



world **skills**
Leipzig 2013 

Proposal
for hosting the
42nd WorldSkills Competition
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Annex

I. Greetings

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Education and training are the key to prosperity and social cohesion in modern societies and offer lifelong opportunities. Qualified vocational training plays a decisive role here: It not only offers young people a good career start, but also forms a sound foundation for their future professional development.

Germany, in particular, benefits greatly from excellent training which forms the basis for progress, technical development and highest quality. The dual system is the trademark of vocational training in Germany. Training content and methods are largely determined by companies and industrial practice. This allows young people to be integrated into the workforce in a way that is almost without parallel in Europe.

The international WorldSkills competition promotes peak performance in vocational training. It offers competitors an excellent opportunity to measure themselves in fair competition and to transparently gauge their performance. Many WorldSkills competitors have become role models for friends and peers in their companies and home towns. We want to enhance and promote this multiplier effect in Germany.

The German Federal Government expressly welcomes the bid for hosting WorldSkills 2013 in Leipzig. We wish the organizers and the competition venue Leipzig every success in their bid for WorldSkills 2013.



*Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan,
Federal Minister of Education and Research*

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I. Greetings

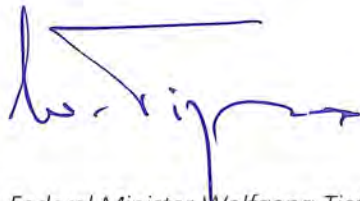
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Historically famous as a city of commerce and trade fairs, Leipzig has recently developed into a logistics hub connecting Eastern and Western Europe. The city has attracted many renowned international companies and become a symbol of the dynamism and economic force of an entire region. Highly qualified employees and a great potential for innovation form the basis of this dynamic development.

The hosting of skills competitions is a great means of creating a platform for future professional success and it heightens public awareness of "young people and their future".

The demographically determined decline in specialists poses new challenges to our qualification and professional training systems. The Leipzig region tackles these challenges and is an excellent place to present the latest developments in this field. Leipzig is a host city that is both cosmopolitan and tradition-conscious – and a city that can easily impress visitors with many of its features, including its cultural diversity.

Because I am aware of the significance of an event such as the WorldSkills Competition for Germany and the region, I gladly support the collective bid by the Federal State of Saxony, the City of Leipzig and Leipziger Messe GmbH.



Federal Minister Wolfgang Tiefensee, Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs and Federal Government Commissioner for the New Federal States



Wolfgang Tiefensee, Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs and Federal Government Commissioner for the New Federal States

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Vitality and congeniality are characteristic of Saxony and its people. Saxony is a great place to live, learn and work. Its cities of Leipzig, Chemnitz and Dresden look back on a great cultural and historic past while attracting many young people today as scientific and industrial centres. Saxony's smaller towns and cities are also have much to offer. There is Riesa, for example, the famous sports venue, and thousand-year-old Meissen. There is Freiberg, seat of the oldest mining university in the world, and there are Görlitz and its twin Zgorzelec across the river in Poland, which anticipated European unification. The regions around our towns and cities offer a true paradise, too – with lakes, hiking areas and vineyards, with the famous Saxon Switzerland sandstone range, known for its castles and climbing routes, and with the Erz Mountains with their alpine and Nordic skiing areas.

Saxony's secondary and vocational schools lay the foundations for a successful education. In addition to the state schools, Saxony has 43 independently operated schools including two international schools in Dresden and Leipzig, as well as Waldorf schools and confessional schools. Saxony has always focused on educating young, practically trained specialists, which means university graduates and skilled workers go through a dual vocational training system which gives them the best education for their future jobs. Obtaining a higher education entrance qualification ("Abitur") takes only 12 years in Saxony, and many industries and renowned companies are convinced of the excellent education standards at Saxon universities. Consequently, Saxon universities boast endowed chairs of DaimlerChrysler, Vodafone and Deutsche Telekom AG, which were set up to train tomorrow's experts. Our education does not stop at national borders either, as the Zittau International Graduate School (IHI) shows, running extensive exchange programmes with our new EU neighbours the Czech Republic and Poland. Saxony is located in both Western and Eastern



Thomas Jurk, Saxon State Minister for Economy and Labour

Europe. And for this reason, Saxony is able to combine the strengths of both in one economic region with many unique advantages. Saxony's infrastructure, its IT landscape and its industries are among the most advanced in the world. Its infrastructure with international airports in Dresden and Leipzig, excellent road, motorway and railway networks and its geographical location at the centre of major European markets provide ideal conditions for procurement and sales. The concepts of the WorldSkills Competition as an exciting contest of different vocational education and training processes, energy and knowledge is popular with the youth of Saxony. The Leipzig region will take up the challenge of hosting the WorldSkills Competition with the experience of an attractive economic and trade fair centre and of a seasoned event host. The Federal State of Saxony therefore gladly supports the bid as well as the preparations of Saxon participants.

I am convinced that Leipzig is a great choice for the WorldSkills 2013 in Germany!

Yours sincerely

*Thomas Jurk
Saxon State Minister for Economy and Labour*

I. Greetings

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Mayor of Leipzig, I am delighted that Leipziger Messe is submitting a bid to host WorldSkills 2013 on behalf of the Federal State of Saxony, because training and education are key to the continued competitiveness of the German economy. A WorldSkills Competition held in our city would further enhance the reputation of German professional training and Leipzig would provide perfect conditions for hosting the event. In addition to its state-of-the-art Trade Fair and Exhibition Centre and vast experience in organizing prestigious and ambitious events, Leipzig is home to countless educational institutions including the 600-year-old University of Leipzig (the second-oldest in Germany), several universities of applied sciences, professional schools, as well as many other educational and research institutions. In addition, our tradition-conscious but innovative city has an attractive cityscape, provides a wide range of cultural offerings, and boasts great culinary diversity, a hospitable, cosmopolitan citizenry and a unique atmosphere – no matter whether you live here or visit.

I am therefore convinced that Leipzig will be the perfect host for a successful WorldSkills 2013. I can assure you that we are already looking forward to welcoming 200,000 guests from almost fifty countries. I promise that we will give our most committed support all the way from the preparations to the actual WorldSkills 2013 Competition in our city.

Sincerely,



*Burkhard Jung,
Mayor of the City of Leipzig*



Burkhard Jung, Mayor of the City of Leipzig

Ladies and Gentlemen,

True to its 2006 World Cup slogan "A time to make friends", Germany as host country of the WorldSkills Competition 2013 invites competitors and guests to Leipzig.

