



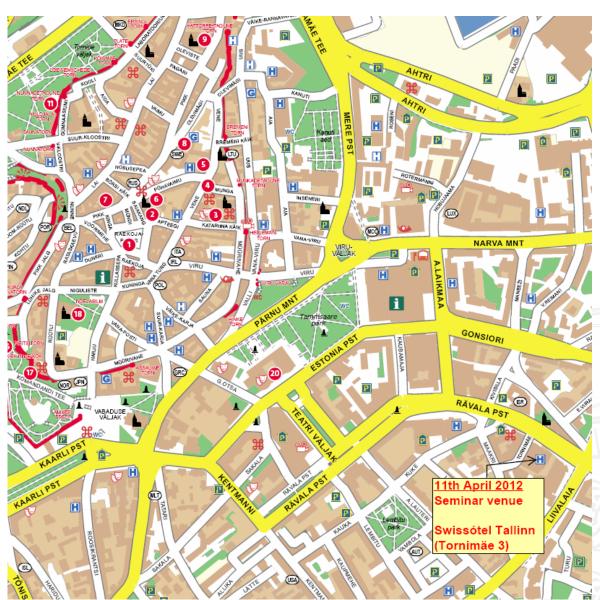


EIOPA XBRL Europe Seminar 11 April 2012 Tallinn Estonia

Seminar venue – Swissôtel Tallinn

Tornimäe 3 10145 Tallinn Estonia Conference room, 6th floor

To register for the event, please complete and return the registration form to <u>xbrlestonia@fi.ee</u> by **cob 30 March 2012** at the latest. For any further queries also please contact to <u>xbrlestonia@fi.ee</u>.



Hotel reservation, Estonian FSA has made a group reservation in **Swissôtel Tallinn** from 10th April 2012 till 11th April 2012.

If you would like to stay in this hotel, please book your room in advance by filling the individual booking form (group block code: 844556) and contacting directly to the reservation desk at:

- Tel +372 624 4444
- Fax +372 624 0001
- reservations.tallinn@swissotel.com

On arrival at Tallinn Airport, the best option would be to take a taxi. Taxi ride from the airport to city centre (Swissôtel) takes approximately 15 minutes (4 km). We suggest taking **Tulika taxi** (white cars) or **Tallink taxi** (yellow cars). The price to the city centre would be ca 6-7 euro. Credit card is accepted.

Taxi stands can be found in front of the terminal.

If you need to call for a taxi yourself, the best option is to contact:

Tulika taxi (white cars)

Phone: +372 612 0000, short dial: 1200

www.tulika.ee

Tallink taxi (yellow cars)

Phone: +372 640 8921, short dial: 1921

www.tallinktakso.ee

In case you choose another taxi, negotiate price beforehand.

Climate, the climate in Tallinn is characterized by a fairly cold winter, a cool spring with little precipitation, a moderately warm summer and a long and rainy autumn.

Average temperature in April is around 8°C with some unexpected heavy showers and wind.

Time, Estonia is in the Eastern European Time Zone: GMT + 2 hours.

Visa Regulations, Estonia is a part of the Schengen visa area.

Nationals of EU and EEA member states are free to enter Estonia. The required travel document for entry is a national ID card or passport. For more information about visa regulation please check website of Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.vm.ee

Currency Exchange, national currency: 1 Euro = 100 cents

Most of the larger hotels, stores and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Diner's Club and American Express.

Banks are plentiful and easy to find in Tallinn. Most are open from 9:00 to 18:00 on weekdays, while some offices are also open on Saturday mornings. All banks offer currency exchange services.

Exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, railroad station and major shopping centres.

Useful links:

Estonian Financial Supervision Authority: http://www.fi.ee
Tourist information (Estonia): http://www.visitestonia.com/
Tourist information (Tallinn): http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/eng

Weekend in Tallinn

• Demo Center

Estonia has found recognition as an IT-capable country and many technological services have been developed here, but the introduction and sale of these solutions in Estonia and abroad have been stunted until now. **The ICT Demo Center** will showcase the solutions intended for the public and the private sector and will show them functioning together. The Demo Center is intended not so much for demonstrating individual products of enterprises, but more for offering the integration-provided synergy and wholesome solutions.

The goal of the Center is to introduce information and communication technology solutions, to show examples of their usage possibilities in both private and public sector, and to shape the reputation of Estonia as an innovative and technologically developed country.

More information: www.demoestonia.eu

• Tallinn Old-Town

Master's Courtyard in Tallinn, in this medieval courtyard, visitors can shop for jewellery and handicrafts, view art exhibitions, talk to the artist. The workshop-studios for different arts and crafts, where visitors could observe, how master artists and artisans ply and create. Historically, the courtyard's oldest structures date back to the 13th century.

St. Catherine's Passage is a landmark combining master craftsmen's workshops with a medieval atmosphere. St. Catherine's Passage (Katariina käik) - **workshops** are situated in the buildings from the 15th to the 17th centuries. The open studios of artisans are now located here, and visitors can watch artists and craftsmen practise their craft daily.

Catacombs Under the Ingermanland and Swedish Bastions. The numerous and mysterious passages inside the bastions were constructed in the 17th century. The earliest passages were obviously constructed in the 1630ies. The tunnels for the passages were made of limestone. Today, the passages are opened to the public.

More information about attractions: http://tourism.tallinn.ee/fpage/explore/attractions/az

• Around Tallinn

Kadriorg park – the best place in town for relaxed strolling, pigeon feeding and life pondering. It was set up in 1718 as part of the palace estate, but has always been open to the public. In spring and summer visitors can see beautiful, manicured gardens and flowerbeds here, but most of the park has retained the look of the natural landscape, with meadows and forest groves. A good spot for starting a Kadriorg tour is the rectangular Swan Pond on Weizenbergi street, with its fountain, gazebo and birds. Nearby the Swan Pond are several of the palace's auxiliary buildings, some of which house cafés and museums. Opposite the palace gates is a small guard house, a kitchen building and an ice cellar. The kitchen building is home to the Mikkeli Museum, which displays an impressive collection of imported art. An uphill stroll from here leads past flower beds to another fountain area, closer to the KUMU art museum.

The KUMU (KUnstiMUuseum) - **Art Museum** - is a modern design for a multifunctional museum by Finnish contemporary architect Pekka Vapaavuori, the winner of the international competition. Kumu Art Museum is a multifunctional art museum that includes exhibition halls, an auditorium that offers diverse

possibilities and an education centre for children and art lovers of all ages. http://www.ekm.ee/eng/ekm.php

The Tallinn Song Festival Grounds - this huge outdoor spot has been the venue of Estonians main national festivities since the 19th century. These grounds have a special place in the hearts of Estonians. It was here in 1988 that the Singing Revolution, a massive, musical demonstration against Soviet rule, set Estonia on its road towards independence. http://www.lauluvaljak.ee/eng

Pirita - residential and beach area; here Tallinn hosted the Olympic Sailing Regatta in 1980. Huge ruins of the St.Brigitte's convent are still standing in the centre of Pirita, making it an excellent venue for outdoor performances. The spot is often used for concerts, most notably those of the Birgitta Festival, which happens here each August. Nearby is the modern building of the St. Bridgettine Order, who reestablished a convent here in 2001. http://www.piritaklooster.ee/?lang=en

Visit of **Open Air Museum Rocca al Mare** - a walking tour through beautiful forest area on the sea coast, where authentic examples of the 18-19th century rural architecture like farmhouses, country inn, windmills, chapels etc. are displayed together with corresponding furniture and household appliances. http://www.evm.ee/keel/eng/

