

VIENNA22

## Meetings of the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE)

OECD-OeNB symposium:  
Financial literacy and financial resilience  
in challenging times

# INFORMATION NOTE

Hybrid event

11-14 October 2022  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)  
Vienna, Austria

Remote participation via Webex

## Schedule

The **OECD-OeNB Symposium on “Financial literacy and financial resilience in challenging times”** will be held back-to-back with the **meetings of the OECD/INFE working groups, Advisory Board and Technical Committee**. Information specific to OECD/INFE meetings will be sent separately to members concerned. Links to contact virtually will be sent after registering.

If attending in person, please arrive at the venue approximately **30 minutes before** the start of your first meeting of the day to allow enough time for check-in. The check-in counter will be open all day and complimentary beverages available in the foyer.

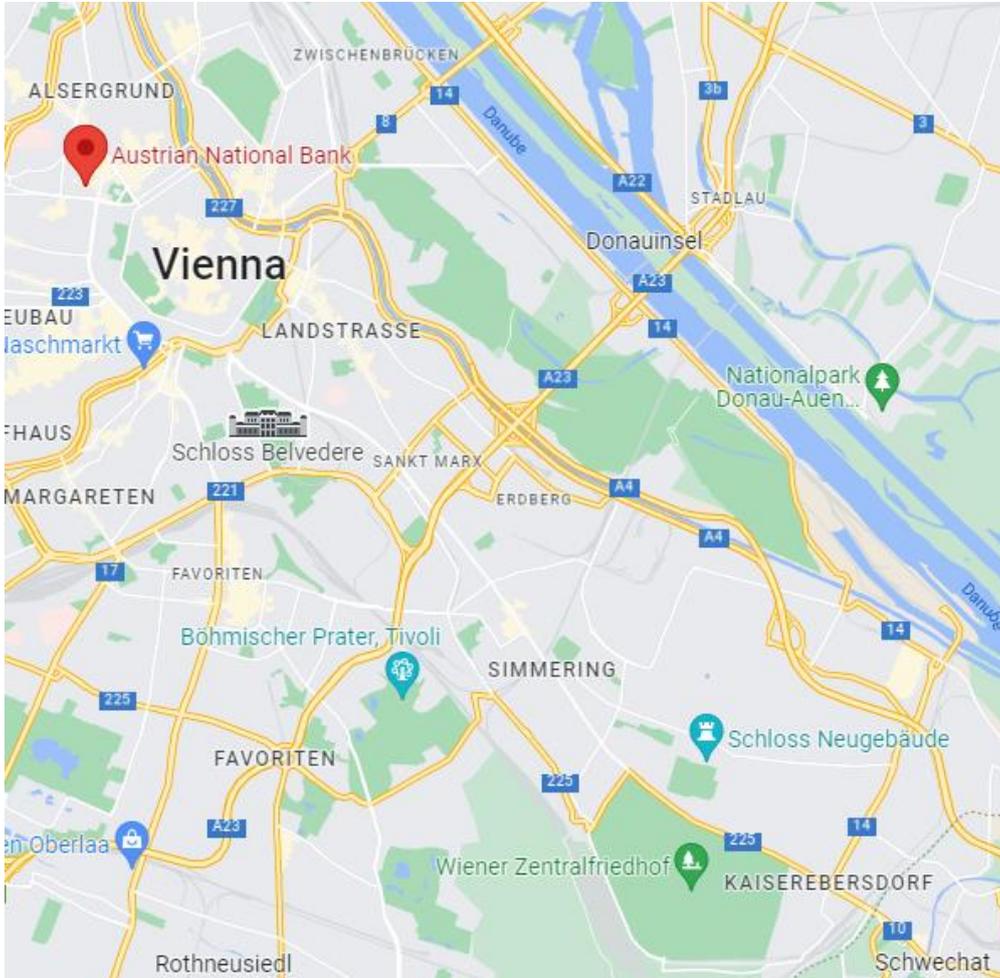
	Date and Time*	Event	Participants
11 October	10h00-11h00	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Working Group on Financial Education in the Context of Ageing Populations	OECD/INFE working group members and invited observers
	11h15-12h45	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Working Group on Standards, Implementation and Evaluation	
	12h45-13h30	Lunch	
	13h30-14h45	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Working Group on Digital Financial Literacy	
	15h00-16h30	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Working Group on Financial Literacy and Sustainable Finance	
12 October	11h00-13h00	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Advisory Board	OECD/INFE Advisory Board members
	13h00-14h00	Lunch for AB and TC meeting participants	Full members of the OECD/INFE
	14h00-16h00	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Technical Committee ( <b>closed session</b> )	
	18h00	OECD/INFE Advisory Board Dinner hosted by OECD (Restaurant Appiano, Schottenbastei 4, 1010 Vienna)	OECD/INFE Advisory Board members
13 October	10h00-12h00	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Technical Committee ( <b>open session</b> )	OECD/INFE full, full associate and Research Committee members and invited observers
	12h00-13h00	Lunch for TC meeting participants	
	13h00-16h00	Meeting of the OECD/INFE Technical Committee ( <b>open session</b> )	
	17h00	Social Event (Sightseeing tour by tram with transport to dinner at a traditional “Heurigen” and back to OeNB)	
14 October	09h30-10h00	Check-in	All participants
	10h00-13h45	OECD-OeNB Symposium on “Financial literacy and financial resilience in challenging times” - Part 1	
	13h45-14h45	Light Lunch	
	14h45-17h45	OECD-OeNB Symposium on “Financial literacy and financial resilience in challenging times” - Part 2	
	17h45-18h30	Farewell drink (on premises)	