Products and services from Germany enjoy an excellent reputation the world over, and so does the German vocational education system: Germany is in high demand as an education partner worldwide.

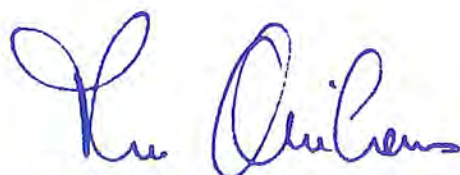
All of this fits in perfectly with the ideals of WorldSkills, the world association of vocational education agencies and bodies, and organizer of the world's biggest education event. The WorldSkills Competition is an excellent platform to present modern occupational profiles to the public and to compare education standards in industry, crafts and service industries. It is a showcase for the latest technologies and products but at the same time, the WorldSkills Competition is a unique communication platform for cutting-edge educational approaches, for the development of expert networks, and for making friends.

The last time Germany hosted the WorldSkills Competition was in 1973. So, after 40 years, we are delighted to finally be hosting it again in 2013. Because of their geographic location, Saxony and its international trade fair centre Leipzig are an excellent choice as hosts of the WorldSkills Competition, and both meet the requirements of such a key event in all areas.

Together with our partners, we at SkillsGermany are looking forward to an attractive WorldSkills Competition 2013 in Leipzig.



Dr. Theodor Niehaus, Chairman of the Board, SkillsGermany



*Dr. Theodor Niehaus
Chairman of the Board, SkillsGermany*

I. Greetings

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Vocational training is a key indicator in our economic system, or to use the words of the Federal Minister of Education and Research, Dr. Schavan: "If you want to be successful in Germany and abroad, you must have convincing knowledge and skills."

Leipziger Messe took up that idea many years ago – and we still attach great importance to it in the events we organize. We are therefore delighted to submit our bid to host WorldSkills 2013 in Leipzig. In cooperation with SkillsGernany, the Federal State of Saxony and the City of Leipzig, we will help organize an exciting competition for all international participants, experts and visitors, and we will set the scene for an unforgettable experience.

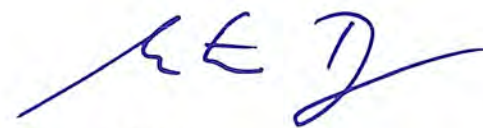
Welcome to Leipzig!



Wolfgang Marzin, CEO of Leipziger Messe GmbH (left) and Martin Buhl-Wagner, Managing Director of Leipziger Messe GmbH (right)



Wolfgang Marzin
Chairman of the Board of
Leipziger Messe GmbH



Martin Buhl-Wagner
Managing Director of
Leipziger Messe GmbH

II. Welcome to Germany

Competition amongst friends

'A time to make friends' was the motto of the 2006 World Cup and Germany was very able to show the world what it was like to have a World Cup hosted by friends.

Seven years after this legendary World Cup, Germany now seeks to inspire young people and skilled experts from the world of vocational and educational training with a flawless WorldSkills Competition 2013 and an exciting WorldSkills Excellence Festival 'Made in Germany'.

We will offer all involved a rich and unforgettable experience.

The prime focus, of course, is on the Competitors and the champions – and we aim not only to look after them extremely well during their stay, but also to ensure that they can continue to build their networks and international exchanges long after WorldSkills 2013 is over.

Today, Germany is a multicultural society, which celebrates diversity and is open to all points of the compass. Germany also stands for high tech, innovation and an exemplary Dual System of vocational education and training which we are very proud to showcase to the world.



II. Welcome to Germany

Why Germany

Germany has always aspired to innovation and new technologies and processes. This generates new fields of knowledge and new learning methods which affect the whole vocational education and training system. It also leads to new perspectives and opportunities for young people, instructors and companies. We want to share our experience and findings with all participants of the WorldSkills Competition and the WorldSkills Movement

WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 – Made in Germany is a promise. The promise to deliver an unparalleled WorldSkills Competition in a setting that offers a rich cultural and historical experience.

The world over 'Made in Germany' stands for excellence of engineering and design. It is a seal of quality and the standard to which we naturally aspire in hosting WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 in Germany.

The slogan Made in Germany aims to underline the key messages of our offer and contributes to WorldSkills International's Brand Strategie in terms of competition, education and advocacy.

The reason why

1. **Open minded:** join the reason of hospitality – Welcome to Germany.
2. **Unique:** enjoy a fascinating competition atmosphere and gain unforgettable impressions.
3. **Inviting:** take advantage of ideal settings for contacts and communication.
4. **Visionary:** meet the traditions and the future of science, business and technologies.
5. **Comfortable:** be pleased about easy travel and generous support.
6. **Capable:** share a great common vision.
7. **Perfect:** rely on excellent services and committed professionals.
8. **Inspiring:** experience the pulsating heart of Europe.
9. **Fair:** Profit from best value for money and top quality.
10. **Attractive:** tap into new ideas and benefit from high potentials.

Education and Vocational Training in Germany

The educational landscape comprises primary schools ('Grundschulen'), secondary schools ('Mittelschulen') and high schools ('Gymnasien') as well vocational schools and evening schools where adults can acquire comprehensive school leaving certificates. In addition, there are special schools that prepare students with special needs to lead their lives as independently as possible in our society. In this way, the school system caters to the different inclinations, talents, needs and educational goals of the students, true to our slogan "everybody counts!"

Germany's Dual System which involves practical training in the factory or plant and theoretical training in the vocational school has been a major factor of the economic success and inventiveness of the past six decades. The holistic approach, its high quality, and first-class reputation have made the Dual System itself an export success, too. Countries all over the world model their VET systems on ours.



III. Venue

Saxony and Central Germany

Saxony has a long tradition in industry and commerce as an efficient industrial economy developed here at a very early stage. Today it is one of the most dynamic German federal states. Since 2000, Saxony's economy has grown by 13.4 %.

The Saxon economy is one of the most dynamic in Germany, its leading position being boosted by high-tech industries, the automotive industry, and mechanical engineering. In recent years, many companies have decided to locate in Saxony because of the availability of highly qualified specialists and because of our modern infrastructure and our lean, efficient administration. The Saxon location policy has been a great success: Some 6,000 companies have opened offices, sites and plants in Saxony since 1990.

