



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE: EGPA 2026 CONFERENCE – ROME

Welcome to the Eternal City for the **EGPA 2026 Annual Conference**, held from **August 24 to 27, 2026**. This international event offers a valuable opportunity to collectively reflect on the current challenges of public administration. In keeping with this spirit of exchange and discovery, we also invite you to experience Rome beyond the conference sessions. The city's unique blend of history, art, and architecture surrounds you at every step: so, as you walk through its streets, don't forget to "look up".

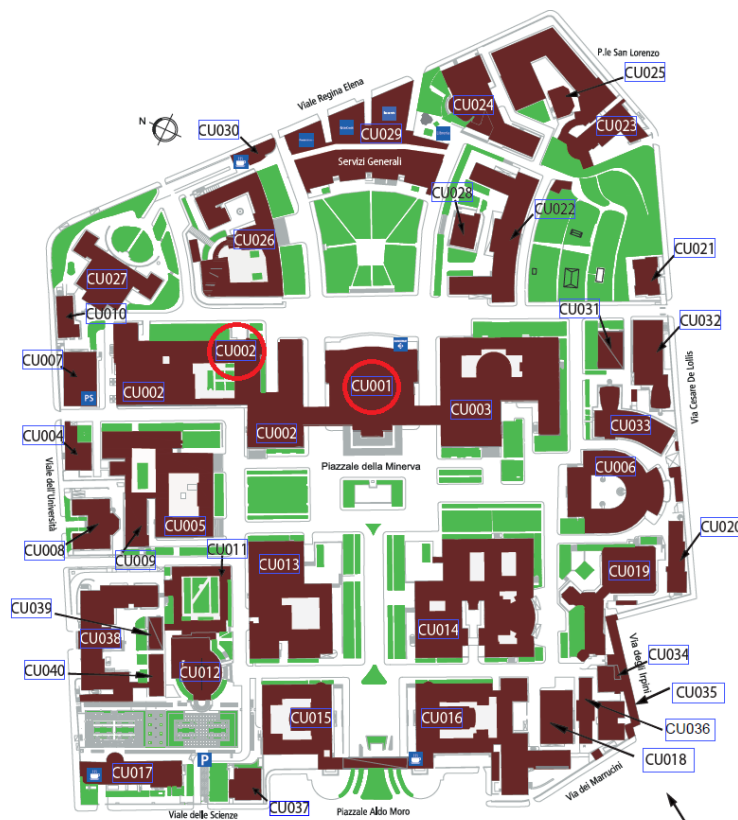
CONFERENCE VENUES

The EGPA 2026 Annual Conference will take place across three historic and prestigious locations in the heart of Rome.

1. Sapienza University of Rome (*Città Universitaria*)

The main hub of the conference is located within the *Città Universitaria* campus. Conference sessions will be held in the Aula Magna of the Rectorate (Building CU001 on the map) and at the Department of Political Sciences (Building CU002).

The suggested entrance to the campus is: Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5. Additional entrances are located at: Viale dell'Università, 36; Viale Regina Elena, 331; Via Cesare de Lollis, 23.



The *Città Universitaria* is approximately a 15-minute walk from Roma Termini Station. From Termini, exit on the right-hand side (Via Marsala) and follow these [instructions](#).

Alternatively, you may take Metro Line B and get off at “*Castro Pretorio*” or “*Policlinico*”; from either stop, the campus is about a 10-minute walk. Several bus lines (71, 310, 492) and tram lines (3 and 19) also stop near the campus perimeter.

2. CNR (National Research Council)

The premises of the National Research Council (CNR) will host the Symposium for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers, as well as the EGPA Statutory Meetings, on August 24.

The CNR buildings are located immediately adjacent to the *Città Universitaria*. A dedicated entrance for conference participants is available on Via dei Marrucini (corner with Piazzale Aldo Moro). The venue is easily reachable on foot from the university’s main gate.

3. Chiostro di San Pietro in Vincoli

This remarkable Renaissance cloister, part of the Sapienza Faculty of Engineering, will host the Gala Dinner on August 26. It is located in Via Eudossiana, 18. The venue is located next to the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, just a short walk from the Colosseum.

To get there, take Metro Line B and get off at “*Cavour*”. From there, walk up the historic “*Scalinata di via San Francesco di Paola*” (stairs connecting Via Cavour to Piazza di San Pietro in Vincoli), then proceed to the cloister entrance (located on the street to the right of the church). Alternatively, from the Colosseum area, use the escalators inside the Metro Line B station (Via dei Fori Imperiali). At the top, you will enjoy a panoramic view of the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatino Hill and the Imperial fora. From there, walk along via della Polveriera and continue via Eudossiana.

