

INTERACT Training Day
January 27, 2025
and
10th CA20120 MC & Technical Meeting
January 28-30, 2025
Dublin, Ireland

Local Information

The Workshop and 10th MC & Technical Meeting:

The INTERACT Training Day on Ray Tracing for 6G Communications will take place on **Monday January 27th 2025 from 14-00 to 18-00**. It is being organized by Enrico Vitucci (Università di Bologna) and Conor Brennan (Dublin City University). More details are available on the COST INTERACT website.

The 10th CA20120 meeting is scheduled to start at **9am on Tuesday January 28th and to conclude no later than 14-00 on Thursday January 30th**. In addition to the regular technical sessions and management meetings we shall have some local invited speakers.

How to get to Dublin

BY PLANE

The simplest way to get to Dublin is by plane. Dublin airport is situated around 10km north of the city and has direct links to most European capital cities as well as many other destinations. Cheapest options are with Ryanair or Aer Lingus, but the airport is also served by other carriers.

Airport information: <http://www.dublinairport.com>

Aer Lingus: <http://www.aerlingus.ie>

Ryanair: <http://www.ryanair.com>

FROM THE AIRPORT TO CITY CENTRE

There are a number of options to travel to the city centre from the airport. The cheapest option is the **regular bus lines (16 and 41, see <https://www.dublinairport.com/to-from-the-airport/by-bus/dublin-buses>)** You should get the 41 in the direction of “Lower Abbey St” or the 16 in the direction “Ballinteer”. Fare information is available at: <https://www.dublinbus.ie/Fares-and-Tickets/Adult/>. Please note that you can pay on the bus with

cash, but try to have the exact amount as change is not given. A Leap card is quicker and offers better value, especially if you intend to use the bus network over a few days:

<https://about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card>

The **Transport For Ireland** website (<https://www.transportforireland.ie/>) and smart phone app has a journey planner which can be used plan journeys in real-time. It contains timetable information as well as live departure information for each bus stop in the network.

There are a number of private coach services (Dublin Express and Aircoach) which link Dublin airport and the city centre. Details are available at: <https://www.dublinairport.com/to-from-the-airport/by-bus/dublin-buses>

There is also a public taxi rank at the [airport](https://www.dublinairport.com/to-from-the-airport/by-taxi) <https://www.dublinairport.com/to-from-the-airport/by-taxi> Fare to Dublin city centre costs around 25 to 30 euro, but the fare to the hotels near DCU should be less. A taxi fare estimator is available here: <https://www.transportforireland.ie/taxi/taxi-fare-estimator/>

BY FERRY

Dublin city is served by two ferry connections from the UK – namely Holyhead to Dublin Port as well as from Holyhead to Dún Laoghaire (a suburb to the south of the city). Ferries (from France and the UK) also serve the town of Rosslare in the south east and Cork city in the south of the country.

See

Stena Line: <http://www.stenaline.ie>

Irish Ferries <http://www.irishferries.com>

BY CAR

Dublin is linked by the M1/A1 motorways to Belfast in Northern Ireland. Travel time is about 1 hour 45 minutes. Dublin is linked by motorway to other entry points such as Cork and Shannon.

BY RAIL

Dublin is linked by rail to all major towns on the island including Belfast, Cork and Limerick (close to Shannon airport).

