

Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals

Training Course

New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) & hazard assessment of chemicals

Practical Information



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General Information

Date&Time: 11-13th of June 2025
Venue: Brno, Czech Republic
Masaryk University RECETOX pavilion D29
Kamenice 5, 625 00 Brno, Czech Republic



GPS coordinates: 49°10'42.28"N, 16°34'17.26"E

About RECETOX

Founded in 1983, [RECETOX](#) is an independent department of Masaryk University's Faculty of Science. We are engaged in research and education in the fields of environment and health. Our main activities comprise of monitoring toxic compounds in the environment, various products, and human tissues, and evaluating the risks they pose, as well as their associated toxicological and ecotoxicological health effects; developing new sampling and analytical methods; developing new chemical tools and methodologies, biotechnologies and software tools. We are equipt to rapidly respond to new challenges concerning environmental contamination monitoring and exposure of the population to toxic compounds and their mixtures, and propose preventive and legislative measures, and offer appropriate interventions for chemicals management.

We work closely with various partners to safeguard human health and ecosystems from the effects of toxic compounds and to promote transfer of science into policy. In this respect, our main partner in the policy-making area is the Ministry of the Environment. Through hosting of the National Center for Toxic Compounds we support the Ministry in the implementation of chemical legislation and its international commitments. Furthermore, RECETOX serves as the Stockholm Convention Regional Center (SCRC) for capacity building and transfer of technology, through which it supports countries in Europe and Africa, as well as international institutions in the region.

RECETOX's Research Infrastructure is a centralized facility for the implementation of interdisciplinary research projects, and is divided into individual core facilities that analyze a wide range of anthropogenic natural substances and toxins in environmental or biological matrices, conduct long-term environmental and population studies, and develop sophisticated software tools for management, analysis, interpretation, and visualization of data.

RECETOX provides multidisciplinary education in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in the fields of environmental health, mathematical biology, and biomedicine.

About Brno

Brno is the capital of the South Moravia region and it is the second largest city in the Czech Republic with its population exceeding 400 thousand inhabitants. There are four universities with more than 120 000 students.

A number of brochures to download on sightseeing in Brno, maps, guidebooks, and history are available online: <https://www.czechtourism.com/t/brno/> and <https://www.gotobrno.cz/en/>.

Ensure to explore the two hills at the heart of the city. Petrov Hill offers a splendid view of the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul, while Špilberk Hill boasts the city's renowned castle, housing a museum and casemates. Historically recognized as the strictest prison in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, this castle holds a unique past. Adjacent to the Vegetable Market (Zelný trh) stands the Old Town Hall (Stará radnice), featuring the mythical Brno dragon in its passage, historical chambers, and an observation tower. You can take the unforgettable journey through the Brno underground, including the Labyrinth under the Vegetable Market (Labyrint pod Zelným trhem), the Mint Master's Cellar (Mincmistrovský sklep), and Europe's second-largest ossuary (kostnice u sv. Jakuba). For enthusiasts of sacred historical sites, don't miss the Church of St. James (Kostel sv. Jakuba) and the Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady (Bazilika Nanebevzetí Panny Marie).

For more information, photos, and tips, visit <https://www.gotobrno.cz/en/>

Getting to Brno

TRANSPORTATION FROM PRAGUE TO BRNO

From the Václav Havel Airport Prague

- Regiojet (previously the “Student Agency”) buses to Brno (journey takes approximately 3 hours). It is necessary to book the tickets in advance [HERE](#). The stop at the airport is located in front of Terminal 1.
- Alternatively, get on the direct bus called Airport Express from the airport to Prague's main train station. Continue by train from Praha hl. n. to Brno hl. n.

Buses arrive at the Brno bus terminal station in front of the Hotel Grand, which is approximately 3-minute walk from Brno Main Train Station.

From the city center

The easiest transportation is by train from Prague main train station to Brno main train station (Praha hl. n. to Brno hl.n.). The duration of the journey is approximately 3 hours. Tickets are available [HERE](#)

TRANSPORTATION FROM VIENNA TO BRNO

The easiest transportation from the Vienna Airport to Brno is by Regiojet trains or buses (Student Agency), Flixbus, or Gepard Express coaches. The duration of the travel is approximately 2,5 hours.