It sum of all factors that makes the region in the heart of the three federal states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia such a popular location for investors, talented people, bon vivants and thinkers. They all find an excellent base here in Central Germany – a place that's beneficial to the development of innovation and creativity. To safeguard a prosperous economic future, Central Germany is focussing on the development of dynamic clusters, concentrating the forces of producers, suppliers, service industries, research, educational and other institutions in regional pools.



Saxony and Central Germany

Highlights of the region

Central Germany is one of the most innovative growth regions in Europe with outstanding advantages, including:

- Geographic location in the heart of Europe
- State-of-the-art infrastructure
- Dense network of research and development institutions
- Countless major investments made by international companies
- Well-established networks and clusters (medicine, biotechnology, information and communication technology, energy and environmental technologies, and automotive and logistics)
- Great quality of life
- Creative and highly qualified employees
- Cosmopolitan, congenial and friendly citizens

As a result, the region has become a renowned centre of the automotive industry – and its chemical and plastics industries, biotechnology, life sciences, energy and environmental sectors, food industry and media and IT sectors promote the region's excellent reputation worldwide. Central Germany's systematic focus on business sectors of strategic importance serves a single aim: international competitiveness. After all, only regions that offer diverse opportunities for cooperation will remain attractive to large national and international investors in the long term. And the fact that many prominent international companies are moving to the region shows that global players feel at home in Saxony!

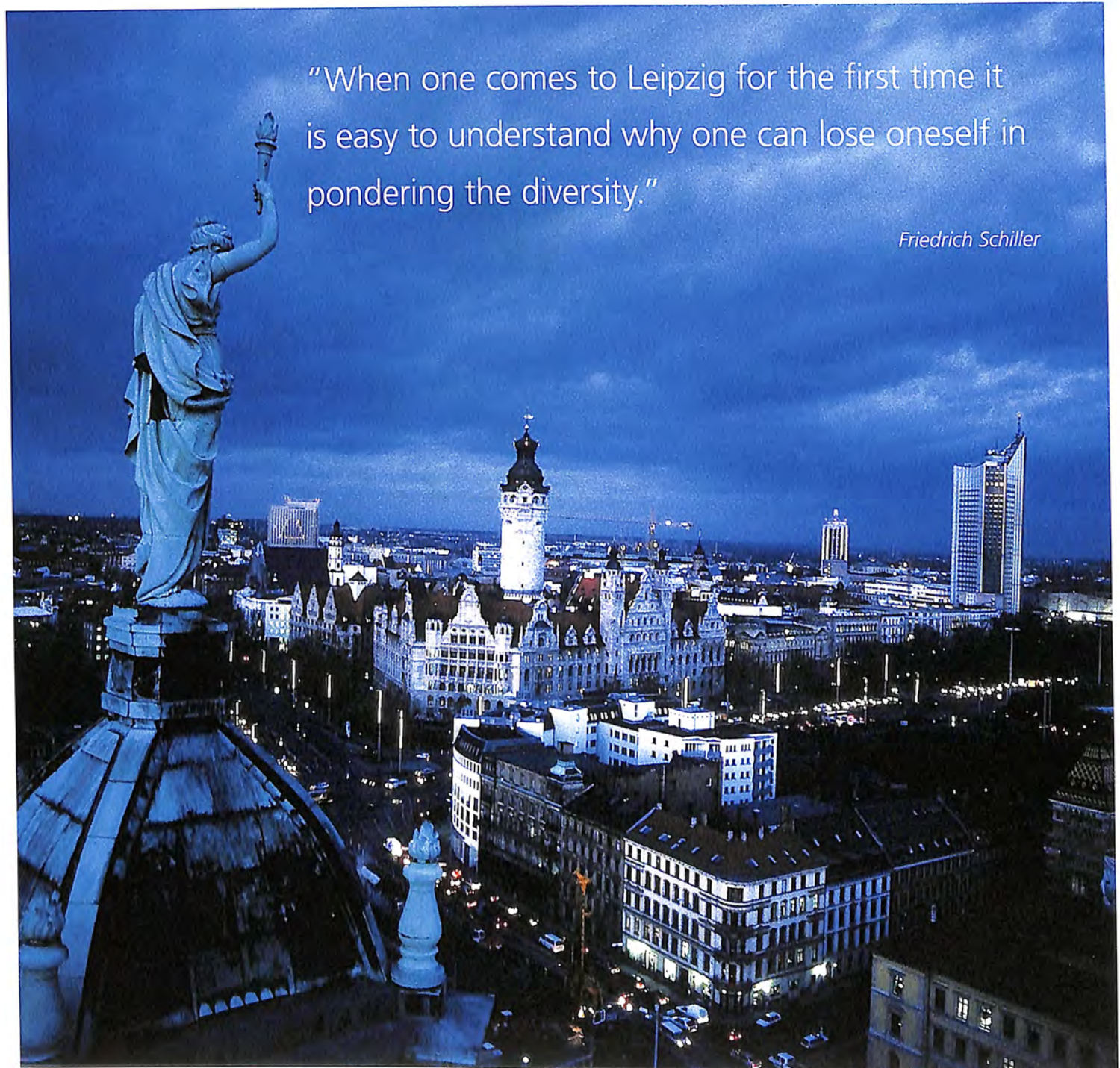


Leipzig is the location of the biggest DHL air hub in Europe



BMW plant Leipzig – central building

III. Venue



"When one comes to Leipzig for the first time it is easy to understand why one can lose oneself in pondering the diversity."

Friedrich Schiller

Leipzig

Centre of science and medicine, economic centre, congress and cultural centre, city of music, city of short distances.

"I come to Leipzig, a place where the whole world can be seen in miniature", Gotthold Ephraim Lessing once famously said of this architecturally attractive, culturally and historically rich metropolis in Saxony.

The city sprang up more than 800 years ago at the intersection of two famous ancient European trade routes (Via Regia and Via Imperia) and became a prosperous centre of trade and crafts. One of the world's oldest trade fair centres, Leipzig has also become one of the most important. It has always been an international meeting place – and it still is.

Leipzig is also a major logistics hub and the most important economic centre in Central Germany– and since no economy can thrive today without cutting-edge research, Leipzig is setting standards in the sciences, too.

What makes trips to Leipzig and its surroundings unique? It is the parks and forests that run through as much as one third of the city! Auenwald forest and Clara Zetkin Park as well as several lakes are among the finest and most popular destinations in and around Leipzig. Many sights can also be discovered by boat on trips along the city's rivers and canals past beautiful historic villas and converted factory buildings, and through the idyllic countryside.

