# Copenhagen EUDC: Access Guide

# **Access Team**

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**In Person** – If you would like to discuss anything with us in person, please feel free to approach us, however, please note that we may be working on another issue at the time and may need to prioritise that work.

**Access Room** - 06 on the ground floor of Solbjerg Plads (SP) - this is for finding / speaking to the access team

#### **Purpose**

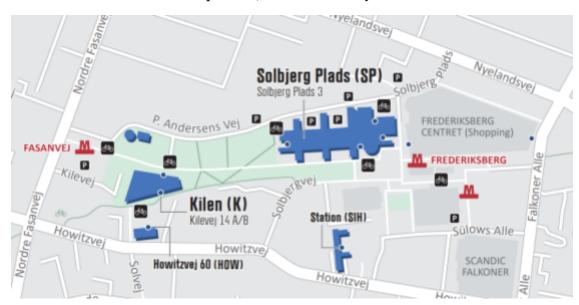
The core role of an Access Team and the associated policies is to provide or coordinate assistance and guidance for people with disabilities and other access issues so that they can access the competition and its socials with minimal unnecessary barriers.

Any individual may find themselves needing to make use of this policy, no matter how 'big' or 'small' you feel your requirements might be. We hope people feel comfortable talking to us about their requirements so that we can best assist you.

The purpose of this document is to outline access measurements taken at debate, accommodation and social venues at EUDC 2025, as well as outline how individuals can access accessible facilities in Copenhagen.

# **Debate Venues**

We will be debating at three venues; **Kilen**, **Station**, and **Solbjerg Plads**. The locations of the venues can be seen on the map below, as well as nearby Metro stations.



#### Rooms Constraints and Venue assistance

If you would like a tour of the venue ahead of time, please contact the access officers, who can organize this. The tour can show the different rooms, elevators, bathrooms, and any other questions you have about the building.

If you are uncertain about what support the Access team can provide you, please see the access policy or contact the Access Officer.

#### **Ouiet Rooms and Privacy**

For participants who need an auditory break, the library at Solberg Plads is a quiet zone that is available for use. As per the university's rules, no speaking of any kind is allowed in the library. The library has multiple floors, with couches found on the ground floor and in the basement, and individual tables for studying on the first and second floor. The library will be open to the public during this tournament.

The basement of the library is particularly cool if participants require a colder setting.

# Dedicated privacy rooms can be found in the library - there are spread out across the library and are marked as "student group room" 1-9

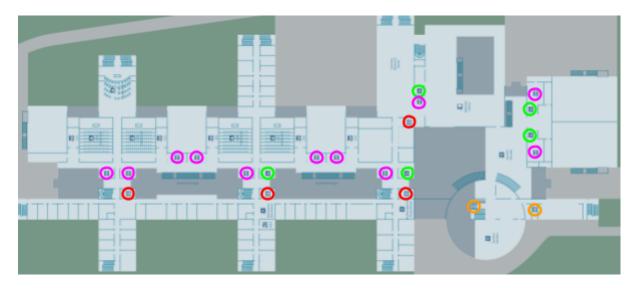
Below is the breakdown of access for each of the three debate venues. The maps for each building in high-quality can also be found at the following <u>link</u>.

# Solbjerg Plads (SP)

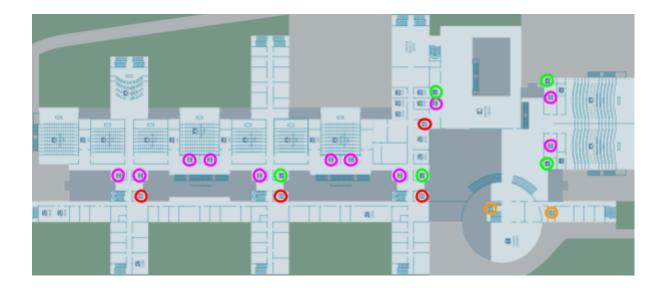
# Ground Floor:



# First Floor:



Second Floor:



#### **Entrance**

The entrance to Solbjerg Plads is step-free, and the sliding doors open automatically.

