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# ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2020

**Graz, Austria**

**January 20-26, 2020**

**Media Information**



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Skate Austria looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU European Figure Skating Championships in Graz, Austria. The event will be held at the Steiermarkhalle, Premstätten from 20-26, January 2020.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Graz/Premstätten and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 08:00.

## Media Information

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## Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website ([www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

### Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- **Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Photographer**: maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Television non-right holder**: maximum three professionals per organization
- **Radio non-right holder**: maximum one professional per organization
- **Freelancer**: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

**The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.**

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **Monday, December 30, 2019**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

### Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team [media@isu.ch](mailto:media@isu.ch) in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

#### ORF

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## Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.



Accreditation for Media will be handed out at the Accreditation center at the Main Rink Media Center in the Premstättenhalle. Accreditation will be open from Sunday, January 19-26, 2020, everyday from 8:00-20:00.

## Visa Application

Austria is part of the Schengen Area, which agreed on the abolition of border controls between themselves and on common visa regulations. By applying for an Austrian Visa, a foreigner applies for so-called Schengen Visa which allows him/her to travel inside of the Schengen Area without any restrictions. Schengen Visa holders do not need additional special visa for Austria. For countries that need VISA to travel to Austria, please see the following website:

<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entry-and-visa/>

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter must return the completed visa form to [oc@graz2020.com](mailto:oc@graz2020.com) no later than December 15, 2019. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives. Please take into consideration that visa

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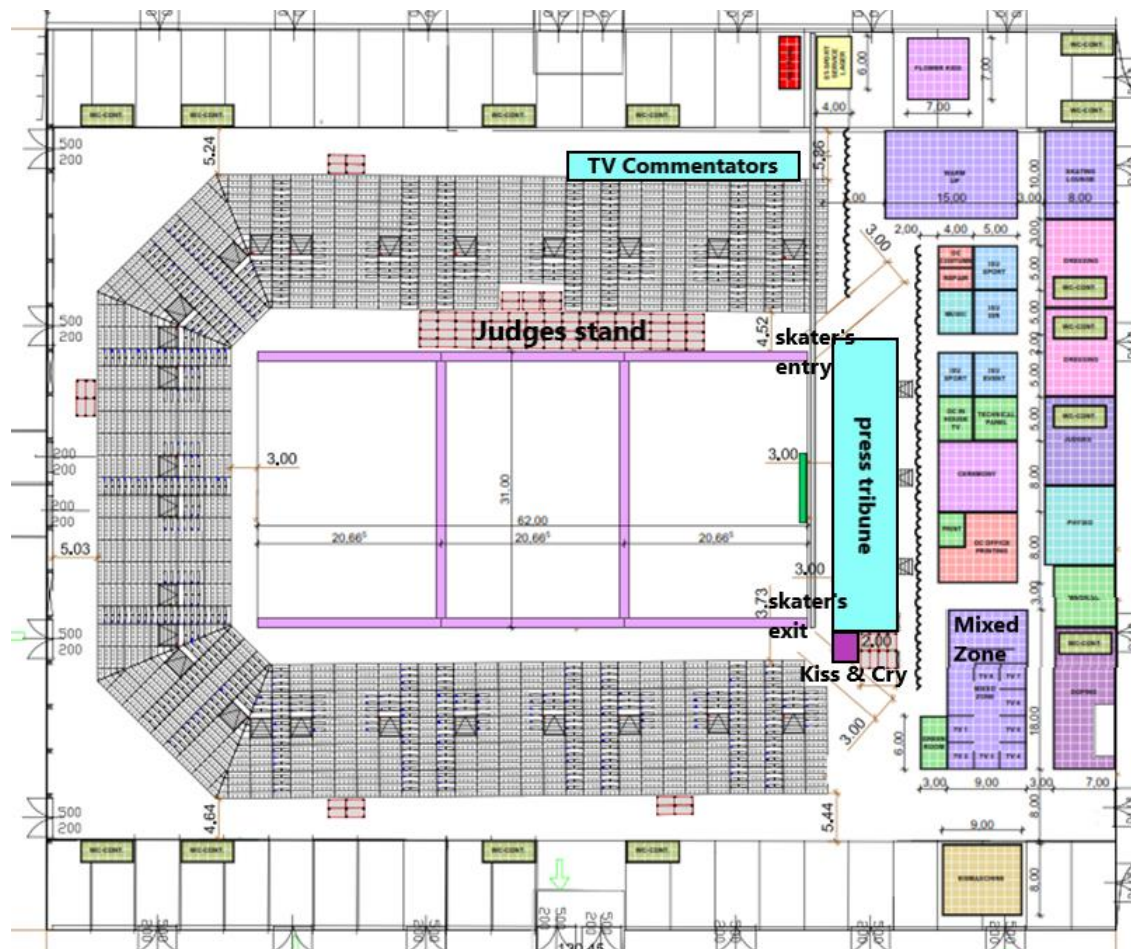
applications at the consulate might need additional time due to the holiday season until January 6.