Leipzig is also famous for its many bars, pubs and restaurants, cafés and clubs that lend the city centre its unique atmosphere. The area is densely packed with more than 1,400 places to eat out or enjoy a drink.

In short: A city of history, charm and promise.



St Thomas's Church



Evening atmosphere in Leipzig's city centre

III. Venue

Leipzig

Historic charm and forward-looking appeal

Leipzig's name is closely linked with well-established and renowned trademarks and with the names of famous people and institutions such as Leipziger Messe, Johann Sebastian Bach, St Thomas's Boys Choir and University of Leipzig. It is also famous for its industry, including the book trade and publishing. Historically, Leipzig's city centre developed from a fortress, the remains of which can still be traced, and it is surrounded by a green belt. Its houses and streets bear elaborate witness to an eventful history and the lives of many historical figures.

Experience a vibrant, open, old and yet youthful city, which offers everything you might expect: more than 35 stages, theatres, political revues, variety shows and concert halls including the Gewandhaus, Leipzig Opera and Central Theatre.

More than 67 museums, galleries and exhibitions as well as libraries, monuments and historic buildings add to the particular charm of this famous city of trade.

Leipzig's top sights include the Renaissance style Old City Hall, St Thomas's Church where Johann Sebastian Bach is buried, and the Monument to the Battle of Leipzig with its lookout platform that offers fantastic views over the city. The must-dos for tourists also include a detour to Auerbachs Keller, a historic city centre cellar restaurant famous for featuring in Goethe's "Faust". Leipzig's standout museums such as Mendelssohn House or the Museum of Fine Arts complement Leipzig's artistic and cultural offerings.

Additional sights which visitors should not miss are the Leipzig Opera House, Gewandhaus concert hall, Leipzig Central Station, St Nicholas's Church, Augustusplatz, Leipzig Zoo, and the lookout platform of the City-Hochhaus.



Leipzig Gewandhaus concert hall



Krystallpalast Varieté

In cooperation with our partner Leipziger Tourismus und Marketing GmbH, we will gladly help you compile a comprehensive programme of sight-seeing, activities and events in and around Leipzig.

Leipziger Messe

In recent years, Leipziger Messe has established an excellent reputation as a service-orientated, flexible and agile Trade Fair and Exhibition Centre. The company delivers trade show concepts that are tailored exactly to the needs of exhibitors and visitors tailor-made. Excellent services and uncompromising customer focus are the key components of its corporate philosophy. A comparison of the 20 biggest German trade fair centres proves this philosophy right: Leipziger Messe has been scoring top service rankings for years. Today the company's internationally renowned Congress Center Leipzig (CCL) is one of the 10 most popular congress centres in Germany. With 26 national and international trade and public fairs, international congresses and a large number of hosted events, Leipziger Messe GmbH and its five service subsidiaries attracted 10,100

exhibitors and 1,500,000 trade visitors from Germany and abroad in 2008.

In addition, the trade fair company maintains approx. 30 offices in key international markets.

Strategic priorities for the current development of Leipziger Messe GmbH are its establishment as an international trade fair centre in the budding Neisse Euroregion (comprising Central Germany and western parts of Poland and the Czech Republic) and the extensive expansion of its international business. With a trade fair agenda that closely matches the cluster development in Central Germany, the company aims to become the premier exhibition centre of the Neisse Euroregion for the respective sectors.

The Leipziger Messe Exhibition Centre with views of the CCL, the Glass Hall and the administration building



IV. Hosting criteria

Joining forces for success

The fact that the German Government, the State Government of Saxony, the City Council Leipzig, Leipziger Messe and SkillsGermany have joined forces for this bid, supports and underscores our target of hosting an outstanding WorldSkills Competition in Germany.

We can efficiently disseminate the fundamental concepts of the international skills competition through existing networks with associations and economic institutions.

A hospitable city with a very special allure and atmosphere that is looking forward to welcoming you. It is easy to get to, has a modern infrastructure and many first-rate hotels which offer extremely surprising value for money. Experience the great variety of culture, art and recreation activities on offer, and a team that is passionate to work with you to make the WorldSkills 2013 a huge success.

In July 2013, Leipziger Messe GmbH can guarantee availability of the entire Exhibition Centre for an event period of three weeks in total. The competition would be held from **2–7 July 2013** on the premises of Leipziger Messe Trade Fair and Exhibition Centre.

The following pages contain our comments on the individual hosting requirements.

Guaranteeing a smooth schedule



Infrastructure

Easy access to Leipzig from all over the world and at any time

Leipzig is easy to get to from all over German and important European metropolises by air, train or by car.

Arriving by air:

Leipzig/Halle Airport is located right next to the motorway junction Schkeuditzer Kreuz (A 9, A 14), 18 kilometres (11 miles) from the city.

There are direct flights to and from major European cities, frequent services (almost daily) to more than 25 destinations around the Mediterranean, and non-stop flights to overseas, links to hubs such as Frankfurt/Main or Munich make Leipzig/Halle Airport easy to get to from all over the world.

Within Germany there are direct flights to and from Hamburg, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Cologne, Frankfurt/Main, Stuttgart, Nuremberg and Munich.

A German Rail airport express train, which also stops at Leipziger Messe Exhibition Centre, links the airport to Leipzig Central Station with a journey time of 14 minutes.



Leipzig-Halle Airport



Airport-Express-Train



IV. Hosting criteria

Infrastructure

Arriving by train:

Leipzig's modern and lavishly renovated Central Station is one of the most important railway hubs in Germany. ICE connections from all major German cities ensure smooth travel and relaxed arrival at the station where an integrated shopping mall, the Bahnhofs-Promenaden, invites you to stroll and browse. Central Station is also the connecting station for the city's suburban S-Bahn (rapid urban transit) railway, for trams and busses, and for the onward journey through the new City Tunnel.

Arriving by car:

Our well-developed motorway network with more than 20 junctions affords short travel times and ideal links to the city centre. Leipzig is located at the heart of the Central German motorway network. No matter whether you travel along motorway A 14 from Prague/Dresden or Hanover/Cologne, on the A 9 from Vienna/Munich or Hamburg/Berlin or on the A 38 from the Ruhr region – the latest infrastructure, multiple lanes and big motorway junctions make for smooth and easy transport links. As you arrive at the Trade Fair and Exhibition Centre, you can choose from more than 15,000 parking lots located right next to the exhibition halls and the Congress Center Leipzig.



