



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General

Will the Conference be recorded or live streamed? We will live stream the Ignite presentations on September 17 at 4:30 pm (Belgrade time) via [GDFDRR's Twitter account](#) and an interview with [Melissa Sterry](#) on September 19 at 3:30 pm (Belgrade time) via the [World Bank's Facebook](#) account. All other sessions will not be live stream as the purpose is for interested people to join us at the conference!

Will there be translation available? Yes. Translation will be provided for the opening and closing ceremonies. Technical sessions will also be translated in Room B.

Agenda and Logistics

When can we expect to see the full program? The latest [UR Balkans program](#) is available here! The [UR Balkans agenda](#) is also available. All abstracts for technical sessions have been posted online. You can find them at the program.

Where will UR Balkans Conference be held? UR Balkans Conference will be held at the Belgrade City hall on September 17, and in Yugoslav Film Archive Museum on September 18-19 in Belgrade, Serbia.

When is the opening day? When does the main conference start? The opening day is Monday, September 17. The main conference begins the morning (08:00 am) of Tuesday, September 18 and runs until the closing ceremony on Wednesday, September 19 (5:00 pm). Technical sessions occur on both days of the main conference. See the [agenda](#). There will be a pre-conference event on Monday, September 17 for young professionals of under 35 years.

I see "Ignite Presentations" on the agenda on Monday afternoon. What are they? Ignites are fast-paced presentations designed to keep the audience engage. Representatives from technical sessions have 5 minutes to "pitch" the audience their session on the opening night to get them to come to their technical session the following days. But 5 minutes goes by quickly because there are 20 slides that auto-rotate every 15 seconds. Ignites are a tradition at UR conferences and can be best thought of as a performance, rather than a lecture.

Will you provide food? Yes, we will offer breakfast and lunch on Days 2 & 3 (September 18 & 19).

When I arrive to the venue, can you hold my luggage? No luggage will be accepted or checked.

I have never been to the Balkans. What should I expect? September temperatures are pleasant and vary between 13.7 - 23.3°C. In Belgrade and its wide vicinity, the mean September precipitation will be around 52 mm. Make sure you dress keeping local weather conditions in mind. Young people in Belgrade tend to know English very well. You will have no problems at hotels, restaurants and shops.

Will there be space to network? There will be plenty of opportunities to network. Make sure you read the full program and look at who will be participating. That way you will ensure that you get the most out of the conference.

Registration

Is registration open? Registration is no longer open. We are at full capacity.

Is there a registration fee? No.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event? Yes, preferably bring your printed ticket. Most importantly, bring an official photo ID that matches your registration.

Is my registration ticket transferrable? No, your ticket cannot be transferred to anyone. This is because we will make sure that attendees are genuinely interested in disaster risk management and related topics, as well as for security purposes.

Will you accept registrations on site? No, we will not accept registrations on site.

Transportation, Accommodation & Visas

Do I need to book my transportation and hotel? Yes, you are responsible for booking your own flight, hotel and other types of transportation. While we will focus on delivering an amazing UR Balkans, we will help speakers.

Do I need a visa for Serbia? It depends. Please take a look at the webpage of Serbia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs' [here](#).

I need help booking my hotel. Can you give recommendations? We will be uploading hotel recommendations soon. Please make sure you book well ahead to ensure that you have a hotel room.

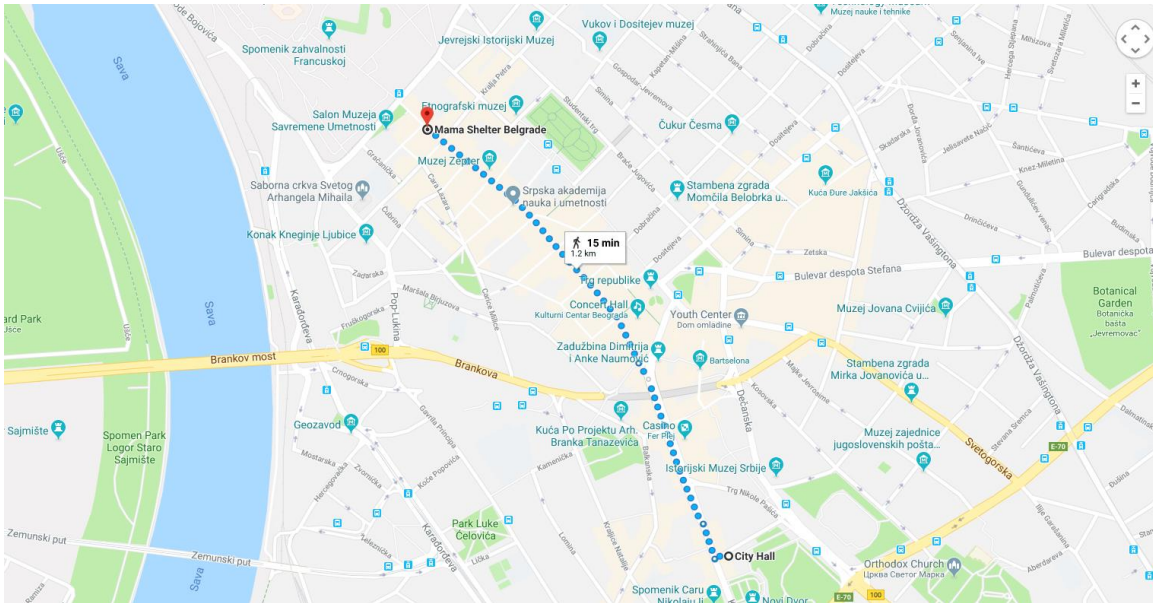
How can I get a taxi? You can get a taxi at official spots in the airport and the train station. As a rule of thumb, always be careful with the taxis you take (make sure you write down their plate numbers). For additional questions, please refer to the Logistics Note which will be shared soon.

