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Subject: Invitation to the second RA VI Regional Scientific Forum:
Bridging Research and Operations in an Earth-System Approach:
Increasing Water and Heat Resilience in RA VI,
Prague, Czechia, 4–6 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association (RA) VI (Europe) and the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the second RA VI Regional Scientific Forum, to be held in person from 4 to 6 November 2025 at the Pyramida Hotel in Prague, Czechia. The Forum will also offer the possibility of remote connection to facilitate broader engagement. The connection link will be shared with the pre-registered participants.

Themed “Bridging Research and Operations in an Earth-System Approach: Increasing Water and Heat Resilience in RA VI”, the Forum will bring together scientific institutions, operational services, partner agencies, and stakeholders to discuss the manifold impacts of extreme water and heat events for health and environment in the region and to explore cutting-edge solutions to address them. It will build on the outcomes of the first RA VI Forum and align with regional priorities for science-informed service delivery under the WMO Long-Term Goals 1 and 3, which aim to strengthen the connection between science, services, and policy to enhance the societal benefits of weather, climate, hydrological and environmental services.

The event will feature:

- Keynotes and panel discussions with experts from global programmes, including the WMO research programmes, the European Commission, academic institutions, and civil protection agencies;
- An AI Information Day (Day 2) focused on data, modelling and AI integration in meteorology and hydrology;
- Interactive sessions and a final dialogue on translating science into policy and operations.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA VI with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers of RA VI and Partner Agencies

I am pleased to announce that the Forum will also host the following:

- Poster sessions, with themes aligned to the sessions on extreme events, data/AI applications, and hydrology. Participants are invited to submit A1-format posters (max. 20 per session). We will be pleased to create a downloadable digital booklet compiling all posters, which will be made available through a public Poster Gallery on the event website for broader visibility and post-event reference;
- Marketplace opportunities: During the poster session, a space will be reserved for participants to share funding opportunities, collaborative initiatives, calls for proposals, job openings, and poster-guided networking. Participants are invited to bring material, poster(s) and be available for further clarifications.

I kindly invite Member States and partners to actively engage in these components by registering their poster contributions and sharing relevant opportunities.

Please refer to the [Provisional Agenda](#). A more detailed tentative programme and supporting information will be made available on [the event website](#) shortly. An Information Note on local arrangements and practical information is attached for ease of your reference.

To facilitate planning and access to venue or remote connection links, you are invited to pre-register **by 20 July 2025** via [this link](#).

I count on your participation and contributions to make this Forum a dynamic platform for advancing resilience and science-based collaboration in RA VI.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