It is necessary to book the tickets in advance. Timetable and tickets can be seen and bought here:

<https://www.studentagency.eu/en/>.

Buses arrive at Brno bus terminal station in front of the Hotel Grand, which is approximately 3 minutes walk from Brno Main Train Station

Local Transport in Brno

The historical center of Brno is not a large area and can be covered by a pleasant walk in about 1 hour in total. The public transportation system in Brno is operated by DPMB. Ticket validity is based on the duration of travel and the zones covered. For travel within the city, a ticket for zones 100 and 101 would typically suffice.

Public transport operating hours:

- 5 a.m. – 10 p.m. (day timetable)
- 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. (night timetable)

Where to buy tickets:

- in the vehicles with your bank card (simply check in / check out a contactless ticket)
- newsagents, vending machines, railway stations

Costs:

- 15 mins: 20 CZK
- 60 mins: 25 CZK (for the ride to the Training venue)

The timetable and tickets can be seen [here](#).

How to reach the training venue

- reach the Brno Main Train Station (Hlavní nádraží stop), approximately 700m from Brno International Hotel and 150m from Grand Hotel and 350m from Continental Hotel
- board tram number 8 heading towards Nemocnice Bohunice
- get off the tram at the final stop - Nemocnice Bohunice (15 minutes)

- upon disembarking, you will notice a red building of the Masaryk University, approximately 50 m away, where is located the main entrance to the building

Information on timetable and tickets [here](#).

Parking

It is possible to park in the nearest shopping centre Campus Square - the first three hours are free, then you pay 40 crowns for the next hour.

There will be a few parking spaces at the university faculties, please contact us for further details.

Training Venue

The Training will be held in the RECETOX, Masaryk University Campus in Brno, Czech Republic.

To get to the RECETOX, please enter the red University Campus building through the main entrance, take the stairs to the left, and walk along the main corridor. Look out for Pavilion D29. We've attached a map of the University Campus to ensure a straightforward journey to the RECETOX.

Directions to the Training room will be provided in the building



Possible Accommodation

4* Hotel International Brno

<https://www.hotelinternational.cz/>



4* Hotel Continental Brno

<https://www.continentalbrno.cz/en>



4* Hotel Grand Brno

<https://grandhotelbrno.cz/en/>



Please note that all Training participants are responsible for covering the cost of the accommodation.

Currency and Payments

The local currency is the Czech Koruna or Czech Crown (Kč / CZK), for actual rate please consult www.cnb.cz/en/.

You can smoothly exchange your money for Czech koruna in any exchange office. Here are the nearest exchange offices to recommended hotels:

- Royal Exchange (Mečová 695/2, 602 00 Brno-střed, inside OC Velký Špalíček)
- Kirkuk s.r.o. (Masarykova 427, 602 00 Brno-město)
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It is also possible to withdraw money straight from ATMs, if your bank has an arrangement with banks in the Czech Republic.

You can pay by credit/debit cards in most places in the Czech Republic. Some restaurants, cafés and shops still accept only payments in cash

Language

Please note that the upcoming Training will be conducted in English only. Interpretation into other languages will not be available.

Lunch and Dinner

We have arranged for catering services to be available throughout the entire Training. We will consider all dietary requirements filled in the registration form.

Wi-Fi

Wifi will be available in the Training venue. We will give you details how to connect to wifi in follow up information.

Excursion to the CELSPAC biobank and trace analytical laboratories

We have also prepared optional excursions of the:

(i) local CELSPAC Biobank (date and time TBC)

(<https://www.recetox.muni.cz/en/services/celspac-population-studies>)

(ii) Trace Analytical laboratories (date and time TBC)

(<https://www.recetox.muni.cz/en/services/recetox-central-laboratories/trace-analytical-laboratory>)

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Emergency numbers

112 – European Emergency Number

(Police, Fire Service, Emergency Medical Service)

158 – Police

156 – Municipal Police

150 – Fire and Rescue Service 155 – Emergency Medical Service

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