



Regional workshop of WAPES European region on skills shortages

Lugano, 4-5 September 2024

Practicalities



The regional conference of WAPES European region is organised in collaboration with the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO (Switzerland) and UWV (the Netherlands) and the committed support of the Vice-President WAPES Europe, France Travail, France.



Dates and venue

Dates	4-5 September 2024 Regional workshop of WAPES European region on skills shortages
Venue	Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) Campus EST Aula polivalente Settore PT (piano terra) Aule A1.03 A1.04 A1.05 Settore A P1 (primo piano) Via la Santa 1, 6962 Lugano
Please note	(i) Working language of the conference will be English. Interpretation into French or Spanish will be catered for upon request (via registration link, see below). (ii) September is high season in Lugano and hotel rooms are in short supply. Contingents of hotel rooms have been reserved by the organisers and will be allocated according to entrance of bookings (first come first serve).
Joint event	The annual conference of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring, EN RLMM , will also take place in Lugano at almost the same time (on 5-6 September 2024). As in our community, discussions among panellists and within workshops will focus on skills shortages in this network. Participants of the annual meeting of the European WAPES region are invited to attend this event as well (a separate registration is not necessary for participants of the WAPES event). On 5th September WAPES and EN RLMM aim at hosting a joint seminar / workshop.

Accommodation

All participants are kindly requested to make necessary reservation for their accommodation (e.g. directly with the hotels or via the relevant booking portals).

As September is high season in Lugano and the number of hotel rooms is limited, several hotel rooms have been made available in four hotels for the two nights of 3-5 September 2024. Rooms will be allocated on a *first-come, first-served basis*. A deposit is required at the time of booking for rooms in **hotels 1-3. These rooms are only available until 20 June 2024.** If you choose hotel number 4, you will only be required to guarantee your booking by providing your credit card details. The rooms in the **4th hotel are available until 31/07/24.**



<p>1 Aquarello Piazza Cioccaro 9 6900 Lugano</p> <p>Booking link: Event V7: HOTEL BOOKING (e-vent.online)</p>	<p>Contingent reserved for 3-5 September 2024 (+ optional extension day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Single rooms, 132 CHF per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast) • 10 Double rooms, 132 CHF (single use) or 190 CHF (double use) per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast)
<p>2 Walter au Lac Piazza Riziero Rezzonico 7 6900 Lugano</p> <p>Booking link: Event V7: HOTEL BOOKING (e-vent.online)</p>	<p>Contingent reserved for 3-5 September 2024 (+ optional extension day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Single rooms, 175 CHF per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast) • 19 Double rooms, 235 CHF (single use) or 265 CHF double use (incl. VAT and. breakfast)
<p>3 Zurigo Corso Enrico Pestalozzi 13 6900 Lugano</p> <p>Booking link: Event V7: HOTEL BOOKING (e-vent.online)</p>	<p>Contingent reserved for 3-5 September 2024 (+ optional extension day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Double comfort rooms, 180 CHF (single use) or 220 CHF (double use) per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast)
<p>4 Hotel de la paix Via Cattori 18 CH-6900 Lugano</p> <p>Contact: booking@delapaix.ch, Refer to the booking code "WAPES"</p>	<p>Contingent reserved for 3-5 September 2024 (any extension requests must be made directly to the hotel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Single rooms, rooms, 174 CHF per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast) • 10 Double rooms (single use), 199 CHF per night (incl. VAT and. breakfast)

Registration

To facilitate the organisation of the meeting, we invite you to fill in the [online registration form](#) **before 15 July 2024**. (Please note hotel room contingents for hotels 1 to 3 are only reserved until 20 June those of hotel 4 until 31 July. Afterwards the contingents will expire.)