#### **Bathrooms**

On the map, bathrooms are labelled in pink. The pink bathrooms are small and have no accessibility measures taken. Some of the pink bathrooms contain cold drinking water fountains. All regular tap water in Denmark is drinkable.

The accessible bathrooms are labelled in green. The accessible bathroom is spacious, and has grab bars by the toilet.

All of the ground-floor toilets in Solberg Plads are gender-neutral. The first and second floor has a mix of some gender-separated and some gender-neutral bathrooms (they will be clearly labelled). For those seeking gender-separated bathrooms, they can be found in the basement underneath the canteen or throughout the first and second-floor. For help locating an accessible, or gender-neutral/gender-separated toilet, please ask our volunteers.

#### **Elevators**

To get to the upper floors of the canteen, the elevators by the Canteen can be used. These are labelled orange on the map.

To get to the debate rooms, use any other elevators (not in the canteen). These are labelled red on the map. The debate rooms are in another part of the building to the canteen.

The announcement hall will be on the ground floor, and thus no elevator is needed.

#### **Canteen**

There is a canteen on campus, which is on the ground floor of SP. All entrances to the canteen are step-free. If you require assistance using the canteen, please ask our volunteers.

The canteen is self-service and has a variety of food, meals, and snacks available during debate days.

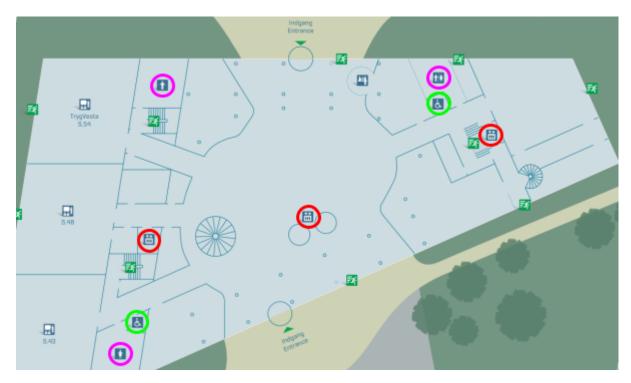
#### **Announcement Hall**

The announcement hall is an auditorium, and has stairs to get down towards most seats. However, the back row is step-free and participants will be asked to keep it clear for those with access needs to sit with their partner or companion.

The area at the back of the hall to the right will be reserved for individuals with mobility requirements and their partners / companions - please do not feel like you must sit here, or sit alone.

# Kilen

Ground Floor:



First Floor:



#### **Entrance**

The entrance to Kilen is step-free. There is a rotating door, as well as wheelchair-accessible, regular doors beside it.

# **Bathrooms**

You can find bathrooms on the map above, labelled in pink and green. The pink bathrooms do not have any accessibility measures taken. They are organized as large, spacious rooms with many smaller cubicles inside. These bathrooms are separated by gender.

The green bathrooms are wheelchair-accessible. These bathrooms are gender-neutral and are beside the gendered bathrooms.

#### **Elevators**

The elevators are labelled in red on the map. The entire building is connected, so you can take any elevator in Kilen to get to the debate rooms.

