



**The 10<sup>th</sup> Belmont Forum Meeting**  
**Hosted by the Research Council of Norway (RCN)**  
**October 14-16, 2015**

**Practical Information Guide**

**Meeting Date and Venue**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Belmont Forum meetings will be held at the Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel from Wednesday 14 October to Friday 16 October. The Research Council of Norway will host a reception for all Belmont Forum meeting participants at the Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel on Tuesday 13 October at 20:00.

<http://www.radissonblu.com/plazahotel-oslo/location>

**Registration**

All participants are kindly requested to register in advance via the online registration from

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/BelmontForumOsloMeeting2015>

**Visa Application**

Visa applications should be completed through the Application Portal on the Norwegian Directorate for Immigrations' website below.

<http://www.udi.no/en/want-to-apply/visit-and-holiday/>

**Meal and Coffee Break**

- **Welcome Reception on Oct 13:** A welcome reception will be hosted by the RCN at the Radisson the Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel at 20:00.
- **Lunch on Oct 14 and 15:** Lunch will be served at restaurant Gaio on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
- **Coffee Break on Oct 14 and 15:** Coffee breaks will be served outside the meeting venue.
- **Dinner on Oct 14:** Dinner will be organized at the FRAM museum [www.frammuseum.no](http://www.frammuseum.no). The bus will leave the Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel at 18:00 hrs. There will be a guided tour (in English) at the museum prior to the dinner. It is recommended to bring something warm to wear. The bus will bring the group back to Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel after the dinner.

**Instruction on Wireless Network Connection**

Instruction will be provided by the hotel upon arrival

**Presentations**

There will be an opportunity during the afternoon session of the second day (15 October) for representatives of funding agencies and organizations to make brief overview presentations about national research trends. Any electronic documents that you wish to provide to attendees should be submitted to [mao.takeuchi@anr.fr](mailto:mao.takeuchi@anr.fr) or provided at the venue on a USB key. Paper copies will not be printed but all documents will be made available electronically. Presentations will be brief, but additional reading materials may be provided for later reading.

**Accommodation**

Delegates are requested to book their own hotel accommodation. We can recommend the following hotels, all located in the centre of the city and in close vicinity to the Central Railway Station and the Airport Express Train, and in walking distance to Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel.

Radisson BLU Plaza Hotel - Sonja Henies Plass 3, Oslo, tel: (+47) 22 05 80 00  
[www.radissonblu.no/plazahotell-oslo](http://www.radissonblu.no/plazahotell-oslo)

Scandic Byporten - Jernbanetorget 6, Oslo, tel: (+47) 23 15 55 00  
[www.scandichotels.no/Hotels/Norge/Oslo/Scandic-Byporten](http://www.scandichotels.no/Hotels/Norge/Oslo/Scandic-Byporten)

Comfort Hotel Grand Central - Jernbanetorget 1, Oslo, tel. (+47) 22 98 28 00  
[www.nordicchoicehotels.no/comfort/comfort-hotel-grand-central/](http://www.nordicchoicehotels.no/comfort/comfort-hotel-grand-central/)

Thon Hotel Opera - Dromming Eufemias gate 4, Oslo, tel. (+47) 24 10 30 00  
<http://www.thonhotels.no/hoteller/land/norge/oslo/thon-hotel-opera/>

Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania - Biskop Gunnerusgate 3, Oslo, tel. (+47) 23 10 80 00  
<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.no/clarion/clarion-hotel-royal-christiania/>

**Access and Transportation**

Transportation to/from the airport is mostly done by the airport express train. The train takes 20 min. and costs NOK 180. We do not recommend taxi since the cost is extremely high (NOK 1000/1500).

**Currency**

NOK - Norwegian Krone

**Time zone**

Central European Time (CET)

### **Climate**

The autumn colors are most glorious in October, and temperatures are considerably lower than in September, averaging 6°C (43°F). The average rainfall is about 68mm, and visitors should expect 3 hours of sunshine everyday.

### **Electricity:**

In Norway the standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type F. Below you find pictures of these power sockets and corresponding plugs.



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E

### **Contact Information**

For any queries concerning meeting logistics or other practical information, please contact RCN.

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