



VENUE INFORMATION

Aula Congress Centre (Main Conference Reception & Conference)

Delft University of Technology

Building 20
Mekelweg 5
2628 CC Delft
The Netherlands

Getting to Delft & getting around

International participants arriving by **air** should ideally take a flight to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, or Rotterdam The Hague Airport, which is just 9 kilometres from the conference venue. It is also possible to reach Delft from Eindhoven or Maastricht airports within 2-3 hours.

- Arriving at **Amsterdam Schiphol Airport** there is a train connection (about 45 minutes) to Delft Central Station, which involves changing train in Leiden or Den Haag HS. The Schiphol railway station is located directly underneath the Central Arrival Hall. Tickets can be purchased from the ticket office located in the Arrival Hall close to the escalators to the train station. This should cost around €9.00. For more information about flights to Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol and other information on this airport, refer to the [Schiphol website](#)
- From **Rotterdam The Hague Airport** bus 33 brings you to Rotterdam Central station in about 20 minutes. From Rotterdam Central Station it takes approximately 15 minutes by train to reach Delft Central Station. It is also possible to take a direct taxi from Rotterdam Airport to Delft. For more information about flights to Rotterdam The Hague Airport and other information on this airport, refer to the [Rotterdam The Hague airport website](#).

International participants arriving by **train** should ideally take an international train to Rotterdam or Amsterdam. Coming from the south (Belgium) change in Rotterdam and coming from the east (Germany) change in Amersfoort or Utrecht. For current international train timetables to Delft, refer to the [German Railways](#) website.

Participants from the **UK** can also travel to the Netherlands by **ferry** or **train** (via Eurostar to Brussels).

- Ferries from Newcastle to Amsterdam (IJmuiden). See [website](#).
- Ferries from Hull to Rotterdam: See [website](#).
- Ferries from Harwich to the Hook of Holland: See [website](#). Hook of Holland is close to Delft. The ferry moors beside the railway station. It takes 40 minutes to travel to Delft (2 trains every hour).

Timetables of Dutch public transport:

- Website of the [Dutch Railways NS](#).
- Website for all [public transport in The Netherlands](#).

Taxi Delft:

Delftse Taxicentrale Deltax: tel. +31 (0)15 219 1919

[Delft railway station](#)

At the moment a new subterranean railway station is being built in Delft. This means that the directions to the centre of Delft and the venue are not very straightforward. To reach the town centre or University by foot, leave the station from platform 1. When walking in Delft, watch out for cyclists!

[Finding Delft University of Technology](#)

On leaving the platform at Delft Central station you will notice a lot of construction work at the front of the station. Starting at the front of the station, you can walk to the TU Delft Campus and the Aula Congress Centre (B) in 20 minutes. Taxis and buses are at the back of the station. The following buses stop close to the Aula Congress Centre:

- Bus 174, direction Bleiswijk → bus stop Aula TU Delft;
- Bus 69, direction Technopolis → bus stop Aula TU Delft.

[Delft University of Technology](#)

Delft University of Technology was founded in 1842 by King Willem II as the 'Royal Academy for the education of civilian engineers, for serving both nation and industry, and of apprentices for trade'. The Academy also educated civil servants for the colonies and revenue officers of the Dutch East Indies.

The TU Delft (as it is known in the Netherlands) is probably best known for its engineers who designed the Dutch dykes and other defences against the sea. However, civil engineering is only one of the faculties of TU Delft. In total there are 8 faculties and one research institute. The University has 17,000 students and an academic staff of 2,600. [OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment](#) and the [Faculty of Architecture](#) are hosting the 2012 Annual Regional Studies Association conference. [OTB](#) and the [Faculty of Architecture](#) provide specialist teaching and research in the areas of architecture, urban and regional studies, spatial planning and housing.

[The city of Delft](#)

Delft, a beautiful city with a historic city centre with old canals and ancient buildings, is more than 750 years old. The city owes its name to the word 'delving', digging the oldest canal, the Oude Delft. In 1246, Delft received its city franchise from the Dutch Earl Willem II. Delft flourished and new neighbourhoods were added. As early as 1355 the city reached the size it would remain until the 19th century.

Until the middle of the 17th century Delft was one of the main cities in the Netherlands. From this time onwards Delft was surpassed by neighbouring cities, The Hague and Rotterdam. In the middle of the 19th century various industries settled in Delft and the city started growing again. Currently Delft has a population of 97,000. In the Netherlands Delft is known for its University and as the city where members of the Royal Family (House of Orange) are buried (in the New Church on the Market square in the city centre).

For more information on Delft, visit the official site of the [city of delft](#).

Restaurants in Delft

There are many restaurants in the centre of Delft, particular at the following squares:

- Market square (Markt) and surroundings.
- Beestenmarkt (where the locals go).