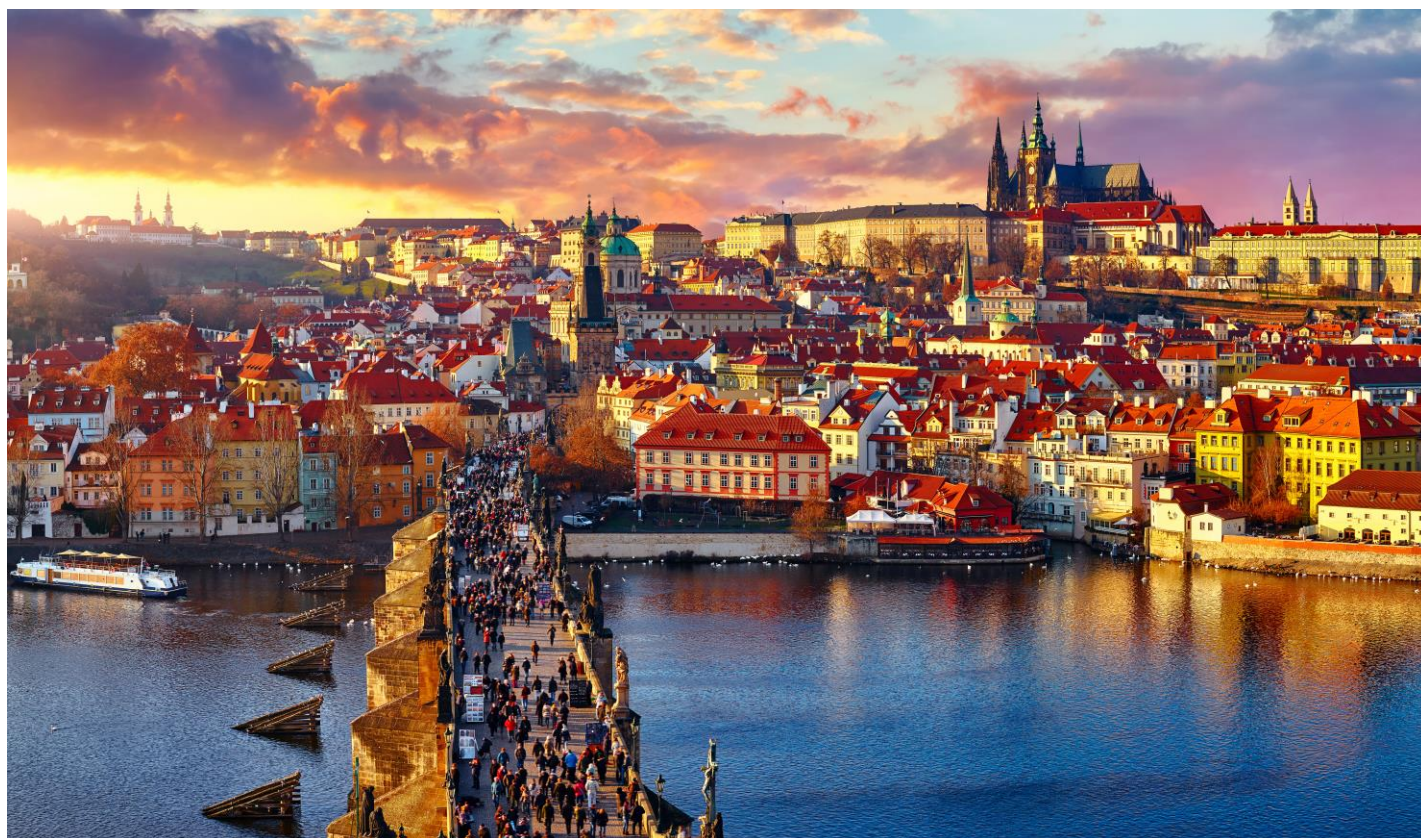
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SECOND REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC FORUM

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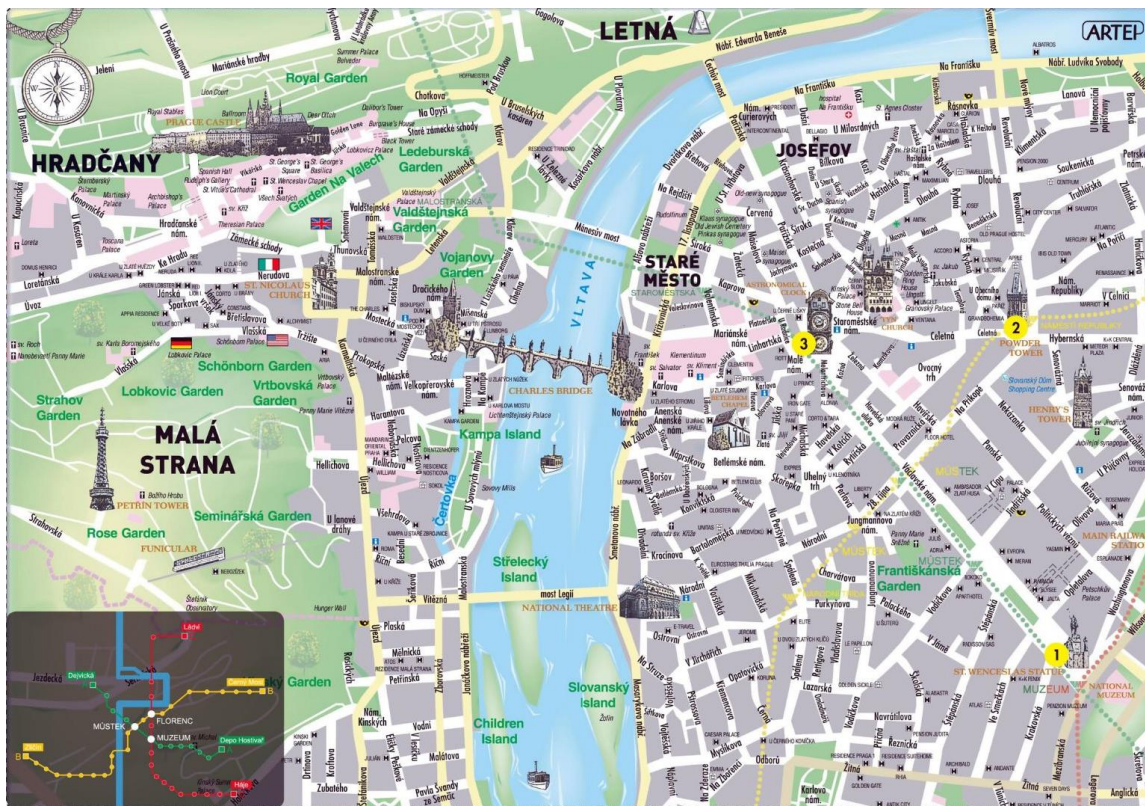
“Increasing water and heat resilience in RA VI”

