



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE ASIA-EUROPE SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE (AESCON)

23-25 SEPTEMBER 2020 | SINGAPORE

The European Union, through the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS), in collaboration with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Center for China & Globalization (CCG) have the honour to inform you of the organisation of the Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity Scientific Conference (AESCON) to be held in Singapore, from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September 2020.

### 1. Conference venues

- **Day 1 (Opening Day) - 23 September**  
**Park Hotel Alexandra**  
Address: 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159972  
Tel: +65 6828 8888  
Website: <https://www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/alexandra>
- **Day 2 & 3 (Scientific sessions) – 24 and 25 February:**  
**Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Headquarter**  
Address: 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119595  
Tel: +65 6874 9700  
Website: <http://www.asef.org/about/contact>

More information on our website <https://www.aescon.org>

### 2. Accommodation

AESCON has negotiated a special rate at the [Park Hotel Alexandra](#) (this is also the venue for the first day of the conference) where you can benefit from a special rate of 223.63 SGD NETT with breakfast per room per night (single room) secured by the event team. To book your room, please contact Ms Jennifer Xue.

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Address: 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159972 | Tel: +65 6828 8888  
Booking code: **AESCON**

Participants are free to book into any hotel - we remind you to check the time it will take to travel from the hotel to the conference venue.



### 3. Transportation

#### From Changi Airport

Participants should make their own travel arrangements from the airport to the hotel and back.

#### Directions from Changi Airport to Park Hotel Alexandra:

- Public transportation: The journey takes approximately 1 hour. Take MRT train at Changi Airport MRT Station to Tanah Merah Station (2 stops). Board the train towards Tuas Link and stop at Queenstown Station (15 stops). Take Exit B and board Bus Service 195 for 2 stops (before IKEA). Walk 1 minute to Park Hotel Alexandra.
- Taxi: The journey takes approximately 30 minutes and costs between S\$20 and S\$40. All fares are metered.

#### To conference venue on 24 and 25 September:

For participants staying at Park Hotel Alexandra, complementary transfer will be provided to the conference venue (ASEF) on 24 and 25 September.

See more in [Getting Around Singapore](#).

### 4. Visa and Insurance

Singapore offers visa-free entry or visa on arrival to citizens of 44 (out of 51) [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) countries – see the [ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal](#) for an interesting overview. Specific information on visas can be found [here](#).

Participants requiring an entry visa should make their own arrangements to obtain such visa and any further documentation that may be required. In some particular cases a nominal invitation letter may be required in order to obtain a visa. AESCON Organising Committee will issue such a nominal invitation letter to enrolled participants upon request.

Participants should take care of any travel & health insurance at their own expenses. We advise that insurance should cover health and medical issues, travel insurance (such as unexpected cancellations or delays) and luggage insurance.

## 5. Local Information

### Updates on COVID-19 Local Situation

Updates by the Ministry of Health on COVID-18 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) can be found [here](#).

### Weather

The climate in Singapore in September is warm, with temperatures averaging around 31°C in the daytime. September marks the end of the Southwest Monsoon Season. Read more [here](#).

### Currency and Money Exchange

Singapore's official currency is the Singapore Dollar (SGD). ATMs are widely available across Singapore, and major credit cards are accepted in most places.

### Electricity Supply

In Singapore the electricity supply is 230V at 50Hz. The plugs are type G – these are the same plugs as used in the UK, and participants from most countries will need a plug adaptor. You can find out more details [here](#).

## 6. Sites of Interest

- **Singapore Botanic Gardens:** The Singapore Botanic Gardens was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015. It is the first and only tropical garden on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. [Guided Tours](#) are organised on Saturdays.
- **Garden by the Bay:** Located by the Marina Bay Waterfront in the heart of Singapore, [Garden by the Bay](#) is a sanctuary for nature lovers and budding horticulturalists alike.
- **Jewel Changi Airport:** Discover how artistry and nature intertwines at [Jewel Changi Airport](#).
- **Cultural Performances:** you can check the programme of performances and exhibitions of Esplanade – [Theatres on the Bay](#) art centre and the [Arts House](#).

Visit [www.visitsingapore.com](http://www.visitsingapore.com) to find out what Singapore has to offer.

## 7. Queries

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to address them to [info@aescon.org](mailto:info@aescon.org)

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