

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

54th European Group Conference: *Alternatives to Punitive Security Culture: Organising for Social Liberation* (CFP) Vitoria-Gasteiz, 1–4 September 2026



Morning Venue

Faculty of Labour Relations and Social Work – Vitoria-Gasteiz

Apraiztarrak 2 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5p6eicjDRe7Fzfq16>

The venue is a five-minute walk from the city centre and the train station. Vitoria is a small, walkable and bike-friendly city with many parks, restaurants, markets and grocery shops.

Just 15 minutes away on foot lies the **old medieval town of Gasteiz**, full of cafés, social centres (such as the **Gaztetxe**, a historic squat in the city), bookstores, and a vibrant day and night life.

Register for the Conference (Deadline 30 May)

[54th European Group Conference registration form – Fill out form](#)

Conference fee

- €260 (with support from an institution)
- €100 (without institutional support)
- €50 (students, activists, unemployed)
- €20 Non-Speaker with Friday Lunch
- €0 Non-Speaker

Getting There

Train

Vitoria-Gasteiz is well connected by train and bus to **Bilbao (1 hour), San Sebastián (1 hour), and Madrid (3 hours)**, among many other cities.

The **Vitoria train station** is located in the city centre, only **5–10 minutes from the venue**.

The **bus station** is located on the outskirts of the city but is well connected to the university by **frequent trams**.

Plane

Bilbao Airport is the most convenient option for those arriving by plane (direct flights to Vitoria are rare). There are **direct buses from Bilbao Airport to Vitoria-Gasteiz**.

There is also a **small airport outside Vitoria**, with bus or taxi connections to the city.

Accommodation

There is a wide variety of hotels and accommodation options close to the conference venue. The official **Euskadi tourism website** offers a useful accommodation search engine that includes options ranging from higher-end hotels to more affordable hostels and campsites.

<https://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/wb021/was/contenidoAction.do?idioma=en&uid=>

Important funding and accommodation details:

We have reserved 62 places at the conference hostel (shared rooms with other members of the European Group) at <https://www.alberguecatedral.com/>, at an affordable rate of €18 per night, with access to a communal kitchen for the entire duration of the event (August 31-September 5).

Funding is available to support accommodation at the hostel. Up to 31 of these places include accommodation costs covered (meals not included). In addition, 3 of these places offer full funding, covering accommodation, travel, subsistence, and registration fees. The remaining 31 places are available at €18 per night. Details on how to apply for accommodation and funding are provided in the application form, where applicants should indicate their interest and complete the relevant sections.

Nature and Surroundings

The city of **Vitoria-Gasteiz** contains many parks, green areas and even wetlands within its boundaries. You can find a list of **green routes within the city here**:

https://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/wb021/was/contenidoAction.do?idioma=en&uid=u4c4f3353_166382a955d_7d5a

Vitoria is also surrounded by **forests, mountains, valleys and waterfalls**, accessible by bus, train or even bicycle excursions.

For instance, Gorbeia Natural Park is only 25 minutes by car (around 30 minutes by bus) from Vitoria:

<https://tourism.euskadi.eus/en/natural-areas/gorbeia-natural-park/webtur00-content/en/>

It is a great way to discover landscapes that are both **beautiful and increasingly threatened by the current predatory wave of green capitalism.**



*Not to megaprojects