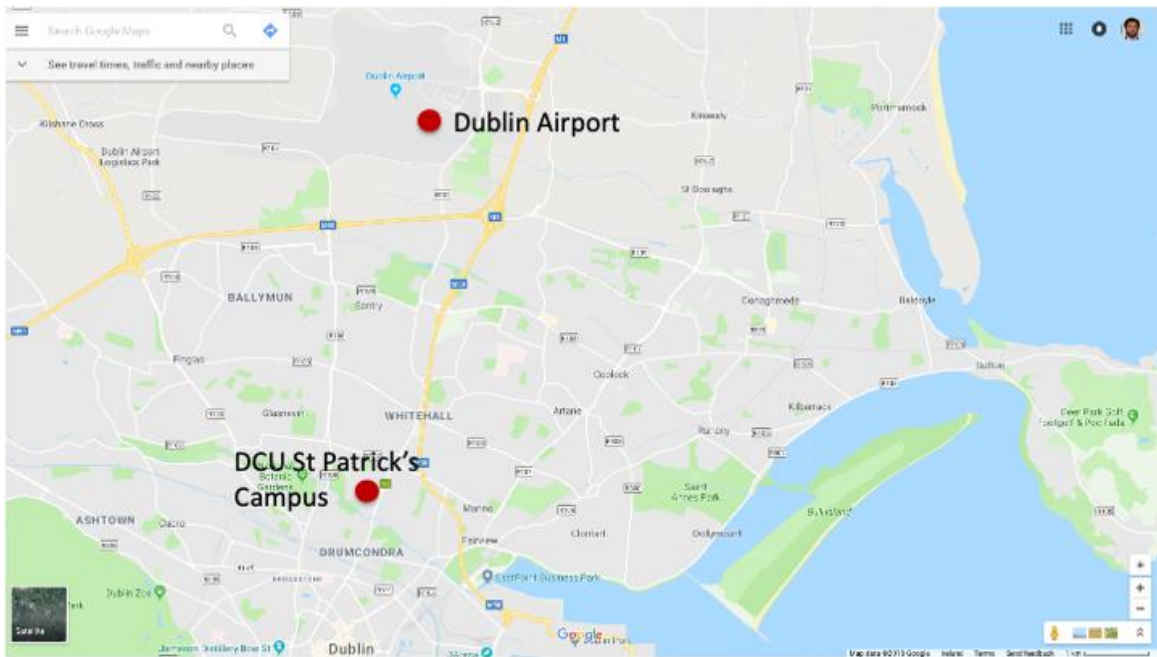
Check Irish Rail for more information: www.irishrail.ie

Venue

The venue for the Training Day and meeting is the **St. Patrick's Campus** of Dublin City University (<http://www.dcu.ie>), located in the north of the city, in Drumcondra. **The St. Patrick's campus is very close to the All-Hallows campus (where the 2019 COST IRACON meeting was held).** The Training Day and plenary meeting will be held in B108 in Block B (see below) with technical sessions being held in nearby blocks E and F (full room details will be released with the schedule nearer the time). A campus map is available at: <https://www.dcu.ie/people/benefits/dcu-campus-facilities/dcu-st-patricks-campus>

and maps are provided below to give a general sense of orientation. A Digital Twin is available at: <https://eu.opencitiesplanner.bentley.com/dublin-dcu/stpatricks>

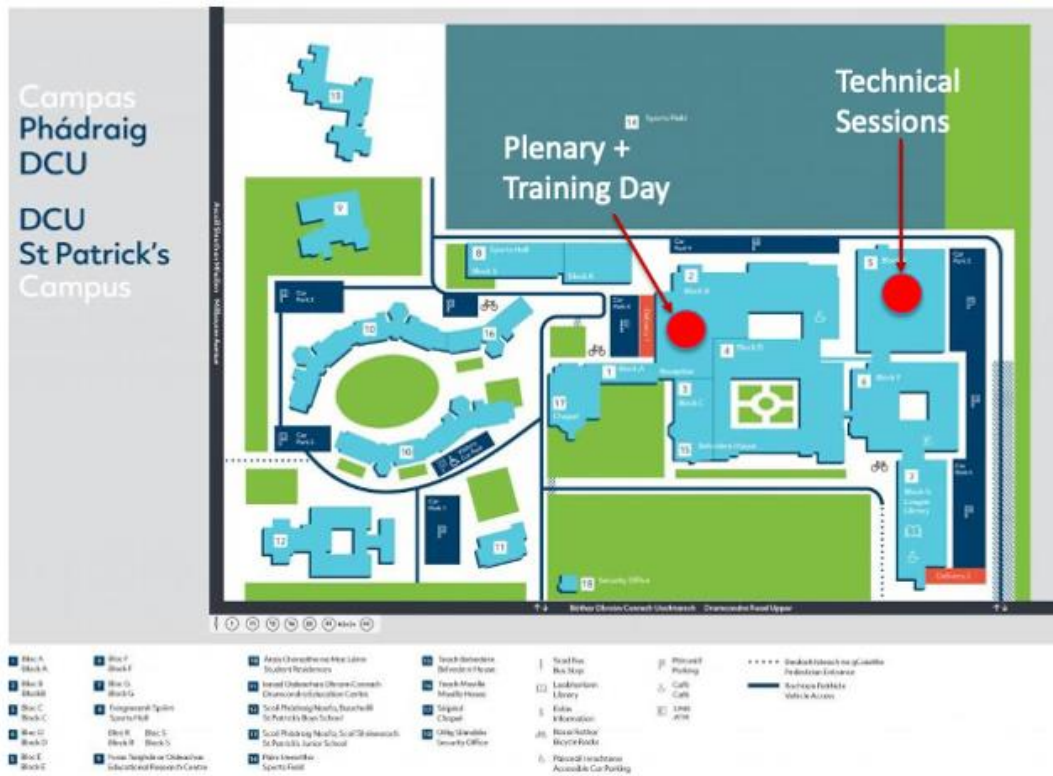
The nearby Drumcondra road (N1) is a major artery of Dublin. Bus stops 7602 (Drumcondra Road, DCU St Patricks, for northbound buses) and 7603 (Drumcondra road, DCU St Patricks, for southbound buses) are the closest and are well served by a number of bus routes going to and from the city centre (e.g. 1, 11, 13, 16, 33,41, 41C)