We recommend allowing extra time to reach this venue, as the surrounding area includes pedestrian paths and historic streets.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk, where you will receive your conference badge and welcome kit, will be located as follows:

- On August 24: at the dedicated conference entrance at CNR (Via dei Marrucini);
- On August 25-27: at the main entrance of the Department of Political Sciences (*Città Universitaria*).

Please ensure that you wear your badge at all times, as it is required for access to all conference activities, including sessions, coffee and lunch breaks, receptions, and the Gala Dinner.

INTERNET CONNECTION

Sapienza University and CNR provide Wi-Fi access through EDUROAM (Education Roaming), a secure international network that allows users from participating institutions to connect using their home

organization credentials. Participants whose institutions are part of EDUROAM are encouraged to use this service.

Alternatively, temporary Wi-Fi access credentials will be available at the registration desk for those who are unable to connect via EDUROAM.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

A series of social and networking events will be organized throughout the conference to foster informal exchange, collaboration, and community building among participants:

- **Welcome Reception – August 24, 18:00–19:00**
Location: CNR Lobby & Winter Garden
This reception is reserved for participants of the Symposium for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers and the EGPA Statutory Meetings.
- **Welcome Reception – August 25, 18:00–19:30**
Location: Aula Magna Terrace, Rectorate Building (*Città Universitaria*)
All registered conference participants are warmly invited to join this informal networking event.
- **Gala Dinner – August 26, 20:00–23:00**
Location: Cloister of Saint Peter in Vincoli (Via Eudossiana, 18)
Please note that attendance is limited to 400 participants. Access is strictly reserved for those who have registered for the Gala Dinner, as well as their registered guests.

Further social and networking activities may be organized during the conference. Updates will be communicated in due course.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting to Rome by plane

Rome is served by two airports: [Fiumicino Airport “Leonardo da Vinci”](#) (FCO), the main international airport, and [Ciampino Airport “G.B. Pastine”](#) (CIA), mainly serving low-cost and regional flights.

From [Fiumicino Airport](#), you can reach Rome city centre:

By train (recommended)

- Leonardo Express (€ 14.00): non-stop service to/from Roma Termini, with departures every 15 minutes and travel time of 32 minutes.
- FL1 regional trains (€ 8.00): connect the airport to other Rome stations, with departures every 15 minutes on working days and every 30 minutes on weekends and holidays.

Tickets can be purchased online via the [Trenitalia website](#), at ticket offices, or from self-service machines at the airport and stations.

By taxi

Official taxis are available outside Terminals 1 and 3. The fixed fare to destinations within the Aurelian Walls (central Rome) is € 55.00 (all inclusive).

By bus

Several private coach operators provide connections to the city centre:

- [Rome Airport Bus](#);
- [SIT Bus Shuttle](#);
- [T.A.M. Bus Srl](#);
- [TERRAVISION](#).

Bus stops are located outside Terminal 3 (Arrivals area).

From [Ciampino Airport](#), you can reach the city centre:

By bus (recommended)

Public [ATAC](#) bus lines connect the airport to the metro system: Line 720 to *Laurentina* (Metro Line B), and Line 520 to *Cinecittà* and *Subaugusta* (Metro Line A). Buses run daily (approx. 5:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.). A standard €1.50 ticket is valid for 100 minutes and includes metro transfers.

Direct bus connections to Roma Termini are also operated by the following private companies:

- [Rome Airport Bus](#);
- [SIT Bus Shuttle](#);
- [TERRAVISION](#).

By taxi

Taxis are available outside the terminal area. The fixed fare to destinations within the Aurelian Walls is € 40.00 (all inclusive).

We recommend planning your journey in advance and allowing sufficient time for transfers, especially during the busy summer period.

Getting to Rome by train

The two main railway stations in Rome are Roma Termini and Roma Tiburtina. Roma Termini is the city's central hub, located close to many hotels and well connected by metro, buses, and taxis. Roma Tiburtina is a secondary hub, primarily used by high-speed trains, and is also well connected to the city center via public transport.

Italy's primary train operators are [Trenitalia](#) (which runs high-speed, intercity, and regional services) and [Italo](#) (which focuses on high-speed connections). Both offer frequent and reliable services between Rome and major cities such as Florence (approximately 1.5 hours), Milan (approximately 3 hours), Naples (approximately 1 hour), and Bologna (approximately 2 hours).

