

# FSCD 2024 IN TALLINN, ESTONIA



# Organizing Team

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Members of the team have previously organized a number of international events in Tallinn. They know the potential venues in the city well. They are experienced in budgeting and running an international conference in TCS. Niccolò Veltri was general chair of PPDP/LOPSTR in 2021.

## Organizational and Financial Support

- Estonian Convention Bureau (<https://www.ecb.ee/>) supports conference organizers with information, events to get to know venues, services providers etc. The Tourist Board of Tallinn (<https://visittallinn.ee/eng/professional>) also supports conference organizers with their know-how. These services are free.
- Enterprise Estonia supports conference organization with grants funded by the European Regional Development Fund (<https://eas.ee/en/grants/support-for-international-conferences/>). The conditions of this grant scheme may be too rigid and constraining to be useful for organizing a conference like FSCD.
- The department is positive about increasing its visibility through conference organization and is happy to offer administrative help free of charge. The university is supportive of conference organization in declarations, but in 2021 the university's finance office took us by surprise by taking 15 pct of the fees we had collected as overheads. If the university does not change their policy, we will run FSCD through some non-profit association (we could approach, e.g., the Estonian Mathematical Society).
- For ticketing (registration, invoicing and fee collection), we plan to use the services of the Estonian start-up Fienta (<https://fienta.com/organizer>). They can handle federated conferences with a complicated fee structure, the organizer is in control of the setup and can change it dynamically if

needed, can see the status of all registrations at any moment. The company's commission fee on registrations is 3.5 pct, which includes credit card transaction fees by their providers; registrations of participants that do not pay (e.g., online participants) are processed for free.

## Accessibility of the Location

- Tallinn is mainly accessible by plane via the Tallinn Lennart Meri airport (IATA: TLL, <https://www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/>), which is located 4 km southeast of the city centre and connected to it by bus and tram lines. A number of airlines operate routes at Tallinn airport, including airBaltic, Finnair, LOT, Lufthansa, Norwegian, Ryanair, SAS, Swiss, Turkish and Wizz Air.

The main airline hubs to connect to Tallinn are Frankfurt (Lufthansa), Riga (airBaltic) and Helsinki (Finnair). Apart from connections to Tallinn through Riga, airBaltic also has direct flights to Tallinn from Amsterdam, Paris, Munich.

Tallinn can also be reached by ferry from Helsinki and Stockholm, and by bus from Riga and Vilnius.

- Tallinn has an excellent municipal transportation network (<https://transport.tallinn.ee/#/en>) with many bus, trolleybus and tram lines that run frequently (many services every 6-10 mins during peak hours) and punctually. The ticket for one ride is 1.50€.

Taxis and ride-share services are relatively cheap, especially Bolt (<https://bolt.eu/en/cities/tallinn>) and Forus (<https://forustakso.ee/en/>). E.g. a ride with Bolt between the airport and the city centre costs less than 10€.

## Suggested Dates

We propose 26 June–2 July, which is right after Estonia's major national holiday (Jaanipäev, St John's = Midsummer Day) on 23–24 June.

Another natural possibility would be co-locating FSCD with ICALP/LICS, which are going to be organized in Tallinn by Pawel Sobocinski in summer 2024 (the suggested dates of ICALP/LICS are yet to be revealed).

## Registration Fees

We estimate the following registration fees for FSCD 2024:

- Regular in-person participation: 300-400€
- Student in-person participation: 150-200€

We will try to keep remote participation free of charge.

In-person workshops participation: 200-250€, or 100-150€ for FSCD participants.

## Possible Venues

There are many places in the city that can accommodate an event like FSCD 2024, with a suitable plenary hall and a good number of smaller rooms for workshops, with adequate internet connectivity. The required audiovisual equipment (also for online streaming) and professional technical support is either available at the venue or can be ordered from a company specializing in these services, e.g., Art Konverentsitehnika (<http://artko.ee/in-english/>).