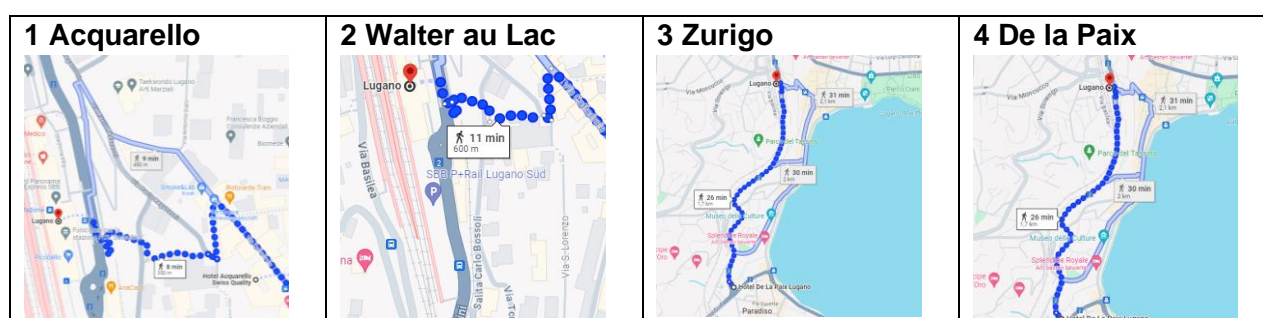
How to get to Lugano

Lugano can be reached via Zurich Airport, although the subsequent train connection is likely to take at least three hours. The best way to reach Lugano by plane is via Milan Airport (Italy). There are then hourly train and local transport connections to Lugano (each taking 1.5 to 2 hours). Lugano can also be easily reached by train from various regions of Europe.

How to get to the hotels from the central train station and to the venue from the hotels

Hotels 1-3 can be easily reached on foot from the main railway station (approx. 10 to 15 minutes). Hotel de la Paix (Hotel 4) is a little further away from the railway station (about 30 minutes on foot).

Bus connections can be researched at [Google Maps](#). After checking in at hotels in Lugano, guests are issued tickets for local public transport for the duration of their stay (see section VII). Public transport in Switzerland is very well developed and considered reliable.



The distance to the venue from hotels 1-3 is like the distance to the train station (20 minutes). For Hotel 4, you should allow about 40 minutes for walking. However, the USI (venue) is well served by public transport.

In case you would like to order a taxi, you could for example dial the following number: Tel. +41919442424

Cultural Visit

Following the conference day on **5 September**, we would like to invite you to take a leisurely stroll through the old town of Lugano. We invite you to listen to interesting anecdotes, discover hidden corners and get to know Lugano through the eyes of the locals.

After the walk there will be a short break, during which you can go back to your hotel, for example, before we gather for the conference dinner, which will take place on Monte San Salvatore.

Further information for visitors

- Guests staying in hotels, youth hostels or campsites can use **public transport in the canton of Ticino free of charge**. On arrival at the hotel, a card worth appr. CHF 50 per day is issued, which is valid until the day of departure.
- The **country code** for Switzerland is +41. The area code for Lugano is 091. To make an international phone call to Lugano, dial 004191 + remaining part of the telephone number.



- **Emergency (ambulance, police, and fire):** dial 112. You can also call them with a foreign SIM card or with a prepaid card without credit. Paramedics can also be reached by dialling 144.
- **Electricity supply:** The mains voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. The Swiss plug has three pins (type J in the illustration). Devices with a flat 2-pin Euro plug (type C) can usually be used without an additional adapter.

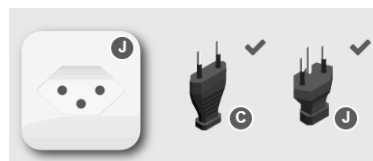


Illustration of a Swiss plug:

- **Currency:** The official currency in Switzerland is the Swiss francs (CHF). Cashless payments (using a debit or credit card, e.g. VISA) are very common in Switzerland.
- **Average temperature:** The average temperature in Lugano in September is 15.5 °C. Swimming in Lake Lugano should still be possible in September.
- To learn more about Lugano, please check [Lugano – Wikipedia](#)

Visa

Please note that any participant is responsible for obtaining – if applicable – a visa for entering Switzerland which is part of the Schengen space. Please also get into contact with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs if necessary. For further information, you may also visit [Entry \(admin.ch\)](#) and obtain information about e-visa procedures (e-visa, Countries exempted, etc). If you need a letter of invitation to obtain a visa, please notify this when you register online.

Contact Persons

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following persons (see below).

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