\* Please note that meeting times are subject to change.

## Venue

**Oesterreichische Nationalbank** (Austrian Central Bank)  
Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna

All meetings and the symposium will take place in hybrid format. Links for virtual participants will be sent after registering.



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## Registration

Registration is free but participants planning to participate in person are responsible for their own travel-related expenses.

The registration link will be sent out with the official invitation by [office@oenb-events.at](mailto:office@oenb-events.at). Registration will be open until 26 September 2022.

If you need an official invitation letter for visa purposes, please mark the corresponding checkbox, we will then send you an official invitation via e-mail.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact: [event-management@oenb.at](mailto:event-management@oenb.at).

## Social events

- 12 October: Working dinner for OECD/INFE Advisory Board members only, hosted by the OECD/INFE.
- 13 October: OECD/INFE full members are invited to join a sightseeing tour with a traditional tram around the famous Viennese Ringstraße, followed by a dinner at a Heuriger, hosted by OeNB. Places are limited and will be attributed on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 14 October: Farewell drink for all symposium participants.

## Hotel Recommendations

Accommodation must be reserved and paid for directly by participants. We have arranged block bookings at the hotels listed below, but you are free to choose any other hotel. October is high season for tourists in Vienna and we therefore recommend booking as soon as possible. Please note the deadlines below for the block bookings.

### The Harmonie Vienna\*\*\*\*

Harmoniegasse 5-7, 1090 Vienna (Walking distance from the OeNB: 10 minutes)

The block booking under the following conditions is **available until 29 August 2022**.

Room category	Rate per Night Incl. all taxes
Double room for single use	€ 150

Conditions: Breakfast, Wi-Fi, included.

Cancellation policy: without charges until 3 October 2022, then 100 %

Reservation: [reservations@harmonie-vienna.at](mailto:reservations@harmonie-vienna.at), Booking Code "OECD INFE"

### Hotel Josefshof \*\*\*\*

Josefsgasse 4-8, 1080 Vienna (Walking distance from the OeNB: 14 minutes)

The block booking under the following conditions is **available until 29 August 2022**.

Room category	Rate per Night Incl. all taxes
Double room for single use	€ 179

Conditions: Breakfast, Wi-Fi, included.

Cancellation policy: without charges until 3 October 2022, then 100 %

Reservation: [reservierung@josefshof.com](mailto:reservierung@josefshof.com), Booking Code "OECD INFE"

### Hotel Regina \*\*\*\*

Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Vienna (Walking distance from the OeNB: 6 minutes)

The block booking under the following conditions is **available until 11 September 2022**.