Tickets can be purchased online in advance via the operators' websites or mobile apps, at station ticket machines, or at ticket counters. Booking early is recommended, especially during the summer period, to secure better fares and seat availability.

Immigration requirements

Participants traveling to Italy are advised to verify entry requirements well in advance of departure. Italy is part of the Schengen Area, which allows visa-free travel for short stays (up to 90 days within a 180-day period) for citizens of many countries. However, requirements vary depending on nationality.

All travelers must hold a valid passport, with at least three months' validity beyond the planned date of departure from the Schengen Area. Participants from countries that require a visa must apply for a Schengen short-stay visa (Type C) through the Italian consulate or embassy in their country of residence. Supporting documents may include proof of accommodation, travel itinerary, conference registration, financial means, and travel insurance.

Please note that entry requirements may change, and it is the responsibility of each participant to check the latest information from official government sources or the nearest Italian diplomatic mission before traveling.

If you require an invitation letter for visa purposes, please contact the conference organizers well in advance.

We strongly recommend that participants arrange comprehensive travel insurance covering medical expenses, hospitalization, and repatriation for the duration of their stay in Italy.

Getting around Rome

Rome offers a wide range of transportation options, making it relatively easy to navigate the city during your stay.

Walking

For short distances, walking is often the best way to explore Rome's historic center, where many landmarks are located close to one another. Please note that cobblestone streets and uneven surfaces are common, so comfortable footwear is strongly recommended.

Public transportation

Rome's public transportation system, operated by ATAC, includes metro lines, buses, and trams. Buses and trams generally run from 5:30 am to midnight, while the metro operates from 5:30 am to 11:30 pm (1:30 am on Fridays and Saturdays).

Tickets are integrated across all forms of public transport. They can be purchased in advance from ticket machines, tobacco shops ("*tabacchi*"), or other authorized vendors. Alternatively, contactless payment is widely available through the "*Tap & Go*" system: you can use a credit or debit card directly at metro turnstiles or tap your card on onboard validators when boarding buses and trams.

[Ticket options](#) include:

- Integrated time ticket (€ 1.50): valid for 100 minutes from first validation; on the metro, it allows a single journey (transfer between lines are permitted);

- 24-hour ticket (€ 8.50): valid for 24 hours from first validation for unlimited journeys within the territory of Rome.
- 48-hour ticket (€ 15.00): valid for 48 hours from first validation for unlimited journeys within the territory of Rome.
- 72-hour ticket (€ 22.00): valid for 72 hours from first validation for unlimited journeys within the territory of Rome.
- Integrated weekly card (€ 29.00): valid until midnight of the seventh day including the day of validation, for unlimited journeys within the territory of Rome.

For up-to-date information on routes and schedules, please refer to the official [ATAC website](#), use “[Julia](#)” (the virtual assistant of the Municipality of Rome) or download apps such as [Moovit](#) or [Google Maps](#).

Taxi, ride-hailing and shared mobility services

Authorized taxis in Rome are white, display a “*TAXI*” sign on the roof, and are identified by an official license code. All licensed taxis are equipped with a fare meter. When the roof light is on, the taxi is available and can be flagged down on the street. Alternatively, taxis can be found at designated taxi stands located throughout the city, especially near major squares, hotels, and transport hubs. It is generally recommended to use taxi stands rather than hailing taxis in very busy areas.

Taxis can also be booked in advance via phone (e.g., +39 060609 or +39 063570) or through mobile apps such as [Freenow](#). Booking via app can be particularly convenient for international visitors, as it allows for easier location tracking and payment options. Fares are metered, and rates may vary depending on the time of day (e.g., nighttime, weekends, or holidays may incur surcharges). It is advisable to ensure that the meter is running at the start of the journey. Payment by card is usually accepted, but it is recommended to confirm this with the driver in advance.

Ride-hailing services such as [Uber](#) operate in Rome; however, unlike in some other cities, Uber typically offers premium services (e.g., Uber Black) rather than lower-cost options, and availability may be more limited.

For short distances, shared mobility options are widely available and can be a convenient and sustainable alternative. Bike and e-scooter sharing services operate across many areas of the city and can be accessed via dedicated mobile apps (e.g., [Bird](#), [Dott](#), [Lime](#), [Cooltra](#)). Users can locate, unlock, and pay for vehicles directly through the app. Please note that local traffic rules must be respected, helmets are recommended, and riding on sidewalks is generally not permitted.