## Media Facilities at the venue

- The Media Facilities at the Press center are fully equipped with work desks for 150 persons, power outlets, wired and wireless internet, TV screens and lockers. There will be a little bar with the possibility to buy drinks and food. (see plan above)

## Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

- The press tribune is located at the short side of the icerink, TV Commentators will be seated on the same side as the judges' stand. There will be approximately 60 tabled seats and 100 untabled.



## Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website

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- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Media Operations team will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medalists get to their ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located right after the Kiss and Cry Area at the Steiermarkhalle. See plan above for exact location.

### Material Available

- Press Conference: Press conference and draw room is located at the Main rink in the Premstättenhalle, times for Press Conferences depend on entries. The final schedule will be published on the ISU Event Page
- [Flash quotes](#)
- [Press Releases](#): to receive ISU Press Releases, please subscribe [here](#).
- [Media Guide](#)
- Image Gallery: Available in [News](#) Items with credit as stated
- Social Media:
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- Hashtags: #EuroFigure / #FigureSkating / #SkateAustria / #figureskatingiscominghome

### Media Accommodation

The OC has designated two official media hotels. Shuttle transportation will be arranged from all the official media hotels to the main venue and the practice arena. Shuttle schedules will be provided on site.

Please be advised that the transportation service will only be available for the designated official media hotels.

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

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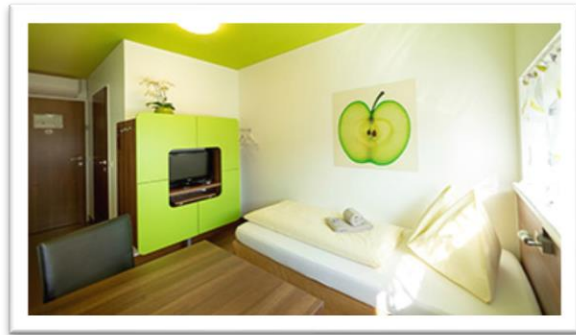
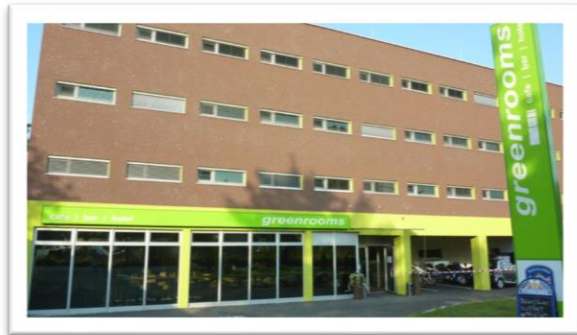
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## Media Hotels

### Hotel Greenrooms



3\*, rooms contingent until 25/11/2019

Price (per night per person incl. breakfast):

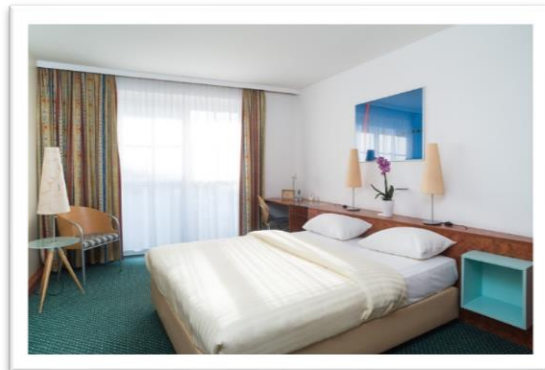
Single Room € 49,00

Double Room € 35,00

- Rooms about 15m<sup>2</sup>
- With Bathroom
- flat screen
- Soundproof windows
- Air conditioning
- free Wi-Fi

Parking places available (free)

### Hotel Ramada



4\*, room contingent until 25/11/2019

Price (per night per person incl. breakfast):