Room category	Rate per Night Incl. all taxes
Double room for single use	€ 140

Conditions are only valid for bookings from 11 to 14 October, Breakfast, Wi-Fi, included.

Cancellation policy: without charges until one day before arrival, then 100 %

Reservation: <https://onepagebooking.com/hotelregina/allotments>, Booking Code "OECD INFE".

## Documents and website

All documentation relating to the symposium will be available at:

<https://www.oecd.org/financial/education/oecd-oenb-symposium-on-financial-literacy-and-resilience-in-challenging-times.htm>.

OECD/INFE Technical Committee, Advisory Board and working group meeting documents will be uploaded to the member-only community as they become available. OECD/INFE full members are reminded to set up email alerts: <https://community.oecd.org/community/infe/full-members>.

## Language

All OECD/INFE meetings, as well as the symposium, will be conducted in English only.

## Recommended dress code

The recommended dress code for the symposium and social events is business casual.

## Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi will be available during all meetings and the symposium.

## COVID-19

FFP 2 masks are mandatory on public transport and in hospitals or pharmacies in Vienna. For current COVID-19-regulations in Austria, please follow this link:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Coronavirus/Information-in-English.html>

## Getting there

The Vienna International Airport is located approx. 25 km outside of Vienna.

### Transfer by **City Airport Train (CAT)**

The City Airport Train ([www.cityairporttrain.com](http://www.cityairporttrain.com)) departs for the city center directly from Vienna Airport every 30 minutes and takes about 16 minutes during morning, daytime and evening hours.

Tickets can be purchased at the counter, the ticket vending machine or online.

Ticket type	Machine	Online
Single Ticket	€12,00	€11,00
Return Ticket	€21,00	€19,00

### Transfer by **bus**

Airport bus transfers with *Vienna AirportLines* to the city center (Morzinplatz/Franz-Josefs-Kai in the 1<sup>st</sup> district) take 20 minutes. You can buy tickets online at [www.viennaairportlines.at](http://www.viennaairportlines.at), at Vienna Airport Lines ticket machines, or directly from the driver.

Buses leave from the city center back to the airport at 0:30 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:30 a.m., and then every 30 minutes from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The **public transport system** (underground, tram, bus, etc.) ensures easy access to the most important areas of Vienna. Tickets can be obtained from ticket machines at underground stations (U-Bahn) and must be validated (blue validator machines) before boarding underground trains. Single tickets are

valid for one journey in one direction from the time of validation. You may change services as often as you like, but you may not interrupt the journey.

#### Transfer via **Airport Driver (taxi):**

Airport Driver ([www.airportdriver.at](http://www.airportdriver.at)) provides transfers to and from the airport. The charge is EUR 38.00 and payable directly to the driver. For further information please call +43 (1) 22 8 22.

Taxi numbers in Vienna:

(+43-1) 31 300 or (+43-1) 40 100

## Places of Interest in Vienna

### St. Stephen's Cathedral

St. Stephen's Cathedral is Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice. It was originally erected in the 12th century and rebuilt after a fire in 1258. Heavily damaged during World War II, the restored cathedral is considered one of the best examples of Gothic architecture in Europe and is home to a rich treasury of exquisite religious art and carved altars.



The church was dedicated to St. Stephen, who was also the patron of the bishop's cathedral in Passau. Built of limestone, the cathedral is 107 meters (351 ft) long, 40 meters (131 ft) wide, and 136 meters (446 ft) tall at its highest point.

St. Stephen's Cathedral has 23 bells in total. The largest bell is officially named after St. Mary, but usually called "Pummerin" (Boomer) and hangs in the north tower – it weighs 20,130 kilograms (44,380 pounds) and is the second largest swinging bell in Europe after the one in the Cologne Cathedral

### Hofburg Palace

This immense palace complex grew into a large, unwieldy series of buildings over the years and was the imperial residence of the Habsburg emperors until 1918. What had begun as a medieval castle (the chapel of which is the only original element of that building to have survived) was expanded and redecorated as the power of the Habsburgs increased.

The Habsburgs ruled the vast Austro-Hungarian Empire for centuries and influenced much of Europe through political marriages.

