

Practical information

Augment City is happy to host the sixth and final meeting of ITU-T Focus Group on "Environmental Efficiencyfor Artificial Intelligence and other Emerging Technologies" (FG-AI4EE) in **Aalesund, Norway**

- **Tuesday 30 November 2022:** ITU Workshop on Environmental Efficiency for AI and other emerging technologies
 - Meeting room: Future Lab (6th Floor)
- 1-2 December 2022: Focus Group meeting
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The events will take place in at Augment City's office at the *Norwegian Maritime Competence Center* (NMK), *Borgundvegen 340, 6009 Ålesund, Norway*

The venue is located right across the street from the University and is 3 km away from Aalesund city centre.

NMK houses several large companies within the research and maritime sector, the Future lab and is right across the street from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).



Visa

Participants from the following countries do not need to apply for a visa. Please bring your passport for identification purposes. You can check if you need to apply for a visa and which documentation is necessary here:

Want to apply: Visit and holiday - UDI

Persons who do not need a visa to visit Norway (visa-free) - UDI

COVID-19 in Norway

Norway currently has no COVID-19 restrictions. You can use a facemask by choice, but it's not mandatory. Most Norwegians now live their life as before COVID-19

Climate in November/December

In Aalesund, you are advised to carry your warm sweaters and jackets. Although snow is unlikely, the temperature is predicted to be approximately 4-10 °C (39-50°F) with a chance of rain. The sun sets at around 19:00 in the evenings.

For updated weather forecast, please visit <u>Yr – Ålesund – Langtidsvarsel</u>

Coffee and lunch facilities

If you have any diet or allergy restrictions, please let the Host, Ms Camilla Perander (post@osc.no) know in advance via email.

Transportation

From Aalesund Airport Vigra, it is possible to use airport express (bus) or taxi. Airport Express takes 30 minutes from the airport to Aalesund city centre and has departures after most flights. Taxi takes 20 minutes.

Ms Camilla Perander can help participants check if the airport express corresponds with their flight.

Taxis are expensive in Norway and therefore it can be cheaper to use the Airport Express unless you are 4 people in the taxi. In that case, it would be cheaper to take a taxi.

Ålesund Taxi: +47 70 10 30 00

Prices:

Fixed price from the airport to hotels in the city centre: 415 NOK (40 \in) (up to 4 people). Price between airport and NMK: No fixed prices. Approx. 500 NOK (49-50 \in)

Taxi between hotels and NMK: No fixed prices. Approx 180-200 NOK (17 - 20€) depending on the traffic.

Airport Express: (same prices to/from airport.)

NMK - airport – 119 NOK one way (11-12€) Aalesund city centre – Airport – 109 NOK one way (10€)

How to get to the venue

FRAM Møre og Romsdal fylkeskommune

Bus from Aalesund City Centre to NMK

Busline 1, 11, 12 stops by NMK. Tickets are cheaper if you buy them with an app FramMR. (se attached picture of app, which can be downloaded for free from Google Play Store (FRAM – Apper på Google Play) or Appstore.

A ticket costs 39 NOK (4 \in) each way. You can also buy your ticket on the bus, but this costs 20 NOK (2 \in) extra per ticket. Buses accept cash or card, but they prefer if you pay with a debit card.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to buy a pass for one week, only one month which costs 650NOK (approx. $65 \in$).

Electricity

Standard electrical voltage in Norway is 220V AC, 50Hz. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use non-European standard electrical appliances. European-type plugs come with two round pins (see infographic). Adapters are available in most hardware stores.



Useful information

In Norway, you can pay by using a debit or credit card which is accepted in all restaurants, shops, taxi etc. You may pay with cash, but it is common to use a card instead.

Currency: Norwegian kroner (NOK)

Phone: The Norwegian country code is +47 / 0047

Norwegian ambulance: 113

Emergency doctor 116 117

Police: 112

Firefighters: 110

Wi-Fi

The venue has free Wi-Fi. We will give out the password at arrival. Many cafés and restaurants offer free Wi-Fi. Internet on smartphones works everywhere, but please check the cost with your mobile provider. All EU-citizens can use internet on their smartphone for the same cost as in their home country. Please check with your phone operator for the terms.

Hotels

We recommend that the participants find a hotel in Aalesund City Centre. Augment City recommends Quality Hotel Waterfront. NB: the hotel can't host all the participants.

Quality Hotel Waterfront Nedre Strandgate 25-27, 6004 Ålesund Tlf: + 47 70 11 19 00

- Price for a single room: 1230 NOK (approx. 120€)
- Price for double room: 1440 NOK (approx. 140€)

To get the **discounted price**, please refer to group number **1120GR015163** and send booking to <u>q.waterfront@choice.no/</u> 70111900. Price is valid until 07.11.2022 and there is a limited amount of rooms.

Webpage: Hotell Ålesund | Quality Hotel Waterfront (nordicchoicehotels.no)



Other hotels that's located in Aalesund city centre

- Hotel Brosundet
 Apotekergata 1-5, 6004 Ålesund
 Tlf: + 47 70 10 33 00
 Webpage: <u>https://www.brosundet.no</u>
- Scandic Parken Ålesund Storgata 16, 6002 Ålesund Tlf: +47 70 13 23 00 Webpage: <u>https://www.scandichotels.no/Parken</u>
- Thon Hotel Ålesund Molovegen 6, 6004 Ålesund Tlf: +47 70 10 20 80 Webpage: <u>Thon Hotel Ålesund | Thon Hotels</u>

About Aalesund

Aalesund is a city in the northwest region in Norway with 67 340 inhabitants. It's close to the sea and near mountains.

The local businesses are often maritime oriented, and Aalesund is known for its fishery industry and has the biggest fish harbour in Norway. You also find a large container harbour and general export. In the area around Aalesund, you can find many shipyards. The region also has many furniture factories and headquarters.

In 1904, Aalesund experienced a large city fire. After almost all houses in the city burned to the ground, it took a few years to re-build the city. Now Aalesund is known for its jugged architecture, and we strongly recommend a walk in the city centre to enjoy the beautiful architecture



From the city centre you can walk the 418 steps up to Fjellstua to enjoy the view. In the summer season, it costs 100 NOK (10 Euros) to access the view. Since the meeting will be held in late November you might be able to enjoy the view without paying the fee.

We look forward to your attendance!