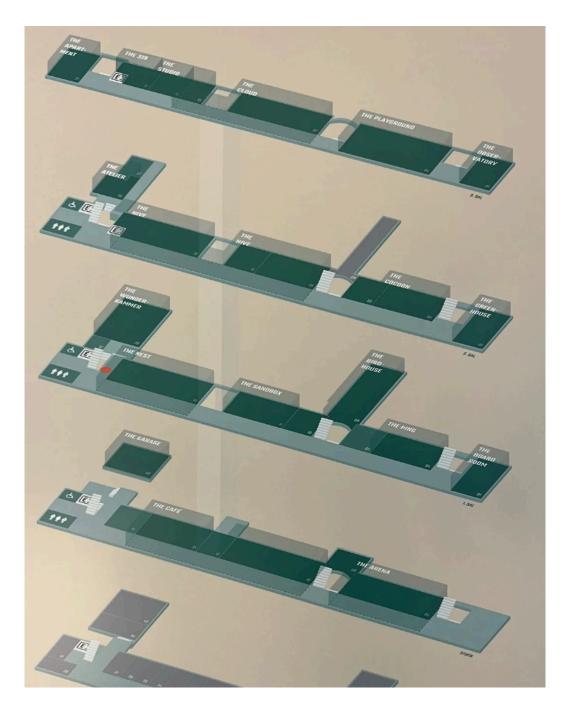
#### Accessible Rooms

Kilen has echo-free rooms. Please talk to the access officer if you wish to have an echo-free debate room.

Participants who have requested step-free or otherwise mobility-accessible rooms, will be allocated to SP.

#### **Station**

Full Map of Station:



# **Entrance**

Station's main entrance has a small staircase at the front. For participants seeking a step-free entrance, there is an elevator located beside the staircase.

# **Bathrooms**

You can find bathrooms on the map above. The non-accessible bathrooms do not have any accessibility measures taken. They are organized as large, spacious rooms with two smaller cubicles inside. These bathrooms are gender-neutral. For participants seeking a gender-separated bathroom, these can be found in the basement and have physical signs pointing to them in the venue.

The wheelchair-accessible bathrooms are gender-neutral. They are spacious, with grab bars at the toilet. Additionally, the wheelchair-accessible bathrooms at Station have a button beside the door, which opens the automatic door.

#### **Elevators**

Elevators are located on the side of the building, next to the bathrooms. They can be seen labelled on the map with the letter "E".

# **Danhostel Accomodation**

#### **Accessible Rooms**

If you have requested an accessible room while registering, our Access Officer, Lucy, will have been in contact with you. For questions about the accessible rooms, please reach out to Lucy.

### **Dormitories**

The Danhostel website provides an overview of the rooms (<u>link</u>). Participants will be staying as either;

- 4 people in a 4-person room
- 5 people in a 6-person room

Each room has a bathroom. The rooms do not come with kitchens.

### Venues

LOCATION	Step-free / alternatives	Bathrooms	Getting to the venue	Other notes
CBS: Porcelæns- haven (Opening Ceremony)	Step-free access + elevators to higher floors	Accessible bathrooms available	Step-free public transport access (or accessibility taxis if organized with Access Team)	We recommend using Rejseplanen to plan your journey. We want to note there are routes that require significantly less walking than others, without adding a lot of travel time.
CBS: Solbjerg Plads (SP)	Step-free access + elevators to higher floors	Accessible bathrooms available	Step-free public transport access (or accessibility	

			taxis if organized with	
CBS: Kilen	Step-free access + elevators to higher floors	Accessible bathrooms available	Access Team)  Step-free public transport access (or accessibility taxis if organized with Access Team)	Note, volunteers will guide debaters to this building. There are 350 meters between the buildings. Reach out to our Access Team if you prefer not to be allocated to debate in this building.
Proud Mary's (Monday social venue if bad weather)	Booking is on the 1st floor and there are unfortunately no alternatives to stairs.	Bathrooms are either on the 1st floor or in the basement and are not accessible.	The venue is 850 meters from the accommodation venue. Participants can get here by foot (or accessibility taxis if organized with Access Team).	The Organizing Committee deeply regrets and apologizes for the lack of accessible options in this venue. OrgComm hopes we will not need to use this venue (see below instead).
Islands Brygge (Monday social venue if good weather)	Social is casual and outside. Step-free access.	Accessible bathrooms are available until 22:00 at the "Islands Brygge Kulturhus". Note that bathrooms are in the basement and accessible via elevator.	The venue is 750 meters from the accommodation venue. Participants can get here by foot (or accessibility taxis if organized with Access Team). We note the route is slightly uphill as you cross the bridge.	
Station (Tuesday Social venue)	Step-free access + elevators to enter and to higher floors	Accessible bathrooms available	Venue is 250 meters from CBS (SP). Participants can get here by foot.	

