

We are glad you are attending the third fwd:cloudsec Europe! To help you make the most of your time, we've put together a document with some practical things to know.

Key Details

- Website: <https://fwdcloudsec.eu>
- Monday September 7th and Tuesday September 8th, at [Park Plaza Victoria London](#), London UK ([google maps link](#))
- Registration opens at 8:00. Coffee and tea will be available.
- Talks with breaks and lunch from 9:00 until 17:00 ([see the latest schedule on the website](#))
- On Monday there is an Happy hour and Birds of a Feather sessions from 17:00 until 19:00

The Location

The conference will be at the Park Plaza Victoria London on the -1st floor. From the hotel lobby take the elevators or spiral staircase down one level. Registration will be in the foyer, and there will be a place to check your coat and bags

Address:

239 Vauxhall Bridge Rd, Pimlico, London SW1V 1EQ, United Kingdom

Travel

We highly recommend using public transport in London, the nearest station (Victoria Station) is 2 minutes from the hotel. The London Underground offers tap-in and tap-out on your credit card, you do not need to purchase an Oyster card.

If you arrive via London Gatwick airport, you can take a train directly to Victoria Station. You'll need to book a ticket on the Southern Line or Gatwick Express. Kiosks are found at the airport train station.

If you arrive via London Heathrow, The [Heathrow Express](#) (extra ticket required) will take you to Paddington, and from there the Circle Line towards Hammersmith will stop at Victoria. If you're on a budget the Elizabeth Line takes a bit longer and also gets you to Paddington. It is also common to take an Uber or cab from Paddington if you want to avoid the underground with luggage, but bear in mind that there is a lot of traffic in London.

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If you arrive via London Stansted, the easiest route is to take the Stansted Express train to Tottenham Hale, then the Victoria line southbound to Victoria station.

If you arrive by rail to St. Pancras you can take the Underground (Tube) Victoria Line from Kings Cross St Pancras Station to Victoria.

Visas and ETAs

It is now mandatory for all travelers to the UK to have either a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), unless you're a British or Irish citizen or hold a British residence permit. If you arrive without either, you are likely to be turned away by border officers at the UK border, or the airline may refuse to let you board if you can't show evidence that you have one.

Details on the ETA, and whether you need an ETA or a visa, can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/eta>

An ETA may take up to 3 working days to process, so be sure to apply in plenty of time!

The Conference

[The latest schedule can be found on our website.](#)

We open registration at 8:00, and we will have coffee and tea available for early birds. The first talk starts at 9:00 and the last talk at 17:30 on both days.

Each day we'll have:

- A short break around 10:20 with coffee, tea, and light snacks each day.
- Lunch is provided each day around 12:10 (Sponsored by [Act Security](#) and [Native](#)).
- A short break around 14:30 with coffee
- Tea Time around 3:45 with coffee, tea, and snacks

On Monday 7 September, from 17:00 to 19:00, we will have our official happy hour, Sponsored by [Native](#), with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. During that same time slot, we will also facilitate "birds-of-a-feather sessions", which are informal (unrecorded) discussions about the topics you think are the most valuable to discuss (see below for a longer explanation).

All these activities are considered part of the fwd:cloudsec conference, and thus covered by our [code of conduct](#)

Sponsors

We cannot have fwd:cloudsec without the support of our wonderful sponsors. They'll have tables setup outside the conference rooms, and are looking to engage with the top minds in

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cloud security (that's you). They also help us cover the cost of meals and drinks, and you will see their names there too.

In addition to the official afterparty, there are also sponsors that are hosting unofficial afterparties, you can find more information here:

- Monday 7th: 7pm - 11pm - MazeHQ & Act
<https://mazehq.com/event/fwdcloudsec-europe-social>
- Monday 7th: 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Native: Casa Do Frango Victoria
<https://lp.native.security/native-dinner-at-fwdcloudsec-europe-2026>
- Tuesday 8th: 6pm - 9pm - Tracebit & Cotool Dinner
<https://luma.com/ov7pmqz9>

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A big thanks to everyone who makes this event possible



Birds of a Feather and Hallway Con

Part of the fwd:cloudsec experience is networking with each other. We've reserved plenty of space for our attendees to congregate. We'll also be facilitating the Birds of a Feather sessions.

All Birds of a Feather sessions will follow three basic rules:

- [Chatham house rule](#)
- No recording of any type
- Can disagree but be respectful (i.e. don't be a jerk)

If you're interested in hosting a Birds-of-a-Feather session, there will be a sign-up board at registration. You'll be able to propose topics and attendees can vote which topics resonate with them.

Tickets and hotel

If you can't make it to the conference, we can change the name on the ticket so you can pass it to a co-worker or friend. Please reach out to tickets-eu@fwdcloudsec.org for any changes.

Your room booking is directly with the hotel (whether you used the link above or found a hotel on your own), so do not forget to also follow their procedures and rules. Reach out to them directly if you need to cancel your room, or have any special requests.

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Slack

Are you a member of the Cloud Security Forum Slack? If not, [you should join](#). There are a number of channels related to fwd:cloudsec including: #fwdcloudsec - General discussions and Q&A for remote participants #fwdcloudsec-social - Discussions around fun activities to do before and after the show and hangout and hallway con planning

London

Getting around

The most convenient way to get around in London is using the tube. The London Underground offers tap-in and tap-out on your credit card, you do not need to purchase an Oyster card.

How can I pay for things?

The UK uses the British Pound (£). Credit Cards are common. When prompted to pay in a currency, you will almost always get a better exchange rate by selecting the local currency.

What voltage and plug sockets does The United Kingdom use?

The UK runs on 230V (50Hz) power and uses Type G plug sockets, which are distinctly different from the two-pin or three-round-pin plugs used in most of continental Europe, North America, and much of Asia. If your devices use a different plug shape, you'll need a Type G adapter, sold widely at airports, luggage shops, and electronics retailers. Most modern electronics like phone chargers, laptops, and cameras are dual-voltage (check for "100-240V" printed on the charger), so a simple plug adapter is all you need. However, if you're bringing single-voltage 120V devices (common for hair dryers, curling irons, or other high-wattage appliances from the US), you'll also need a voltage converter, or you risk damaging the device.

Should I carry my passport everywhere?

You don't need to by law, but pubs may require a form of legal identification