OREA Hotel Pyramida, Prague, Czechia
4–6 November 2025



Information Note for Participants

The RA VI Scientific Forum will take place from 4 to 6 November 2025 in Prague, Czech Republic. The event is organized by the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHMI) in cooperation with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).



<https://cs.maps-prague.com/>

1. VISA

Czechia is part of the Schengen Area. All visitors are required to have a valid passport or ID card, even when travelling between two Schengen Area countries. Passports must be valid for at least three months after the intended date of departure. Participants who require an entry visa should take the necessary steps to obtain it in good time.

Please check whether you need a visa at:

https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/types_of_visas/index.html

2. FORUM VENUE

The Forum will take place at the **OREA Hotel Pyramida, Bělohorská 24, 169 00 Prague 6, Czechia.**

The main sessions will be held in the **Cinema Hall DLABAČOV**, with registration located in the adjacent foyer area.

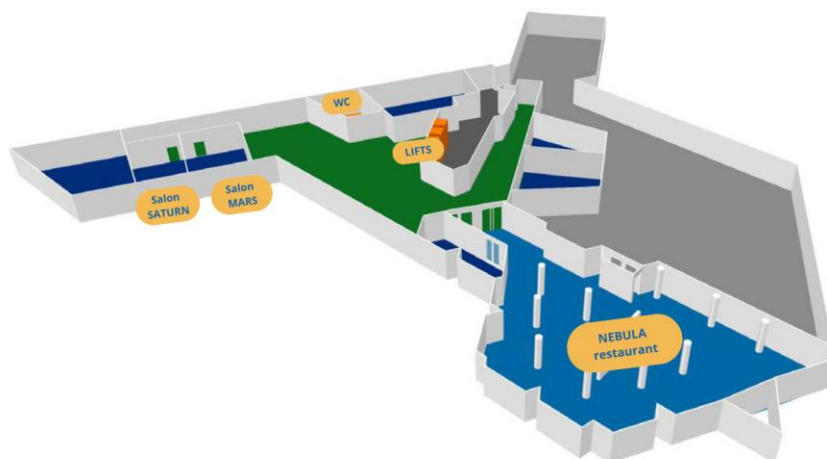
The hotel is easily accessible by public transport and is located near Prague Castle and Petřín Hill. For details on how to get there from the airport or train station, please refer to Section 4 – Transportation.

Please see the venue maps below to help you navigate within the hotel:

Venue map – ground floor – Forum in the Cinema Hall Dlabačov



Venue map – 1st floor / meeting rooms + Nebula restaurant (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Should you need any assistance on-site, the WMO registration desk will be staffed throughout the event near the cinema hall entrance.

3. FORUM ORGANIZATION

Tentative schedule

The Forum is expected to start at 09:00 local time on November 4 and conclude at 12:30 on November 6.

Registration

Participants should register on 4 November 2025 between 08:30 and 09:00 in the entrance hall of the Cinema hall Dlabačov.

Working Language

English will be the only working language, and there will be no interpretation services available.

Internet access

Wireless Internet access will be available at the venue. Instructions will be provided at the registration desk.