Reservatet (Wednesday Social venue (Break Night))	Step-free access to the bar, and main club space (dance floor etc). There is a smaller balcony which is not accessible without using stairs.	Accessible bathrooms available through the restaurant and in the ground floor	Step-free public transport access (or accessibility taxis if organized with Access Team).  We want to note that getting to the venue with public transport does require some walking.	We recommend using Rejseplanen to plan your journey. We want to note there are routes that require significantly less walking than others.
Imperial (Venue for Grand Finals)	Step-free access to enter the foyer.  Cinema is accessed by stairs. If step-free access is required, participants must seek assistance with employees who can assist with lifts for wheelchairs and those who are unable to walk up the stairs.	Bathrooms are located on the ground floor.  They are unfortunately not accessible/large.	The venue is 1.4 kilometers from the accommodation venue.  Participants can go by foot, busses or accessibility taxis dependent on their needs.	We kindly remind participants that our Access Team is ready to help approach the employees about accessing the main room, if this is preferred.  We recommend using Rejseplanen to plan your journey.
Hive (Venue for Closing Ceremony)	The club is at basement level and can unfortunately only be accessed via stairs.	Bathrooms are located in the basement.  They are unfortunately not accessible/large.	The venue is 1.4 kilometers from the accommodation venue and 1 kilometer from Imperial.  We recommend participants go by foot or accessibility taxis if needed/arrange d.  If you wish to use public transport, Hive is located ~600m from	The Organizing Committee deeply regrets and apologizes for the lack of accessible options in this venue.  We also kindly remind participants that the Finals end at 17:00 and the Closing Ceremony beings at 19:00. All participants must have arrived by 19:30 in order to enter

	Nørreport St., the nearest metro and train station.	We encourage participants to rest and eat dinner in between the Finals and the Closing Ceremony.
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# **Getting Around Copenhagen**

#### **Busses**

You are always welcome to bring a wheelchair or a rollator on the bus, although only one wheelchair is allowed per bus. Electric scooters, however, are not permitted. If you use a wheelchair, you are responsible for getting it on and off the bus yourself. On buses with manual ramps, you or a companion must operate the ramp, as the driver is not allowed to assist. Some buses have a step-free entrance and designated spaces for wheelchair users, which makes boarding easier - these are described below.

If anything is unclear, we recommend reaching out to Deputy Access Officer Kristian, who speaks fluent Danish and can assist you in navigating the site.

#### Metros

You can bring a wheelchair, or electric scooter on the metro free of charge. All stations have elevators from street level to the platform, and boarding is step-free. If a train or metro station has a broken elevator at any platform, this should be written in the "Rejseplanen" App (a journey planner app). The App is available in English, but the broken elevator notice would be in Danish and written as such: "Elevatoren er ude af drift". Often the elevator may be at a different exit/entrance. The line (eg M1, M2, M3) can be seen marked on the top of the elevator.

If you need to use an elevator and wish to check this ahead of time, we recommend consulting with Deputy Access Officer Kristian, who speaks fluent Danish and can assist with using the app.

Metro stations most often have escalators, however this is rarer for train stations. Please note that many stations do not have escalators all the way up/down. There may be some steps before/after an escalator, hence we recommend using an elevator if you have an access need.

Inside the train, there is a flex area reserved for wheelchair users, passengers with bicycles, or those carrying large luggage. If all spaces are occupied, you may need to wait for the next train. Priority is given to the first passenger who boarded with a mobility aid.