SR € 131,00

DR € 77,50

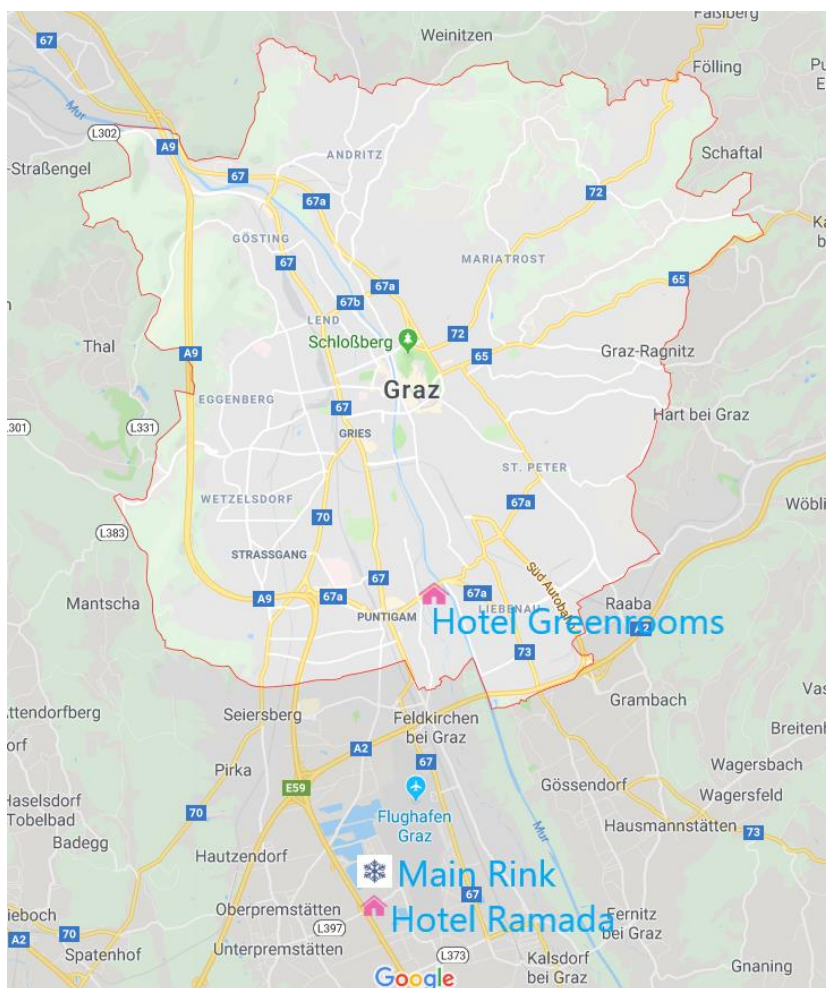
- Rooms about 20m<sup>2</sup>
- Bathtub
- flat screen
- Soundproof windows
- Air conditioning
- Unlimited free Wi-Fi
- Parking places available (not included)

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As you can see on the map, Hotel Ramada is quite close (walking distance) to the Main rink). There shuttle buses will leave for the practice rink.

Hotel Greenrooms is a cheaper alternative and it on the shuttle bus route – from the Team Hotels to the Main rink. Parking will be free at Hotel Greenrooms and at the main rink.

### Reservation Payment Conditions

- Please reserve your rooms with the following reservation code directly at the Hotels: **EM2020MEDIA**
- Hotel Ramada: [rooms@ramada-graz.at](mailto:rooms@ramada-graz.at)
- Hotel greenrooms: [office@greenrooms.at](mailto:office@greenrooms.at)

**The rooms are reserved until 30.11.2019.**

## Transportation & Telecommunications

### Transportation

- With your accreditation, you will be able to use the public transport system. <https://www.holding-graz.at/graz-linien.html>
- If you want to learn more about Graz and how to get there, follow the link: <https://www.graztourismus.at/en>
- On practice and competition days, there will be an official Shuttle between the Media Hotels and the Main Rink. One will be provided in the morning, and one 1.5-2 hours after the competition has ended.