Map of Dublin showing location of DCU St. Patrick's Campus and airport



Map of locality around DCU St. Patrick's Campus



Venue for meeting.



WiFi

Eduroam is available within DCU and guest WiFi will also be available.

Hotels

Below you will find a short list of hotels as well as a map showing their location in relation to the meeting venue. All hotels/guesthouses are (according to Google maps!) within walking distance of the meeting venue. Alternatively bus information, including maps, routes and real-time updates is available at <https://www.transportforireland.ie/>. Rates quoted **are approximate** and are as available on booking.com (checked in early December). There are many other options available locally, and more widely, within Dublin but you would be advised to book early. I have also included the location of the Social Event.

1) The Skylon Hotel ****

The Skylon Hotel (<https://www.dublinskylonhotel.com/>) is the nearest to the venue (1 on the map below)
PRICE: €90-€110 per night

2) Bonnington Hotel ****

Around 1.3km from the meeting venue, around 17 minutes walk. PRICE: €100 per night
<https://www.bonningtondublin.com/>

3) Croke Park Hotel ****

<https://www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-croke-park-hotel>

Around 1.7km from the meeting venue – 24 minutes walk. PRICE: €130

We shall hold our social event in Croke Park.

4) Baldara Guesthouse <https://baldarahouse.ie/>

7 minutes walk from meeting venue.

PRICE: Approx €95 per night

5) Kennedy's Bed and Breakfast *** <https://kennedysdrumcondra.ie/accommodation/>

PRICE: Approx €125 euro per night. About 8 minutes walk from meeting venue.

6) Dublin One ****

PRICE: Approx €95 per night <https://dublinonehotel.com/>

About 1.5km from the meeting venue (21 minutes walk)

7) Eccle's Townhouse

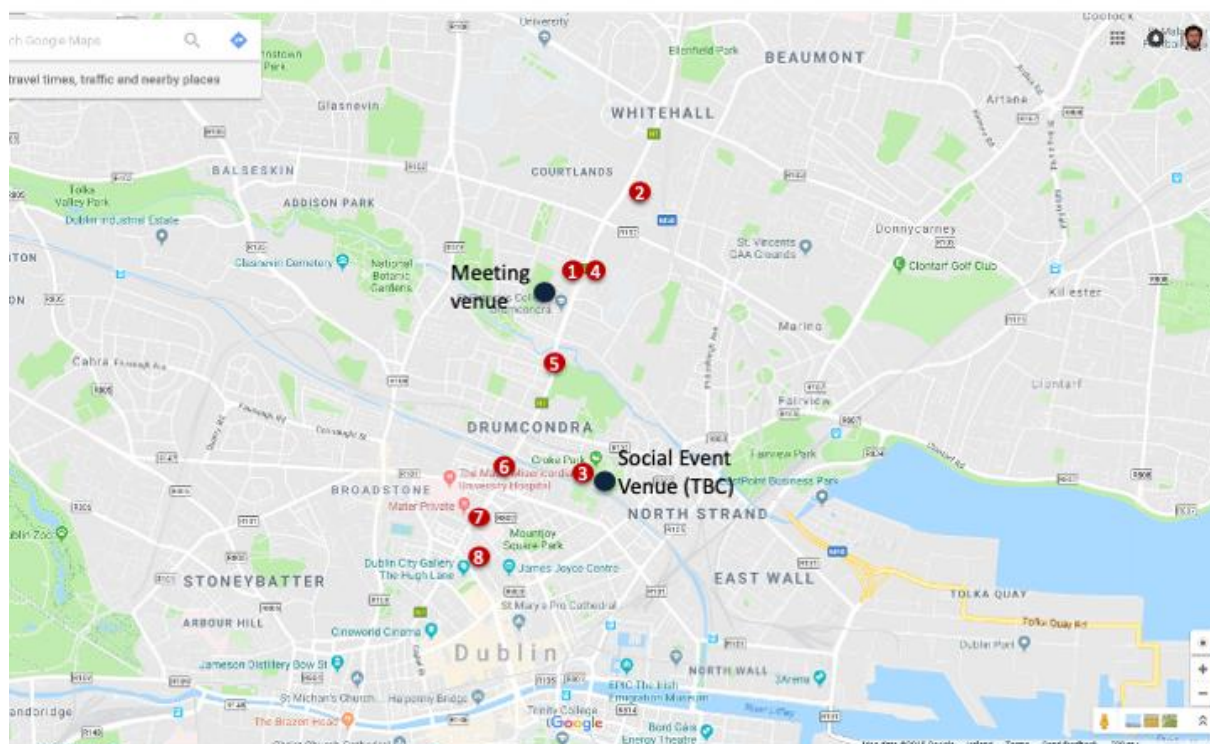
PRICE: Approx €100 to €120 per night (incl breakfast). <https://www.ecclestownhouse.com/en>

