

Arrival Information for Participants

IWGM 2026

Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld, Germany

24–26 August 2026

This information sheet is intended for participants of the 12th International Workshop on UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings (IWGM 2026). The conference takes place at Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Hoppstädten-Weiersbach, Germany.



1. Conference Information

Event: 12th International Workshop on UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings (IWGM 2026)

Venue: Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Hoppstädten-Weiersbach, Germany

Dates: 24–26 August 2026

Workshop dates: 25–26 August 2026

Steering Committee Meeting: 24 August 2026 (invited participants only)

Conference contact: iwgm@umwelt-campus.de

2. Recommended Arrival from Frankfurt Airport

For participants arriving via Frankfurt Airport, the recommended route to the conference venue is:

Frankfurt Airport → Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Regionalbahnhof → Neubrücke (Nahe) → Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld

Please use the DB Navigator app to check the exact connection shortly before departure, as train and bus times may change.

3. Tickets and Travel Planning

Tickets can be purchased here:

- In the DB Navigator app - can be downloaded [here](#)
- Online at <https://int.bahn.de/en/>
- At the DB Reisezentrum (travel center) at Frankfurt Airport, Terminal 1 (opening hours: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Using the DB ticket vending machines at Frankfurt Airport Terminal 1 and follow the steps below.

Recommended: Deutschlandticket. It is a subscription that allows you to use all regional trains in Germany (RB, RE) as well as buses and S-Bahn trains. Detailed instructions on the Deutschlandticket can be found below.

NOTE: Always check the **DB Navigator app** for delays.



The screenshot shows the Deutsche Bahn search interface. At the top, it says "Search for a connection" with a "Show map" link. Below this, there are two input fields: "Start" with "Frankfurt(Main)Flugh" and "Destination" with "Neubrück(Nahe)". To the right of these fields is a red "Search" button. Below the input fields, there are several filters: "Today, from 09:53" with a link to "Change outbound route", "Return journey" with a link to "Add", "Passenger, bicycles, BahnCards" with a link to "Add", and "1st class" and "2nd class" buttons. At the bottom, it says "1 Person (aged 27-64), no discount".

4. Deutschlandticket (2026)

- The Deutschlandticket is a nationwide monthly subscription for local and regional public transport (O PNV and regional rail) in Germany.
- It is **not** valid for long-distance trains (e.g., ICE, IC/EC) unless a particular service is specifically included. Regional trains such as RE, RB, buses and tramways are included in the ticket.
- It is personal; not transferable to other people.
- The price is **EUR 63.00 per month**.
- The subscription renews monthly.
- Valid for one calendar month at a time; **automatically continues unless cancelled**. You can cancel your Deutschlandticket subscription **until the 10th day of a month**, for the end of that month.

How to get the Deutschlandticket

There are several ways to purchase the Deutschlandticket:

- [Deutschlandticket.de](https://deutschlandticket.de) + [Deutschlandticket-App](#)
Information about the registration can be found [here](#). (Payment by credit card possible)
- **At the Travel Centre ("Reisezentrum") at Frankfurt Airport** Frankfurt Airport, Terminal 1 (opening hours: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.) (Payment by credit card possible)
- [RNN App](#) (Payment by credit card possible)
- **DB Navigator App** (Payment is only possible with a SEPA direct debit-enabled bank account)
- Mopla App: [mopla - Deutschlandticket](#) (payment by credit card possible)

Some apps may not work in all countries. Please check whether the app is available in your country and whether the payment options work for you. If necessary, try different apps.

5. Step-by-Step Journey to Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld

Step 1: After arriving at Frankfurt Airport, follow the signs to Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Regionalbahnhof (regional train station).

Step 2: Take a regional train to Neubrücke (Nahe). The usual route is via the RE 3 in the direction of Saarbrücken, but please always check the current connection in DB Navigator before boarding.

Step 3: Get off at Neubrücke (Nahe).

Step 4: From Neubrücke (Nahe), continue to the stop “Neubrücke Campus, Hoppstädten-Weiersbach”. Please verify the exact local connection in DB Navigator.

Optional Stopover with Overnight Stay

If you have booked a hotel in Idar-Oberstein or St. Wendel, you can plan a convenient stopover before continuing to the campus. Both towns are located directly on the train line between Frankfurt Airport and Neubrücke (Nahe).

Option A: Stopover in Idar-Oberstein

- Idar-Oberstein Hbf is the station directly *before* Neubrücke (Nahe) on the RE3 route.
- The next day, continue one stop on the RE3 towards Saarbrücken to Neubrücke (Nahe) – travel time approx. 10 minutes.

Option B: Stopover in St. Wendel

- St. Wendel is located one station *past* Neubrücke (Nahe) in the direction of Saarbrücken.
- The next day, take the RE3 towards Mainz/Frankfurt back to Neubrücke (Nahe) – travel time approx. 15 minutes.

Note: The Deutschlandticket is valid for all these connections. Please check your train connections in advance using the DB Navigator app.

Step 5: Follow the signs from the campus stop to the conference venue on campus.



6. Conference Venue

Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld

Trier University of Applied Sciences

Campusallee

55768 Hoppstädten-Weiersbach / Neubrücke

Germany

7. Practical Notes for Participants

Please allow extra time if you are travelling with heavy luggage or arriving during the evening.

Regional train and bus schedules may change at short notice; please check your route on the day of travel.

If you are arriving one day early for the Steering Committee Meeting or for accommodation reasons, please follow any additional instructions provided by the conference organisers.

For conference-related questions, please contact the organising team at iwgm@umwelt-campus.de.