary school, Sleska cesta 95**

**accommodated at the hostel will have dinner at the hotel.** Instead of having dinner at the hotel on July 18th (Opening Ceremony) and 26th (Closing Party), food will be served at the venues.

Lunch will be organized for all participants and served at the venues on preliminary round days, July 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd. Lunch on elimination round days will be organized at the venues for competing teams and elimination round adjudicators only. If you're taking a day trip on the 22nd, lunch is covered under the daytrip fee, but we also recommend bringing snacks and drinks. **During preliminary rounds, all adjudicators will be served lunch at Vladimir Nazor Elementary School.** All other participants (all debaters, coaches, team managers and observers) will be served lunch at XV. gymnasium (MIOC).

We have made deals with several restaurants and bistros in Zagreb to provide WSDC 2018 participants with a discount so you can eat out on the days lunch is not provided. These are marked on our WSDC 2018 map available on our web page and feature a variety of price ranges and food choices. You will have to show your WSDC 2018 card at the restaurant to qualify for the discount. Cards will be provided upon your arrival.

### Ceremonies, Parties and Dress Codes

We kindly ask all participants to aim for smart casual to formal on debate days (both during preliminary and elimination round days). In short, nobody is required to wear a full suit, but please avoid shorts, mini skirts, light/ ripped jeans, flip flops and the like.

The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Croatian National Theatre. The dress code is formal. Cultural Night will take place at the hotel. All delegations are invited to bring food, drinks (no alcohol), small souvenirs, national flags and emblems and whatever else appropriate you can think off to show off your national culture and customs. We also encourage traditional attire, sports jerseys and the like.

We'll have Break Night Party at Johann Franck, a club on Zagreb's Main Square. No formal attire is necessary, but we kindly ask all attending participants to dress politely.

As for the Final at Europa Cinema, we kindly ask everybody to keep it at least smart casual. The party after the Final will be held near Hotel Panorama and does not require formal attire either. July is summer in Croatia. Although (currently!) a bit less hot than usual, expect high temperatures, check the weather before traveling and try to dress accordingly as not all debate rooms have AC.

# WHILE YOU ARE IN ZAGREB

## WHAT TO DO AND HOW

### Getting Around Zagreb

We prepared a [WSDC 2018 Google map](#) available on [wsdc2018.com](#) to help you get around our relatively small capital featuring accommodation, venues, restaurants and coffee shops we recommend, cool places and events to go to, and importantly supermarkets, pharmacies, drug-stores and exchange offices (we use Kunas in Croatia, not Euros!).

The cheapest way to get around is by using Zagreb's public transport - buses, but mainly our recognizable trams. A one way ticket is valid for 30 minutes and costs 4 HRK (0.5 €) if you buy it at a kiosk or 15 HRK (2€) if bought in tram (ridiculous, we know!). Tram 12 from Trešnjevački trg tram stop 750m from the hotel will take you directly to the Main Square and tram number 9 to Kralj Tomislav Square. Bus no 118 stops around 100m away from the hotel and will take you directly to Republike Hrvatske Square.

If public transport is not your jam, there's Ubers and taxis.

Uber is cheaper and legal in Croatia, so legal in fact that Uber cars here have to have taxi signs and can drive through taxi lanes.

If you want to take a cab, our go-to options are Eko taxi or Cammeo.

There are several "hubs" for restaurants in Zagreb such as Masarykova, Teslina, Tkalčićeva and Skalinska Street and you will find all sorts of food within 15 min walk between these places.

Cafés, bars and restaurants are mainly open after midnight, but you'll notice that shops and markets are not and close around 8 pm. We recommend you do your shopping before that. Apart from a couple of kiosks, there's an underground supermarket open 24/7 at the main train station (and it's way less scary than it sounds).

### Prices

Prices in Croatia are relatively low for European standards and are about the same as prices in Slovenia, The Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Sample prices in supermarkets

Coca Cola, 0.5l costs around 7 HRK or 0,90 EUR, 0.5l of water costs about the same and a tube of Pringles will cost you around 20 HRK 2,50 EUR.

Sample prices in restaurants and coffee places

- Coffee – around 10 HRK or 1,50 EUR
- 0.2l soft drinks – around 14 HRK or 1.8 EUR

- Big Mac - 18 HRK – 2,35 EUR
  - Hamburger (Fast food places) - from 25 HRK do 45 HRK (3 to 5 EUR)
  - Pizza - 30 - 40 HRK – around 4 EUR
- An average main course meal in a slow food restaurant can be found from around 40 HRK or 6€ to 100 HRK or 13€.