"Autobahn" – German motorway



ICE 3 high speed train

Infrastructure

Leipzig's public transport company LVB operates one of the densest public transport networks in Germany. 320 kilometres of track connect more than 500 stops in the city's tram network, complemented by an additional 600 bus stops. A digital transport centre monitors the most important connections and updates tram stop displays. Mobile traffic control systems match tram frequency to actual passenger numbers – at any time.

Leipzig's public transport company (LVB)

It takes 19 minutes by tram from the Central Station in the city centre to the terminal stop at "Messegelände" (Exhibition Centre). The trams run every 10 minutes and take visitors almost to the very doors of the western entrance of the Exhibition Centre (Glass Hall) and Congress Center Leipzig (CCL).

Regional railway

There is a half-hourly regional railway (RB) connection from Central Station to Leipziger Messe, which takes only 6 minutes for the journey to the Exhibition Centre (get off at "Leipzig – Messe"). From there, it is a pleasant 10-minute stroll to the western entrance (Glass Hall) and the Congress Center Leipzig (CCL).

Travel time through the city on major federal roads from north to south and east to west is 30 minutes. The city has a huge number of city centre parking spaces, complemented by more than 15,000 parking spaces at the Leipziger Messe exhibition grounds. Event-tested park & ride concepts are in place to alleviate congestion.



Tram of Leipzig's public transport company LVB

Cooperation in transportation matters

We will gladly assist you in organizing your arrivals and departures.

We cooperate with several partners to offer special packages for events, including special rail and flight deals. We will also gladly forward your requests to the travel agents of your choice.

IV. Hosting criteria

Accommodation



Accommodation – Competitors and Teamleaders

Competitors will be accommodated on the Leipzig University campus.

There are 14 dormitories with a capacity for 5.000 students. Single, Double rooms, apartments and flats from 1–6 persons are available.
All with modern infrastructure (TV, Internet).

The campus has state-of-the-art facilities for sport and leisure, including a swimming pool in the vicinity.
Easy access to the Competition Site at the Leipziger Messe Fairground.

From the Leipzig main station 5 minutes by regional train (1 stop) or 20 minutes by tram; tram stop at the dormitories.



IV. Hosting criteria

Accommodation – Experts, Delegates, Officials

The service network of Leipziger Messe GmbH allows us to offer you many services at extremely competitive prices, often considerably lower than those offered in other trade fair cities. Experience Leipzig's fascinating variety with our different accommodation offers!

Leipzig has more than 52 hotels with a capacity of more than **12,000 beds** in all price ranges.

Category	Double rooms*
5-star VIP	from € 119
4-star Deluxe	from € 80
3-star Standard	from € 45
2-star and 1-star Standard	from € 40

These are unbeatable prices compared to other trade fair centres.

* Prices as of 2009, subject to increase before 2013.



Accommodation – Experts, Delegates, Officials

– Selection –

Hotel Fürstenhof *****

Well-located in the center of Leipzig, Hotel Fuerstenhof, Leipzig has grown to be one of the most sophisticated palaces in all of Germany.

Number of rooms: 92

Distance from city centre: 0.3 km

The Westin Leipzig *****

The Westin hotel is located in the city centre and is close to many sights.

It has a wellness centre with Leipzig's biggest indoor pool.

Number of rooms: 436 | numbers of beds: 743

Distance from city centre: 0.3 km

Leipzig Marriott Hotel ****

The Leipzig Marriott Hotel is only a few metres from the famous Central Station and surrounded by many historic buildings.

Number of rooms: 231 | numbers of beds: 464

Distance from city centre: 0.2 km

Lindner Hotel Leipzig ****

Extravagant architecture and furnishings in 200 rooms make nights at the Lindner Hotel Leipzig a dream come true.

Number of rooms: 200 | numbers of beds: 340

Distance from city centre: 3.52 km

Mercure ****

The Mercure at Johannisplatz welcomes you to a quiet neighbourhood only a few minutes' walk from the Gewandhaus concert hall and the historic city centre. What could be more welcome after an active day out than relaxing in our stylish wellness centre with sauna, solarium and whirlpool?

Number of rooms: 174 | numbers of beds: 328

Distance from city centre: 1 km

Radisson SAS Hotel ****

Located opposite the Opera House and the Gewandhaus, as guest of the Radisson SAS Hotel you can experience new dimensions. Modern design and comfortable interior make this First Class Superior hotel one of the most popular among holiday-makers and business travellers.

Number of rooms: 214 | numbers of beds: 428

Distance from city centre: 0 km

Novotel Leipzig ****

Located right in the city centre opposite the Central Station, this 4-star hotel offers great comfort, a cultivated atmosphere, and a varied and inventive cuisine.

Number of rooms: 200 | numbers of beds: 400

Distance from city centre: 0 km

IV. Hosting criteria

Accommodation – Visitors

In addition, there is a wide range of mid-price accommodation from € 50, there are boarding houses with prices ranging from € 25 to € 50 and there is private accommodation from € 20 to € 60. Further accommodation opportunities include hostels, municipal schools, the campus, association sports venues etc.

– Selection –

Motel One Leipzig

Number of rooms: 194

Distance from city centre: 0 km

Central Globetrotter Hostel

Number of rooms: – | numbers of beds: 80

Distance from city centre: 0 km

Hostel Sleepy Lion

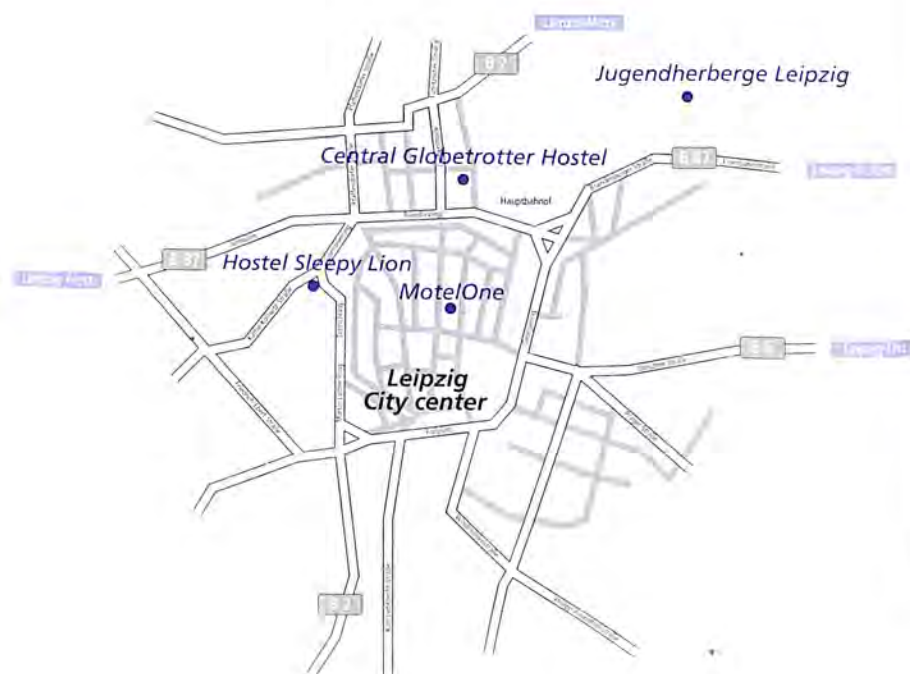
Number of rooms: – | numbers of beds: 60