Located in the Neue Hofburg, the Imperial Treasury is an absolute must on any tour of Vienna. It contains the Habsburgs' collection of jewels, crowns and other valuables – perhaps the best on the continent.

### City of Music

Vienna has been an important center of musical innovation. 18th- and 19th-century composers were drawn to the city due to the patronage of the Habsburgs, and made Vienna the European capital of classical music.

Famous musicians such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Joseph Haydn and Johann Strauss II, among others, lived and composed in Vienna and are still associated with the city.

During the Baroque period, Slavic and Hungarian forms of folk music influenced Austrian music. Vienna's status as a cultural center began to rise in the early 16th century, and was focused around instruments such as the lute.

## Places to shop

Shopping streets and pedestrian zones offer luxury goods and good value for money – at jeweler's shops as well as antique stores, art stores and fashion designer boutiques. Between flagship stores and shopping centers, there are many things to be discovered.

In the city center around Kärntner Strasse and Graben you will find plenty shops ready to serve you with fashion, jewelry and accessories. Another shopping mile in Vienna is the Mariahilfer Strasse in the 6th district. In case of rainy weather, we recommend the Ringstrassen-Galerien, which is a unique complex in downtown Vienna: Two buildings are connected by a glass bridge, which together form the number one shopping center in the city.

Most shops are open Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In Austria shops stay closed on Sunday.

## Coffee Houses

Take a coffee break at one of Vienna's famous coffee houses. There are many to choose from, but the most famous is probably the Café Sacher, home of the notoriously rich Sacher cake.



In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, leading writers of the time became attached to the atmosphere of Viennese cafés and were frequently seen to meet, exchange ideas and even write there (e.g. at the Café Central). Literature composed in cafés is commonly referred to as coffee house literature, the writers thereof as coffee house poets.

## General Information about Vienna

Austria's capital offers a blend of imperial traditions and modern architecture. It is famous for its music, imperial sights, coffee houses, traditional food and cozy wine taverns.

Located in Central Europe Vienna has four seasons with warm summers, snowy winters and variable temperatures in spring and autumn. All year-round Vienna is a popular destination for international congresses and conventions. Vienna is known for its high quality of life and attracts over 6.8 million tourists a year, which want to learn more about the famous Vienna's Boys Choir, the Spanish Riding School or St. Stephen's Cathedral.

For more information about Vienna and its numerous other exciting cultural activities, please visit: <http://www.wien.info/en>

## Weather

The climate in Austria is temperate and typical for Central European countries as it varies according to the four seasons (of the year). In summer, daytime temperature is hot but nights are moderate, while winters are cold with temperatures regularly below freezing point.

For current weather forecasts, please follow the link below:

[https://www.zamg.ac.at/cms/en/weather/weather-forecast/wien/heute\\_nacht](https://www.zamg.ac.at/cms/en/weather/weather-forecast/wien/heute_nacht)

## Electricity

Electrical current is 230 volts, 50 Hz. Schuko plugs and receptacles with side grounding contacts and European round 2-pin plugs are the standard.

## Taxes

Austria has a value-added tax (VAT) rate of 20%. There is a reduced VAT rate of 10% on food and beverages, rent, tourism and entertainment. All price indications are usually final.

## **Time Zone**

UTC/GMT + 1 hour

## **Restaurants and Tipping**

Tipping is traditionally expected in many areas such as gastronomy, in taxis, at hairdressers or at service stations. Usually, the tip amounts to about 5% to 10%, but the size of the tip should be according to the degree of your satisfaction with the services rendered.

## **Liquor and Smoking Laws**

Alcohol can be purchased and consumed in restaurants, bars and supermarkets during their opening hours without restrictions.

Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings, restaurants and bars.

## **Emergencies**

Area code (Vienna): +43-1  
Fire department: (+43-1-) 122  
Police: (+43-1-) 133  
Ambulance: (+43-1-) 144  
Euro emergency: (+43-1-) 112

The toll-free hotline 0800 633 42 46 offers a free first consultation for medical problems and assists in finding appropriate measures for a solution. It is offered in German, English, Italian and French.

## **Enquiries**

### **OECD/INFE meetings and Symposium**

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