

Official Invitation



Expert Working Group

Firearms
GSR

Vienna 2024

30th ENFSI EWG Firearms & GSR Meeting 18th - 20th September 2024 in Vienna, AUSTRIA

Dear colleagues,

on behalf of the FA & GSR Expert Working Group Steering Committee and the Forensic Science Service of the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria, we have the pleasure to invite you to the 30th ENFSI EWG Firearms & GSR Meeting. This conference will take place from 18th to 20th September 2024 in Vienna/Austria. The meeting will start on Wednesday (18th September) early morning and will finish at lunchtime on Friday (20th September). It will include at least one workshop for Firearms and at least one for GSR (topics yet to be announced).

Besides the official programme, we have made every effort to give participants the opportunity to meet and discuss with exhibitors of scientific equipment during several coffee breaks and lunches, but also to social activities throughout the conference. We hope that you will enjoy your stay in Vienna as well as the meetings and exchange of opinions/discussions with other participants.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us using the following e-mail:
FAGSR-EWG-Vienna-2024@bmi.gv.at

Looking forward to seeing you all in Vienna!

Daniel Faninger

On behalf of the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria, Forensic Science Service

Kal Chana

Chairperson - ENFSI, Firearms and GSR Expert Working Group

Conference venue

The conference will take place at the **Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle**. This hotel will host the conference as well as the workshops and also the Welcome Reception on Tuesday the 17th September. The hotel is located near the “Westbahnhof”, the westbound railway station and thus one of the main railway stations of Vienna. It's easily reachable by public transport and car.

Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle

Neubauguertel 26-28

1070 Wien/Vienna, Austria

Nearest underground station “Westbahnhof” lines U3 and U6

Nearest tram station “Urban Loritz Platz” lines 6, 9, 18 and 49

For more detailed information about the hotel and the directions please go to the hotel's website.

<https://www.flemings-hotels.com/en/hotel-wien-stadthalle>

Registration

The registration is available online using the following link:

www.fagsr2024-registration.at

All the information about this meeting also can be found on our website:

www.bundeskriminalamt.at/fagsr2024

Deadlines

Abstract submission: 15th June 2024

Registration: 16th August 2024

Payment deadline: Please pay as soon as possible after you have received the payment instructions, but no later than 9th September 2024

Attendance

Colleagues from the FA & GSR Expert Working Group within ENFSI (Members, Associate Members and invited guests) are eligible to attend this meeting. FA & GSR membership is open to ENFSI forensic institutes that are active in the field of firearms and GSR examination. Associate membership is available for non-ENFSI and non-European institutes that are active in these fields of forensic examination.

Non-members of the FA & GSR Expert Working Group may attend the 2024 meeting as guests with the permission of the FA & GSR chair. Those wishing to attend as guests, please register your interest via the registration link provided. We will contact you as soon as possible and inform you of the outcome of your application to attend this meeting.

Call for presentations/posters

Please offer your scientific and case-related contributions during the registration process or as soon as possible afterwards. Every single contribution (oral presentation and/or poster) is more than welcome. We really encourage you to take an active role in this meeting. Remember that the main purpose of the meeting is to share research, new ideas and practical knowledge. That is the best way to learn from each other.

The Steering Committee will approve and decide on the scientific programme. The final programme will be published as soon as possible after the abstract deadline.

Deadline for abstract submission: 15th June 2024

Workshops

The workshops are included in the costs of this year's meeting; no additional registration/fee is needed. There will be a firearms workshop on the preliminary results of the FAID 2023 proficiency test (PT), which will only be open to participants of the PT. More information will follow.

Optional factory visit

We are planning a factory visit to the nearby located Glock factory in Deutsch Wagram (50 min bus journey). Due to restrictions on numbers, **please note that the factory visit is reserved for Members and Associate Members only who attend this year's working group meeting!**

The intention is to visit the Glock factory on Tuesday, 17th September 2024. The bus will leave from the **Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle** early morning.