Travel tips

To help you make the most of your stay in Rome during the conference, please consider the following practical tips.

Weather

Late August in Rome is typically hot and sunny, with daytime temperatures often exceeding 30°C (86°F). We recommend wearing light, breathable clothing such as cotton or linen, along with sunglasses and sun protection (hat and sunscreen). Comfortable walking shoes are essential, as you are likely to spend a significant amount of time on foot.

In addition, August is the peak season for mosquitoes in Rome. Participants are strongly advised to bring and regularly use insect repellent (sprays or creams), especially during the evening or when attending outdoor events.

Staying hydrated is crucial in the summer heat. We encourage you to carry a reusable water bottle: Rome has many public drinking fountains (“*nasoni*”) that provide free, safe drinking water throughout the city.

Clothing

For everyday activities, light summer clothing is recommended due to the high temperatures. However, if you plan to visit churches or religious landmarks, please note that modest dress is required. Shoulders and knees should be covered for both men and women. Carrying a light scarf or shawl can be a practical solution during hot days.

Safety

Rome is generally a safe city, but, as in most major tourist destinations, pickpocketing can occur, particularly in crowded areas such as public transport, major attractions, and busy streets. Keep your belongings secure at all times, avoid carrying valuables in easily accessible pockets, and consider using anti-theft bags or backpacks.

Payments & Currency

Italy uses the Euro (€). Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and most shops, and contactless payments are common. However, it is advisable to carry a small amount of cash for minor purchases, taxis, or smaller establishments that may not accept cards.

Currency exchange services are available throughout the city, but rates and fees can vary. ATMs (“*Bancomat*”) are widely accessible and often provide more favorable exchange rates. When withdrawing cash, it is generally best to be charged in Euros to avoid unfavorable conversion rates.

Tipping is not mandatory in Italy, as service is often included in the bill. However, rounding up the bill or leaving a small tip for good service is appreciated.

Electricity & Plugs

In Italy, the standard voltage is 230V (frequency: 50Hz). Power outlets typically accept plug types C, F, or L. If your devices use a different plug type (such as Type A or others), you will need to bring an appropriate travel adapter.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Participants are kindly informed that they are responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation during the conference. The organizing committee does not provide direct booking services. However, to facilitate your stay, we have identified a selection of hotels conveniently located close to the conference venue:

- [Soho House Rome](#)
Address: Via Cesare de Lollis, 14
Distance: Approximately a 4-minute walk from the *Città Universitaria* entrance.
- [The Social Hub Roma](#)
Address: Viale dello Scalo di San Lorenzo, 10
Distance: Approximately a 15-minute walk from the *Città Universitaria* entrance.
- [Hotel Globus Roma](#)
Address: Viale Ippocrate, 119
Distance: Approximately a 10-minute walk from the *Città Universitaria* entrance.

Information regarding any special negotiated rates for EGPA 2026 participants will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

In addition to the hotels listed above, Rome offers a wide variety of accommodation options, including short-term rentals and serviced apartments (e.g., Airbnb and similar platforms, [Daplace](#)). Many convenient options can be found in the nearby *San Lorenzo* and *Policlinico* areas, both within walking distance and a short commute from the conference venue.

We recommend booking your accommodation as early as possible, as Rome is a popular destination in August and availability may be limited.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Below is a list of useful contacts and emergency numbers that may assist you during your stay in Rome.

Emergency Services (available 24/7)

- General Emergency Number: 112
- Police: 113
- Medical Emergency / Ambulance: 118
- Fire Brigade: 115

Operators may speak English, but this is not always guaranteed.

Healthcare & Pharmacies

Pharmacies (“*Farmacie*”) are widely available throughout the city. Opening hours are typically Monday to Saturday, with limited hours on Sundays. A rotation system ensures that some pharmacies remain open at night and on holidays (look for “*Farmacia di turno*”).

For non-emergency medical assistance, you may contact *Guardia Medica* (Continuity of Care Service) by calling 116117.

Transportation & Mobility

- Taxi booking: +39 060609 / +39 063570
- Public Transport Information (ATAC): www.atac.roma.it
- Lost & Found (only metro): +39 06 46955105

Tourist Information

Official Tourist Information Points (PIT) are located across the city, including at Termini Station and major landmarks. Staff can assist with maps, directions, and general information.

- Roma Capitale Tourist Info: www.turismoroma.it