#### **Assistance**

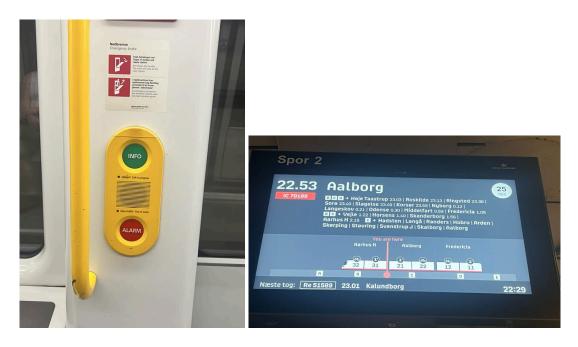
If you need assistance or extra time when boarding or exiting, you can contact staff using the yellow call points on the trains and platforms - press the green INFO button for help. In case of an emergency, there is also a red ALARM button. There are often staff at the metro stations, whom you can ask questions to or ask for assistance from. (Picture 1)

#### **S-trains**

You can always bring a wheelchair or other mobility aid on the S-train. To board, wait by the front carriage and signal to the train driver that you need a ramp. Be sure to let the driver know where you plan to get off so they can assist you when exiting as well.

All S-train platforms have signs showing where each carriage stops, making it easier to position yourself correctly before the train arrives.

Example of a screen showing where the front of the train is, relative to your position. (Picture 2)



Elevators are available at all stations where there is no step-free access.

If all designated spaces for wheelchairs, strollers, bikes, or large luggage are occupied, you may need to wait for the next train. Priority is given to the first person who boarded with a mobility aid.

# Travel outside of Copenhagen

If you plan to use public transport outside of Copenhagen, the same accessibility rules generally apply. However, you will need to purchase a separate ticket from the one you received for use within the city. You may also need to travel by regional train, which has different rules and facilities available.

If you need assistance navigating the ticketing system or website, we recommend contacting Deputy Access Officer Kristian, who speaks fluent Danish and can help guide you through the process.

# **Public Toilets in Copenhagen**

Public toilets in Copenhagen are usually free (or cheap) to use, and many are accessible and well-maintained. Seven toilets across the city even have on-site staff who clean and monitor the facilities during opening hours.

There are 177 public toilets around the city, located in parks, cemeteries, playgrounds, and streets.

- 77 are open 24/7
- Early morning and evening staff rounds open and lock non-24/7 toilets
- 100 out of 177 public toilets are wheelchair-accessible.

#### Finding a Toilet

An interactive map is available online where you can search by address, zoom in and out, and click on toilet locations for more details. To use the map, you must accept functional cookies through the cookie settings at the bottom of the website:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.kk.dk/brug-byen/natur-og-groenne-omraader/offentlige-toiletter-i-koebenhav}} \ n$ 

The link is in Danish, but it works as follows:

Click on the map to "Aktivere kortet" (activate the map). The map uses colored square icons with white letters to indicate toilet types:

- Black background with "T": standard toilet
- Black background with "H": accessible toilet
- Pink background with "T": supervised toilet
- Pink background with "H": supervised accessible toilet
- Blue background with "P": urinal

You can zoom in and out to explore different areas, or search for a specific location by typing an address into the search bar labeled "Søg på en adresse i kortet" (search for an address on the map).

#### **Supervised Toilets**

Copenhagen has seven staffed toilets, which are cleaned after every use and monitored by video for safety. They are located here:

- Amagertory 1F (underground, by Stork Fountain) (open from 9:00 22:30)
- Frederiksborggade 21 (near Israels Plads) (open from 8:30 22:00)
- Nyhavn 1F (underground) (open from 9:00 22:30)
- Nørre Voldgade 15A (by Nørreport Station) (open from 8:00 22:00)
- Rådhuspladsen 5 (Metro entrance) (open from 9:00 22:30)

- Vesterbrogade 47F (underground, near Vesterbro Torv) (open from 9:00 16:30 Monday Thursday and 9:00 16:00 on Fridays)
- Østerbrogade 29B (The "Bee" at Trianglen) (open from 9:00 18:30)

### Extra Accessibility Measures for Toilets

At Nørreport Station, the accessible toilet includes a personal lift.

At Vester Søgade 2A, there is a specialized facility for people with severe mobility impairments. It features:

- A personal lift
- Adjustable-height changing bench and sink
- Automatic toilet lift

This toilet is locked and access requires an application through the Danish Disability Organizations.