Distance from city centre: 0 km

Jugendherberge Leipzig (Youth Hostel)

Number of rooms: 57 | numbers of beds: 170

Distance from city centre: 3 km



Catering

Catering during the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 will be done by fairgourmet GmbH, member of Chaine de Rôtisseurs. Their services are highly in demand and their reference list includes major events such as catering for 2006 Football World Championship Gala Dinner. Fairgourmet's professional catering is renowned for excellent cuisine, high quality, good service and perfect logistics.

A great variety of meals respecting any taste and culture will be available.

Visitors can enjoy the many restaurants, cafés and snack bars on the fair ground (4 restaurants, 4 bistros, 10 snack bars and several special cafés).

Catering possibilities at a glance:

- Conferences (CCL, up to 3,500 people)
- Gala dinners (Glass Hall/exhibition halls, up to 9,000 people)
- Major events (catering for about 1.6 million trade fair visitors annually)

Catering – Competitors

- breakfast at Competitors Village
- lunch and dinner at exhibition fairground

Catering – Experts and Delegates

- breakfast at the hotel
- lunch at exhibition fairground
- dinner – self-catering

see criterias of final proposal



IV. Hosting criteria

Exhibition grounds

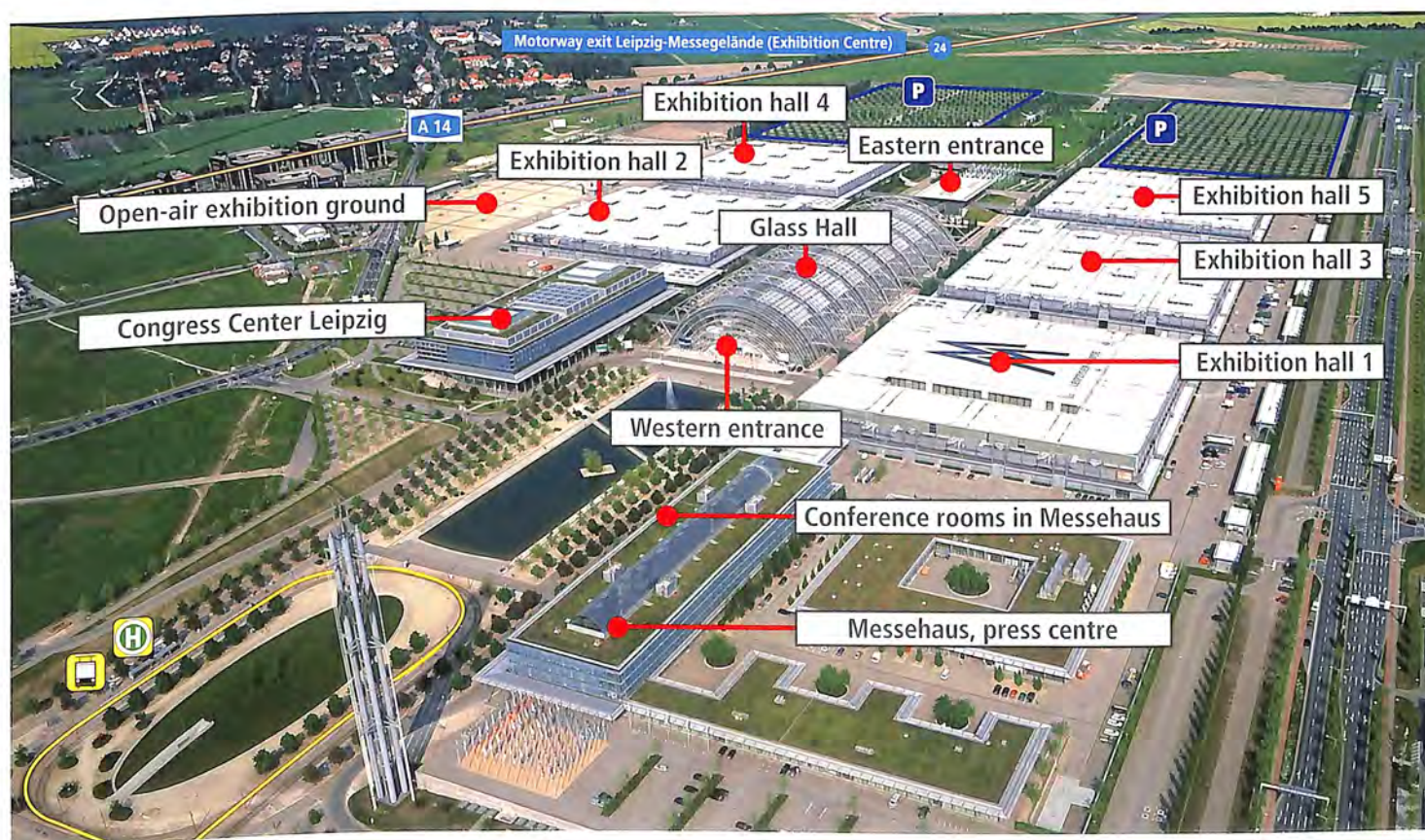


Exhibition grounds

The modern exhibition grounds of Leipziger Messe are a popular location for special events of all kinds. Leipziger Messe has five exhibition halls with a useable area of 20,500 m² each. These are air –conditioned and equipped with all necessary technical and communication infrastructure and the halls can be divided using portable partition walls.

All exhibition halls are at ground level and linked by roofed footbridges for short distances. All halls have direct vehicle access via access roads separated from visitor traffic.

The exhibition grounds are perfectly suited for the target size you have specified. They are amply sized, well-structured and – because of the short distances between conference rooms, exhibition halls and the Glass Hall – very convenient to use.