Possibilities include:

- Tallinn Teacher's House (in the Old Town)  
<https://opetajatemaja.ee/en/majast/>  
It hosted PPDP/LOPSTR 2021.
- House of the Brotherhood of the Blackheads (in the Old Town)  
<https://www.filharmonia.ee/en/mustpeademaja>  
It hosted ICFP/GPCE/TFP 2005, CADE 2005, Testcom-FATES/FORTE 2007, TYPES 2015.

- Kultuurikatel (just outside the Old Town)  
<https://kultuurikatel.ee/en/>
- Swissotel (in the city)  
<https://www.swissotel.com/hotels/tallinn/>  
It hosted ETAPS 2012.

Tallinn University of Technology also has appropriate facilities for hosting the event, e.g. the Maritime Academy (<https://taltech.ee/en/estonian-maritime-academy>), which hosted MFCS 2021.

**Physical vs Online Event:** We plan for a hybrid event. Even if the pandemic will be over (which we very much hope), we want that people that cannot travel (for financial difficulty, health issues, family situation, any other reason) can participate.

## Accommodation

There are plenty of hotels, hostels and apartments in the city centre. Examples include:

### Hotels:

- Kalev SPA (almost in the Old Town)  
<http://kalevspa.ee/>
- Meriton Old Town Garden Hotel (in the Old Town)  
<https://www.meritonhotels.com/>
- L'Ermitage (just outside the Old Town)  
<http://www.lermitagehotel.ee/>

### Hostels:

- Fat Margaret's Hostel (in the Old Town)  
<http://www.fatmargarets.ee/>
- Tallinn Backpackers (in the Old Town)  
<http://www.tallinnbackpackers.com/>

Some representative prices:

- Double room in Kalev SPA (including unlimited use of water park, saunas and gym): 65€ per night.
- Twin room in Fat Margaret's Hostel: 34€ per night.

## Restaurants

The best local restaurants specialize in modern Estonian cuisine, an exciting fusion of Nordic and Eastern European influences. Just some good restaurants in the city include:

- Restoran Pegasus (in the Old Town)  
<https://restoranpegasus.ee/en/home/>
- Restoran Moon (just outside the Old Town)  
<https://restoranmoon.ee/en/>
- Restoran Salt (in Kadriorg)  
<https://saltrestoran.ee/>

A meal at these restaurants, including main course, beverage and dessert, would typically cost around 25€. There are also many budget-friendly cafes and street food vendors in and around the city centre, especially in the new Balti Jaam market behind the central train station.

## Leisure Activities

There are many touristic and leisure activities which one can indulge in in Tallinn during summertime. The municipality's official tourist info site is here: <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng>

Above all there is the medieval Old Town of Tallinn with its views and atmosphere, a UNESCO World Heritage site. There are green spaces like the Kadriorg park or the Kadriorg-Pirita seaside promenade. Some attractive museums and exhibition spaces include:

- KUMU (Estonian Art) and other branches of the Estonian Art Museum  
<https://kumu.ekm.ee/en/>
- Estonian Open Air Museum (rural buildings from different parts of the country)  
<https://evm.ee/eng/home>
- Seaplane Harbour  
<https://meremuuseum.ee/lennusadam/en/>
- Patarei Prison (crimes of communism)  
<https://patareiprison.org/en/>
- Fotografiska (photography)  
<https://www.fotografiska.com/tallinn/>

The Telliskivi and Noblessner areas, which are at a walking distance from Tallinn's Old Town, offer plenty of restaurants, bars and clubs. Estonia is also a well-recognized hub for craft beer, there are many good pubs and tap rooms scattered around Tallinn's city centre.

Tallinn has a number of water parks and swimming pools, which always include traditional Estonian saunas. Entry fees are friendly. There are also a couple of nice beaches in the city (Pirita, Stroomi, Kakumäe), easily reachable by public transportation.