### Telecommunications

Wired and wireless internet will be provided at the press center. If you want to book additional services such as dedicated internet lines in the press center, at the press tribune or rink side, please get in contact with the Organizing Committee before December 1, 2019:

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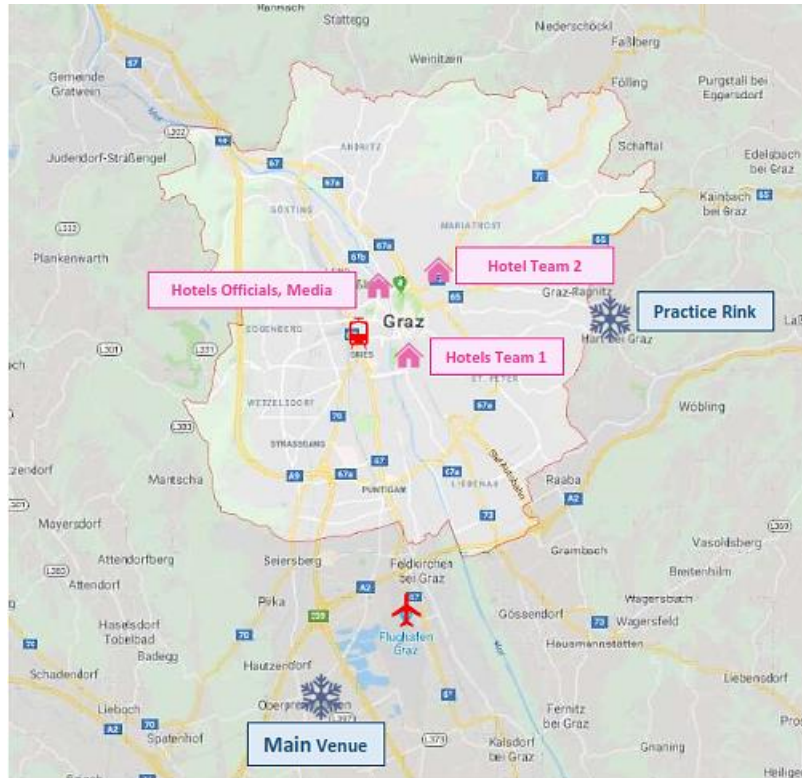
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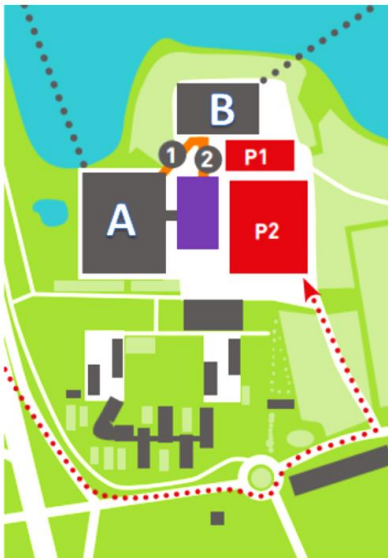
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## Useful Information Area Plan



### MAIN VENUE - Steiermarkhalle



A – SPORT Area

B – Accreditation, VIP Area, Press Conference Room, Media

P1, P2 – Parking

### Climate and Weather

The average temperature in Graz in January is -0.5° Celsius.

### Language

The official language in Austria is German. As Austria has a lot of tourists, most people speak English.

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## Currency

The Austrian currency unit is Euro (EUR) divided in 100 cents.  
The exchange rate is 1€ = 1,12\$ (as per July 2019).

## Electricity

The electricity current in Austria is 220 Volt. A two-pin plug system is used.

## Banks

Banks are open Monday to Friday from about 8:30-12:30 and 14:30-16:00.  
Cash counters are at almost every bank and in public places.

## Credit cards

All major credit cards are accepted in Austria. Most hotels, shops, restaurants and taxis accept VISA and Master Card. American Express and Diners Club may not be accepted in all places.

## Tipping

While tipping is not mandatory in Austria, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit down restaurants, that offer table service – approx. 10%.

## Competition information

### Preliminary Event Schedule

#### Wednesday, 22/01/2020

|       |                       |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 11:30 | Men – Short Program   |
| 18:30 | Opening Ceremony      |
| 19:15 | Pairs – Short Program |

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#### Thursday, 23/01/2020

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 12:00 | Ice Dance – Rhythm Dance |
| 18:30 | Men – Free Skating       |

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#### Friday, 24/01/2020

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| 11:30 | Ladies – Short Program |
| 19:00 | Pairs – Free Skating   |

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#### Saturday, 25/01/2020

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|-------|------------------------|
| 13:25 | Ice Dance – Free Dance |
| 18:30 | Ladies – Free Skating  |

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#### Sunday, 26/01/2020

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|-------|-----------------|
| 14:30 | Exhibition Gala |
| 20:00 | Closing Banquet |

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Please check the [ISU Event Page](#) for the updated schedule

### [Entires & Results](#)

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