IV. Hosting criteria



Glass Hall by night



Auto Mobil International, covering approx. 250.000 visitors



Outdoor Event on open-air exhibition ground

Exhibition grounds

The Glass Hall:

The light-flooded Glass Hall at Leipziger Messe is an attractive reception and exhibition space, inviting visitors to linger and browse. At the same time, the impressive building will provide an appropriate setting for your event.

- Presentation area: 15,000 m²
- Max. capacity: 4,500 people

Hall 1:

With a clearance height of 12 and 16 metres (centre of the hall), Hall 1 is especially well-suited for tall stands and unusual stand designs. Because the columns in Hall 1 are spaced 75 metres apart, it is ideal for special and large-scale events (sports, TV shows and concerts).

- Gross floor area: 20,500 m²
- Max. capacity: 15,000 people (row seating: 11,000, table seating: 7,300, classroom style seating: 5,200)

Halls 2–5:

Halls 2, 3, 4 and 5 have a clearance height of eight metres each and can be divided into two segments. Column spacing of more than 37 metres make these halls suitable for generous stand designs.

- Gross floor area: 20,500 m² each
- Max. capacity: Approx. 10,000 people

Open-air exhibition ground

At the northern edge of the Exhibition Centre there is an open space of 69,998 m² in total. This area too is equipped with common power outlets.

Summary

The Exhibition Centre of Leipziger Messe GmbH is capable of providing the requested space of at least 80,000 m².

Conference rooms

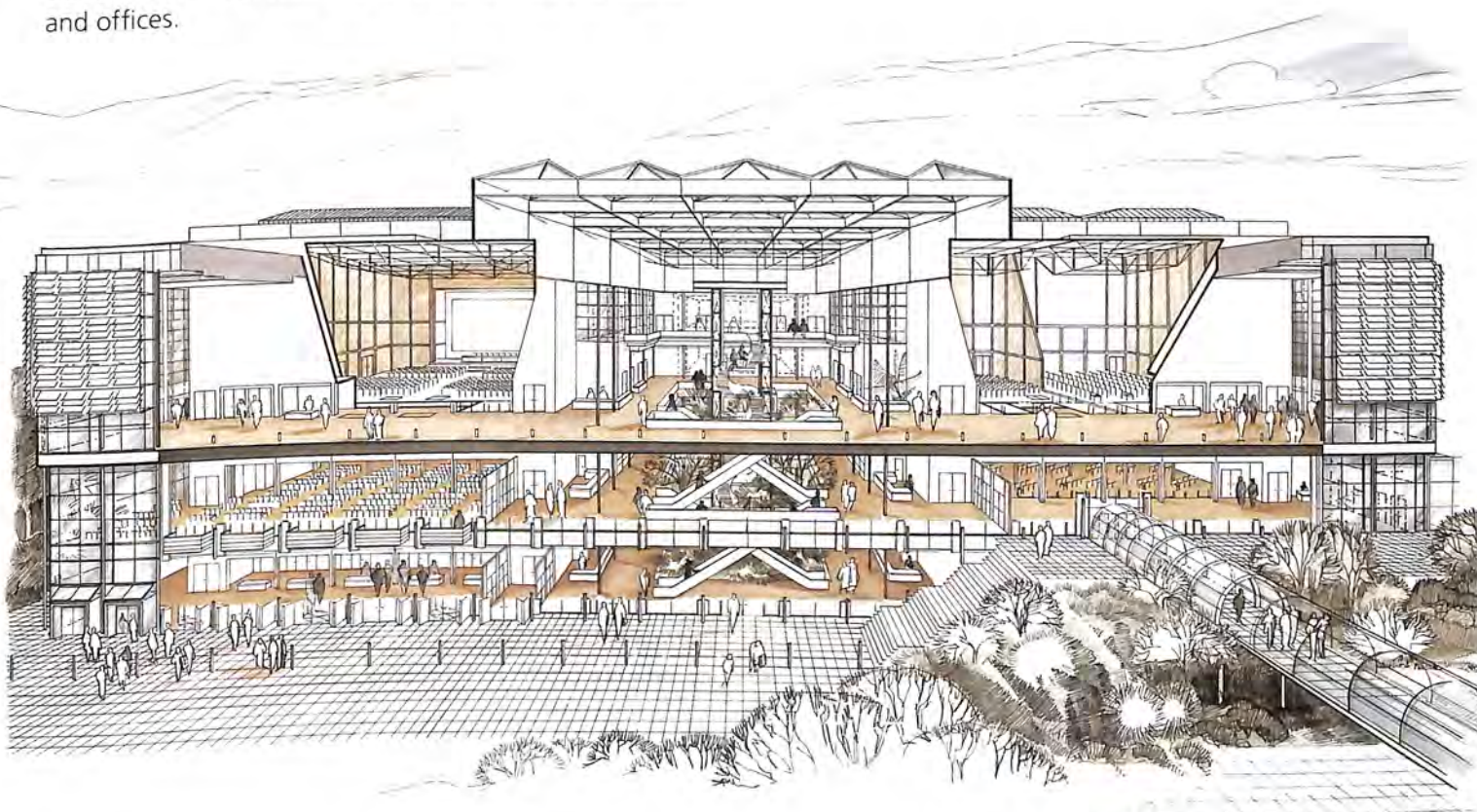
CCL – Congress Center Leipzig

The CCL – Congress Center Leipzig is one of the most modern congress and conference centres in Europe. It is embedded in a parkland and blends the highest architectural and aesthetic demands with the most advanced multimedia and telecommunication facilities. In short: The CCL offers an exceptional atmosphere and high-tech for all senses – and more: friendly and helpful staff and a range of services that leave nothing to be desired. The combination of Glass Hall, adjacent exhibition halls and Congress Center Leipzig provides the best conditions for hosting the WorldSkills Leaders Forum and the WorldSkills General Assembly, with ample space for meeting rooms and offices.

Rooms available: 23 independent combinable rooms, 5 halls, 4 conference rooms, 6 seminar rooms, 4 banqueting rooms, 2 multi-purpose areas.

Conference rooms in the Messehaus

In addition to the rooms in the CCL, the Messehaus offers an attractive ensemble of modern conference rooms and light-flooded foyers with space for more than 1,000 people in total (the biggest room seats 330). It is perfect for small to mid-range conferences, working groups etc.