4. ACCOMMODATION

All participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and are advised to consider the following list of recommended hotels, which are close to the Forum venue:

- [OREA Hotel Pyramida Prague \(****\)](#) – **Forum venue**
Rooms have been reserved for Forum participants. Please quote the **promo code SBUSINESS10** when booking to receive a special discount.
The code is valid until 27 July 2025, and binding reservations must be made by this date.

Walking distance Hotels (Břevnov / Hradčany area)

- [Lindner Hotel Prague Castle \(****\)](#) – 10-minute walking distance (approx. 600 m)
- [Hotel Savoy Prague \(*****\)](#) – approx. 10-minute walking (approx. 750 m)
- [Design Hotel Neruda \(****\)](#) – 20-minute walking distance (approx. 1.3 km)

5. TRANSPORTATION

No airport transportation will be provided by the local organizing committee.



Arrival by Plane

Václav Havel Airport Prague is approximately 15 km from the Forum venue (OREA Hotel Pyramida) and is well connected by public transportation or ride-hailing services.

Option 1: Public Transport (Trolleybus + Tram)

This is the most efficient and affordable option:

1. **Take trolleybus line 59** from **Terminal 1 or 2** to **Nádraží Veleslavín** (approx. 17 minutes)
2. Transfer to **tram 25** and get off at **Malovanka** (approx. 6 minutes)
3. Walk 4 minutes to **OREA Hotel Pyramida**
 - **Total journey time:** approx. 40 minutes
 - **Fare:** approx. **€1.60 / CZK 40** (90-minute ticket)
 - Tickets are available from vending machines at the airport, the [PID Lítačka](#) app, or from the Public Transport Information Centre.

More info: www.dpp.cz/en

Option 2: Bolt or Uber

If you are arriving **late or with luggage**, we strongly recommend using Bolt or Uber.

- **Estimated ride time:** 20–30 minutes
- **Fare:** approx. **€12–20 / CZK 300–500**
- Order your ride via the app and verify the license plate before boarding

Do not use taxi drivers. Avoid anyone offering rides in the arrival hall and use only app-based ride services.

Download ride apps

Bolt: <https://bolt.eu/en-cz/>

Uber: <https://www.uber.com/cz/en/download/>

Arrival by Train

If you are arriving by train, you will most likely arrive at **Prague Main Train Station (Hlavní nádraží)**.

Recommended public transport route to the venue:

1. **Metro line C (red)** from **Hlavní nádraží** to **Muzeum**
2. Then take **Metro line A (green)** to **Malostranská** or **Hradčanská**
3. From Malostranská take **tram 22** to **Malovanka**
4. From Hradčanská take **tram 25** to **Malovanka**
5. Walk approximately 2-3 minutes to **OREA Hotel Pyramida**
 - **Total journey time:** approx. 30–35 minutes
 - **Fare:** approx. **€1.60 / CZK 40** (90-minute ticket)

Getting Around Prague (MHD – Public Transport)

Prague has a dense and reliable public transport network (PID), including:

- **Metro:** 3 lines (A – green, B – yellow, C – red)
- **Trams:** extensive day & night service
- **Buses and new trolleybuses**
- All modes of transport are available until midnight. **From midnight to 5 a.m.**, you can travel on **night services**, which are trams and buses starting with the number **9**.

You can use a **single ticket** across all means of transport.

Self-service ticketing machines

You can also purchase public transport tickets on board, where card payments are accepted. After paying, you will receive a paper ticket, which you should keep for inspection.

These are payment terminals (validators) located in tram cars, selected city buses, metro vestibules, and at the Petřín funicular stations. They are intended for the purchase of single and short-term tickets.



Please note:

Passengers who intend to use a payment terminal to purchase a ticket must use the doors marked with **the contactless payment symbol** when boarding the tram or bus and must purchase a ticket immediately after boarding the vehicle.



Ticket prices of a single ticket (as of 2025):

- 30 min: **€1.20 / CZK 30**
- 90 min: **€1.60 / CZK 40**
- 24 hours: **€5.80 / CZK 150**
- 72 hours: **€14.00 / CZK 330**

Tickets are available:

- At machines, airport info centres, or online via the [PID Lítačka app](#)
- Must be validated upon first entry to the metro/tram/bus

Useful Tools for Route Planning

For real-time schedules and trip planning, we recommend:

- [Google Maps](#) – set transport mode to “Public transport”
- [IDOS transport planner](#) – official Czech route planner
- [PID Lítačka](#) – Prague's public transport system website

6. OTHER USEFUL TIPS

Phone and Mobile Services

- **International dialing code for Czechia: +420**
- All Czech phone numbers consist of 9 digits and are dialed in full, even locally.
- For international directory assistance, dial **1181**.

