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## **Who does not need a visa**

Citizens of all countries of the European Union, Switzerland, Croatia, Israel, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, most of the countries of North and South America, and some other countries do not need a visa; only a valid passport or proof of identity to enter Austria. In case of doubt please contact the Austrian Consulate or Embassy within your own country well in advance of your planned departure.

## **Who needs a visa**

Citizens of the European Union and other Schengen member states can travel to Austria without a visa for up to 90 days within a 180-day period. Further information about visa requirements for other countries and Schengen visas can be found on the website of the [Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs](#) and the [European Commission](#) or at your local Austrian Consulate or Embassy.

Austria is a member of the Schengen area Travellers requiring a visa can travel freely throughout the Schengen zone for three months with a Schengen visa issued by any Schengen country. Obtaining a visa entitling you to visit one Schengen country automatically entitles you to travel to and from all the other Schengen countries, too.

Current member countries of the Schengen treaty are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland\*, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein\*, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway\*, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland\*.

\* non-EU members

## **Letter of Invitation**

Individuals requiring an official Letter of Invitation from IASP can request one through the Congress registration process or by contacting the IASP Membership and Events Team. To receive a Letter of Invitation, delegates must first register to the congress and submit any necessary data, as stated on the online form.

The Letter of Invitation does not financially obligate the congress organisers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the congress, the registration and the attendance are the sole responsibility of the delegate.

## **Visa requirements**

It is the sole responsibility of the delegate to take care of his/her visa requirements. Delegates who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Delegates should contact the nearest Austrian embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. Note: Austrian embassies and consulates-general are independent decision-making agencies for visas, sometimes after specific checks have been made with other EU countries. You cannot appeal against the rejection of a visa application, neither can the IASP intervene on your behalf in case of a rejection or to speed up the procedure.

Delegate registration details will be shared with the Austrian immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, the congress organisers and/or the IASP 33<sup>rd</sup> World Congress Registration Department will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of visa applicants.

The registration fee minus a handling fee of EUR 25 will be refunded after the congress if the visa was applied for in time and proof is shown that a visa could not be granted even though all requested documents were submitted. Refund requests must be made in writing and sent to the IASP 33<sup>rd</sup> World Congress Registration Department, by email, no later than 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the date after which requests for such refunds cannot be taken into consideration.

## **Travel-health insurance**

As a part of a visa application, individuals must have travel-health insurance for the duration of their stay in the EU. This insurance can be obtained from any approved insurer. Individuals need to check with the responsible embassy/consulate for a list of approved insurers available in their country.

Individuals must have insurance for their entire stay in the EU and therefore are encouraged to ensure and pay for the correct number of days. The visa will only be given for the dates that are covered by the insurance policy, which need to relate to the travel dates.