Costs:

Factory visit fee for Members € 50

Factory visit fee for Associate Members: € 60

The fee includes the bus journey, the factory tour, and lunch. The fee is payable in cash only on the day of the tour. You'll receive a payment confirmation (receipt) afterwards.

If there are more registrations of interest in the factory tour than there are places available, the Steering Committee and the Conference Organising Committee reserve the right to make the final selection. You will be notified shortly after the factory visit deadline of the outcome of your application to attend.

Attention:

Please register your interest in joining the tour as soon as possible, but before 15th April to enable us to plan the next steps. Send an e-mail with the subject "factory visit" to FAGSR-EWG-Vienna-2024@bmi.gv.at.

Registration Fee

Participants:

Meeting fee for Members: € 350

Meeting fee for Associate Members and Guests: € 420

Accompanying person fee: € 200

The participant's fee includes:

- Rental of the conference and workshop rooms
- Conference material

- Welcome pack
- Welcome reception on Tuesday 17th September
- 2 x lunch on Wednesday and Thursday – coffee breaks throughout
- Guided city tour
- Gala dinner on Thursday 19th September
- Certificate of attendance

The accompanying person’s fee includes:

- Welcome reception
- Guided city tour
- Gala dinner

Final deadline for registration is 16th August 2024

Payment Details

Please transfer the total amount to the account stated in the confirmation e-mail you will receive after registration. The payment should be received as soon as possible but no later than 9th September 2024.

Refund Policy

In case of cancellation by the participant:

- 100% refund until July 31st
- 50% refund until August 31st
- 0% refund afterwards, but option to change the name of participant is offered anytime.

Hotels

There are rooms reserved for our conference at the main Hotel (**Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle**). You'll find all the information below. We have also arranged a second option at the nearby Motel One Wien-Westbahnhof which is easy reachable by foot. For more details and cancellation policy please check directly with the hotel of your choice. But there are also other options in this area which can be easily found on various booking platforms.

We recommend making reservations quickly, as September is a very busy month in Vienna!

	Location	Rate (per person, single occupancy)	Registration deadline with guaranteed rate	Registration
Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle	Neubauguertel 26-228 1070 Wien (Venue)	€ 139 incl. breakfast	21/08/2024	https://shorturl.at/eiANP
Motel One Wien-Westbahnhof	Europaplatz 3 1150 Wien (8 min walk)	€ 101,56 excl. breakfast € 16,50 breakfast	20/08/2024	Reservation form Use code "FAGSR2024"

Alternative options

Hotel Mercure Wien Westbahnhof	Felberstrasse 4 1150 Wien (5 min walk)	Rooms from € 107	https://shorturl.at/BCDS6
Hotel Kaffeemuehle	Kaiserstraße 45 1070 Wien (10 min walk)	Rooms from € 80	https://hotelkaffeemuehle.at/

Please book the discounted room rate directly with the hotel (first two rows). For the conference hotel please use the link provided. For the alternative hotel (Motel One-Wien Westbahnhof) please use the attached booking form.

The discounted room rates are allocated on a first come first served basis. The Organising Committee cannot be held responsible for any problems in the hotel reservation process.

Planned schedule with key dates

Optional: Glock factory visit	17 th Sept. early morning
Registration desk	17 th Sept. late afternoon until 18 th Sept. 11 am
Welcome reception	17 th Sept. evening
Opening of conference	18 th Sept. 9 am
Business meeting	18 th Sept. morning
Common session	18 th Sept. afternoon
Scientific sessions	19 th Sept. all day (separate groups, FA & GSR)
Workshops	20 th Sept. until 1 pm

Please be aware that all the events mentioned above will take place at the main conference hotel (Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle).

A welcome package will be distributed during the registration. For travellers arriving later, these will also be distributed in the area of the conference rooms on Wednesday morning, before the opening of the meeting.