Czechia has a well-developed 4G and 5G mobile network, with extensive coverage in Prague and other major cities. The main mobile network operators are:

- **O2 Czech Republic:** Offers extensive 4G/LTE coverage and the fastest 5G speeds in Prague.
- **T-Mobile Czech Republic:** Provides wide 4G coverage and expanding 5G networks.
- **Vodafone Czech Republic:** Known for a fast LTE network and leading in national 5G coverage
- Prepaid SIM cards are available at major airports, shopping centers, and operator stores. Prices vary, but for example, a 1.5 GB data package can cost around **€12 / CZK 299**.

[Private Prague Guide](#)

If your mobile phone operates on the GSM network, it will function in Czechia, depending on your roaming agreement.

Roaming and Mobile Data within the EU

If you are travelling from another EU country, you can use your **mobile data and services under your home tariff** without any additional roaming charges. This applies across the European Union under the “**Roam like at home**” regulation.

We recommend checking with your mobile operator to confirm whether this rule applies to your plan and to verify any applicable limits (e.g., data caps or fair use policies).

Electricity

- Standard voltage: **230V**, frequency: **50Hz**
- Plug types: **Type C** and **Type E** (compatible with Type F)
- If your device uses a different plug type, you may need an adapter.

Currency Exchange and Credit Cards

- Local currency: **Czech koruna (CZK)**
- Major currencies can be exchanged at banks or specialised exchange offices, including Prague Airport.
- Common credit cards (e.g., Visa, MasterCard) are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops.
- Most card machines support contactless payments for amounts up to **CZK 500 / €20**.
- While card payments are common, some establishments may accept cash only; it's advisable to carry around **CZK 1000 / €40** in cash. [Livingprague.com](#)



November in Prague is typically cool and may be damp.

- **Average daily temperature:** around **5°C** (range: 1°C to 8°C)
- **Average monthly rainfall:** approximately **32 mm**
- **Average number of rainy days:** around **10**

For up-to-date weather forecasts, visit our website [Czech Hydrometeorological Institute](#)



- Czechia operates on **Central European Time (CET): UTC +1**
- Daylight Saving Time ends on the last Sunday of October; thus, in November, the time zone is **UTC +1**.

7. MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- **Emergency number (EU-wide): 112** (available 24/7, free of charge)
- **Medical information line (in English): +420 224 819 293** (available 24/7)

Medical services in Czechia are of a high standard, and most international prescription drugs are readily available at pharmacies.

The local organising committee will not assume responsibility for medical expenses. Participants are therefore advised to take out personal medical insurance or obtain a European Health Insurance Card (for EU nationals) for the duration of their stay.

8. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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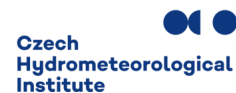
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RA VI Scientific Forum

Accompanying program - Old Prague tour

We would like to offer you an additional program for the second evening of the Forum (November 5) in two variants.

Please vote HERE, and fill out a separate form for each participant:

<https://forms.gle/9BTRaF1dAeKuA7Km7>

- 1) A **variant No. 1** is a group outing with an Old Prague guided tour, approx. 1h 30 min.:

Strahov Monastery – Loreta - Prague Castle - St. Nicholas Church - Charles Bridge – Klementinum - Old Town Square & Astronomical Clock - Bethlehem Chapel

(Without any additional payment)

- 2) A **variant No. 2** is the walk as mentioned above, which would then continue to the well-known historic restaurant [U Fleků](#), approx. 1h 40 min.:

Strahov Monastery – Loreta - Prague Castle - St. Nicholas Church - Charles Bridge – Klementinum - Old Town Square & Astronomical Clock - Bethlehem Chapel – Restaurant U Fleků

Forum participants **would pay for their own dinner**. The evening could conclude with the [Brewery tour](#), which would be paid for by CHMI.

If you are interested in any of the options, please let us know by July 27.