How far is Belgrade City Hall from Belgrade Main railway station? The main railway station is [Bivša Železnička stanica](#). It is about a 12-minute walk.

How far is Belgrade City Hall from the Nikola Tesla Belgrade international airport? It is a 20-minute taxi ride, depending on the traffic.

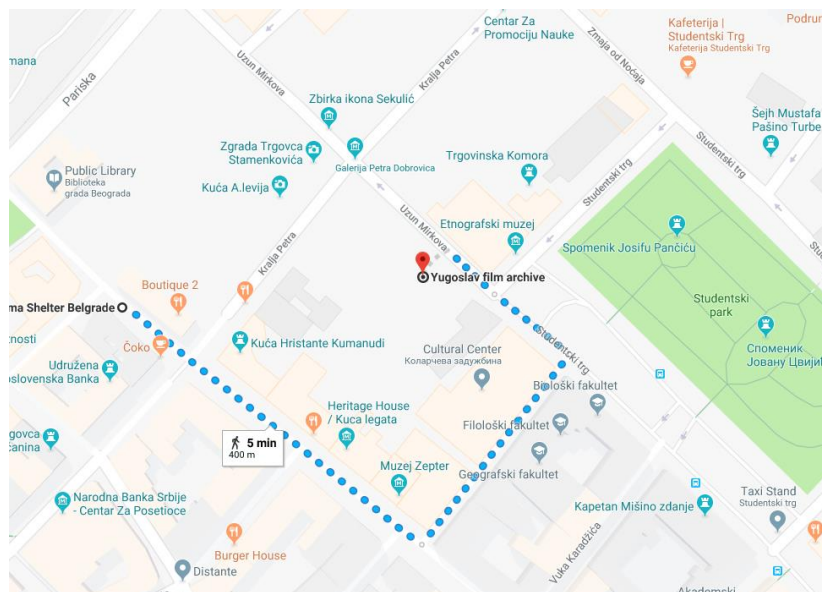
How far is the Belgrade City Hall from Mama Shelter Hotel? (Relevant for Day 1.) They are not too far from each other: they are at a 15-minute walk distance. Please take a look at the map:

Map 1: Distance from Mama Shelter hotel to Belgrade City Hall



How far is the Yugoslav Film Archive Museum from Mama Shelter Hotel? (Relevant for Days 2 & 3.) The walk between these two buildings is only 5 minutes. You can safely go back and forth. Please take a look at the map:

Map 2: Distance from Mama Shelter hotel to Yugoslav Film Archive Museum



How far is the Yugoslav Film Archive Museum from Belgrade Main railway station? They are an approximately 23-minute walking distance. It is advisable that you get a taxi to get there on time.

How far is the Yugoslav Film Archive Museum from the Nikola Tesla Belgrade international airport? They are a 20-minute ride. Please be advised that for international flights, you need to be at the airport 3 hours before your departure.

Technical sessions

How long are the technical sessions? They are 90 minutes long.

When are the technical sessions? Technical Sessions will happen on Tuesday, September 18, and Wednesday, September 19. See the [agenda](#).

Will the sessions be live streamed or recorded? While we will not live stream technical sessions, we will do so for the Ignite presentations and Melissa Sterry's interview.

What equipment can I expect to be provided for my session? We will provide WiFi, projector/screen or LCD TVs, and laptops for presentations. If you require anything further, please let us know in advance, but we may not be able to provide as the conference approaches.

Can I still participate as a technical session lead? Calls for proposals are closed now. If you have any ideas, please send them to Vica Bogaerts at vbogaerts@worldbank.org.

Ignites

When are the Ignite presentations? Ignite presentations are on the afternoon / evening of Monday, September 17.

Am I required to do an Ignite? All session leads are required to do an Ignite. In total, there will be 12 Ignite presentations.

Is there an Ignite rehearsal? Must the Ignite presenter attend the rehearsal? The main, in-person rehearsal will be on Monday morning, September 17 in Belgrade City Hall. It is required that the presenter attend the rehearsal if s/he wants to present on Monday afternoon.

Do you have any helpful hints on delivering a great Ignite? Absolutely! Download the [UR Ignite Presentation guide](#). Practice is key!

Content

What are some interactive tools that can be used to poll the audience? We have experience working with [Mentimeter](#), [PollEverywhere](#) and [Slido](#).

Deadlines

Action

Session Title and Abstract

Submit List of Panelists

Abstract and Format

Lead-Up Preparation

Final Abstract, PPTs, and other Session material

Registration closes

Ignite Rehearsal

Understanding Risk Balkans Conference

Provide Summary of Session for Proceedings

Download the [Guide for Session Leads](#) here.

Timeline

May 1, 2018

May 20, 2018

June 15, 2018

July-August, 2018

September 3, 2018

September 10, 2018

September 17, 2018

September 17-19, 2018

October 15, 2018