### Health & Safety

Zagreb is in general a very safe city with a very low (practically non-existent) level of violent crimes, especially towards tourists. There are no unsafe parts of the city or parts in which extra precaution is warranted so feel free to move around and explore. As for some general safety tips, you should observe normal caution - avoid dark parks or streets during the night if you're on your own, do not leave your things unattended in public places and try to organise your belongings as to avoid pickpocketing. There are no recorded terrorist threats in Croatia.

Carrying a form of ID is legally required for all people above age of 16. You should carry a driving licence, passport or a regular ID on your person at all times outside of your accommodation.

Street food in Zagreb is perfectly safe to eat.

Tap water is perfectly safe for drinking. Public water fountains are available around the city center.

# WHILE YOU ARE IN ZAGREB

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### Vices

#### Smoking

Smoking is forbidden in restaurants and all establishments that serve food. Coffee places & night clubs can choose if they will allow smoking. Since you're in the Balkans, expect most will choose to allow smoking. Smoking in all public buildings and courtyards (schools etc.), public transport and all indoor public spaces is strictly forbidden.

Legal age for buying cigarettes is 18+.

#### Drinking

Almost all coffee places in Zagreb serve alcohol and different alcoholic beverages are readily available in every store and kiosk in Zagreb. Mulled versions of wine, but also spirits, can be found at most Advent food and/or drink stands. Legal age for buying alcohol is 18+.

Coaches and accompanying adults, be aware that this is relatively loosely enforced!

#### Drugs

Drugs (marijuana included) are not legal; possession or use of all narcotics in any quantity or for any purpose including medicinal is a criminal offence.

### Need help?

We're lucky enough to have a vibrant debate community willing to give up weeks on the coast to help with WSDC, which is why every delegation will be assigned a volunteer. If you need anything during the tournament, please ask your volunteer first.

Again, there are 67 nations and over 600 participants registered to participate at WSDC 2018 and convenors/core org handling every request, question or concern individually is virtually impossible. If there's anything else you'd like to let us know about, please email us at [wfdc2018@hdd.hr](mailto:wfdc2018@hdd.hr). Keeping track of private correspondence with (often multiple people per delegation) across private emails, Facebook, WhatsApp and other platforms is impossible as well.

### Public transport around the accommodation sites

As we mentioned to some extraordinary pricing policy, a ticket bought at the kiosk or newspaper vendor will cost you 4 kuna but ticket purchased at the tram will cost you 15 kuna. Strange prices like these are also the reason why we mention Uber and taxis so much. If more than two people are traveling, a car will often be the same price as the tram or a bus.

That said, Tram 12 from Trešnjevački trg tram stop 750m from the hotel will take you directly to the Main Square and tram 9 will take you to Trg Kralja Tomislava (also city center)

Bus number 118 stops around 100m from the hotel and will take you directly to Trg Republike Hrvatske (city center).

### Money

Croatian Kuna, Hrvatska Kuna or HRK - not Euros! Foreign currencies are not accepted in Croatia.

Vast majority of shops and restaurants in Croatia will accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Diners cards.

Caffe bars, smaller fast food places, and newsagents are in the majority of cases cash only so do check before you order.

Conversion rate on July 10th:

1 EURO – 7.40 HRK

1 USD - 6.9 HRK

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR DOUBT

### What to do if you have a question

There will be a WSDC info corner at the hotel during the whole event, so in case of an emergency or if you have any questions, please contact our volunteers that will be there.

During all activities if you need anything ask a volunteer first!

If that fails, find a convenor!  
(Bojan Marjanović, Bojana Skrt, Anastazija Stupar)

For other questions email us at [wsc2018@hdd.hr](mailto:wsc2018@hdd.hr)

### Emergency contact

Emergency service number:  
112 - all emergency services  
192 - police direct line  
193 - fire brigade direct line  
194 - health services direct line

If in an emergency, call us at

+385 91 131 7601 Bojan  
+385 91 231 7601 Anastazija

### Useful info

Taxi services we can recommend

TAXI CAMMEO  
[cammeo.hr](http://cammeo.hr)  
(iOS and Android App available)  
+ 385 1 1212

EKO TAXI  
[ekotaxi.hr](http://ekotaxi.hr)  
(iOS and Android App available)  
+ 385 1 1414

UBER  
(iOS and Android App available)  
Uber is available in Croatia and is the cheapest way of getting around. All Uber cars have taxi signs

### Accommodation

Hotel Panorama  
Address: Trg Krešimira Ćosića 9, 10 000 Zagreb  
[www.panorama-zagreb.com](http://www.panorama-zagreb.com)  
+385 1 3658 333

Hostel Moving  
Address: Kranjčevićeva ulica 61, 10 000 Zagreb  
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