Around 1.8km from the meeting venue (25 minutes walk).

8) Castle Hotel ****

PRICE: Approx €100 per night. <https://www.castle-hotel.ie/>

Around 2.2km from meeting venue (30 minute walk).



Social Event

There will be a social event on the evening of Wednesday January 29th. This will be held in Croke Park, the home of the Gaelic Athletic Association (www.gaa.ie), which operates the national sports of Gaelic football, hurling, camogie and handball (Irish version) throughout the Island of Ireland. The stadium is one of the biggest in Europe with a capacity of 82,000. More details to follow!

Additional Information

Please contact the local organisers Sobia Jangsher at sobia.jangsher@dcu.ie or Conor Brennan at conor.brennan@dcu.ie (or at +353-1-7007649 if you have any queries). Conor's mobile is +353 86 816 9474 if you need to contact him over the course of the meeting.

Currency:

The currency in Ireland is the euro.

Visa:

Please note that Ireland is **not in the Schengen area**, and therefore non-EU citizens may require a visa to enter the country. Please contact conor.brennan@dcu.ie if you require an invitation letter.

Power adaptors:

In Ireland the standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50Hz. Plugs and sockets are of type G. Please bring an adaptor as necessary.

Registration: The contribution to the local expenses is **€180**. It will cover coffee breaks, lunches and the social event on January 29. Accompanying persons may attend the social event (upon availability) by paying **€100**.

About the City:

Founded in 988 A.D. as a Viking settlement Dublin is the capital of, and largest city in, the Republic of Ireland. The city is a major tourist venue whose many attractions including the [Book of Kells](#), [Guinness Storehouse](#), [Kilmainham Gaol](#), [Dublin Castle](#) and [Chester Beatty library](#). Further afield but within relatively easy reach are the 5000 year old Neolithic Passage Tomb at [Newgrange](#) and the early medieval monastic settlement at [Glendalough](#).

For more information see:

Dublin Tourism Page: <http://www.visitdublin.com/>

Wikipedia page: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dublin>



Newgrange:

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/659>



Glendalough: <http://www.glendalough.ie/>



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Language:

English is spoken almost exclusively in Ireland. Sadly the Irish language is not widely used but is very visible as it appears (in addition to English) on most road signs, official documents etc. If you would like to learn a *cúpla focal* (few words, pronounced *coopla fuckil*) or just hear this ancient language being spoken there are a few online resources such as [here](#). Alternatively you can sign up to the very popular free DCU online course: An introduction to Irish Language and Culture available at <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/irish-language> and which promises to teach you, amongst other things, how to inflict curses on your enemies. If you would rather stick to the English language, but would like to sound like a local you can consider this [resource](#).

Music:

Traditional music can be found in many city centre venues most nights, but the [Cobblestone Bar](#) in Smithfield prides itself as the unofficial home of Dublin traditional music scene. Recently saved from demolition (after a public outcry) there are [sessions](#) (informal music events) on every night. You can get there on the Luas (tram) red line.

Weather:

The weather in Ireland is very changeable and very much influenced by conditions in the Atlantic which thankfully moderates the winter temperature. Average temperature in January is between 2 and 8 degrees Centigrade, but can be lower and snow is possible (although rare). Weather information can be obtained from our meteorological agency Met Éireann (<http://www.met.ie>)

Looking forward to welcoming you all to Dublin!

Conor Brennan and Sobia Jansgher

Local Organisers.