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Glass Hall



Pocketpark



Glass Hall

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

We offer you the support of the entire service network of Leipziger Messe, including parent companies and subsidiaries, for the WorldSkills Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This will give you access to specific or complete one-stop services, rendered by a network that covers the entire range from event conception and planning in Germany and abroad, catering, professional stand design to conference management. In addition to the individual services provided by our subsidiaries, we will also make our expertise and workforce available to you. This covers the following areas:

- Event technology
- Services within exhibition grounds
- Conference equipment
- Customer support
- Advertising/press relations
- CRM
- Minutes
- Market research
- Accounting

The following list includes weather-protected and open-air versions that would be best suited for the WorldSkills 2013 Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Weather-protected versions

Exhibition hall (including Glass Hall + Pocket Park)

The unique architecture of the exhibition halls allows us to create very special settings for all types of events. A hall can accommodate approx. 4,000–5,000 seats. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies could also be held in the light-flooded Glass Hall, which offers live broadcast facilities.

Reference projects:

- FIFA World Cup 2006, Final Draw: 2,000 participants, officials, guests and VIPs experienced an exciting Final Draw. More than 2,500 journalists attended the event, which was broadcast live on TV to almost 1 billion people the world over.
- Ball of Sports/Olympic Ball: About 1,500 guests from sports, politics and industry enjoyed the 16th edition of Germany's second largest sports benefit gala in the Glass Hall of the Leipziger Messe.

Tropical Hall Gondwanaland at Leipzig Zoo

The gigantic Tropical Hall (to be completed by 2011) would be an exceptional location for the Opening or Closing Ceremony of the WorldSkills 2013. We currently have no accurate details about the space that will be available in the hall but we can already say that it will be possible to entertain all guests and participants perfectly well and cater to their needs when we include space in other parts of the zoo in the celebrations.

Arena Leipzig

Opened in May 2002, Arena Leipzig is one of the most modern multi-purpose halls in Europe, offering flexible, modern equipment and many configuration possibilities for the interior.

The Arena has removable seating and is suitable for an audience of between 3,000 (minimum seated) and 4,000 people at sports events, and 12,000 at music concerts.



Arena Leipzig

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Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Open-air versions

There are many opportunities for staging grandiose open-air versions of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies in Leipzig. At this point, we would like to present several exceptional and well-tested locations in Leipzig. For swift and convenient transport from the Exhibition Centre to the city centre, you can rely on the well-structured transportation network of Leipzig's public transport company LVB.

Market square + Augustusplatz

Over the past few years, Leipzig's city centre featured as venue for more than 150 hours of show programmes, including seven show stages and ten themed areas attended by approx. 300,000 people. The stages in the historic market square were covered by a 31 meter canopy. This location would also be a perfect platform for WorldSkills 2013 during July.

Augustusplatz during the World Cup 2006



Monument to the Battle of Leipzig

The Monument to the Battle of Leipzig ("Völkerschlachtdenkmal") is a Leipzig landmark visible from afar. It was erected to commemorate the Battle of Leipzig in 1813 and is operated by the Museum of City History. With its striking silhouette and lookout platform at a height of 91 m, it is the biggest monument in Europe. In 2013, the city will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the monument's inauguration – which means perfect conditions for a specially produced Opening or Closing Ceremony.

Belantis amusement park

Belantis is the biggest amusement park in former East Germany and it is located to the south of Leipzig next to the new southern motorway bypass A 38. The 27-hectare park was opened in April 2003 and has become one of the most popular destinations for family outings in Leipzig's "New Lake District". It would be a spectacular setting for the WorldSkills Opening or Closing Ceremonies.

Supporting programme



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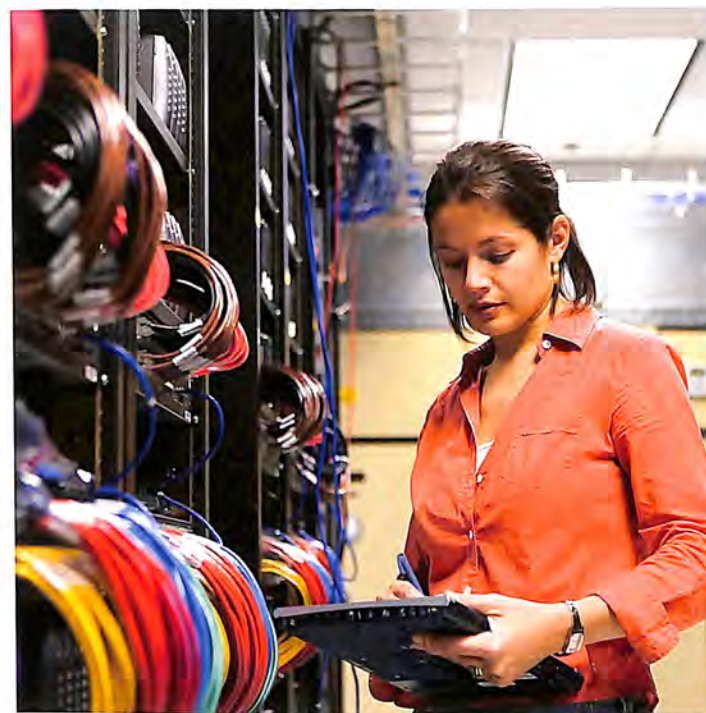
Supporting programme

Open doors to Vocational Education

The State Government of Saxony has proposed a program called 'Open doors of Vocational Education' involving all stakeholders of vocational and professional education, such as numerous companies, vocational training colleges, trade associations, chambers of commerce and industry, craftsmen associations.

The State of Saxony alone has 80 vocational school centres with special professional trainings profiles such as metalworking, electronics, construction technology, automation technology, aerospace engineering, safety engineering, craftsmen and trade, health sector, nutrition and many more.

Numerous companies from the private sector such as Porsche, BMW, DHL, Energy Sector will open their doors and a huge pool of company experts will be delighted to share and exchange their experience, develop dialog and encourage benchmarking which inspires change and improvement.



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1. Professional Training Centre Goerlitz
www.bszt-goerlitz.de
Profile: metallworking, construction technology, electrotechnology etc.
2. Professional Taining Centre Chemnitz
www.bildungs-werkstatt.de
Profile: cnc-technologies, mechatronics
3. Professional Training Centre Dresden
www.sbg-dresden.de
Profile: chemical, environment, painting and varnishing
4. Professional Training Centre "Otto Lilienthal" Freital
www.bszt-freital.de
Profile: safety, economy, nutrition, craftsmen, IT technology

and many more

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Supporting programme and entertainment

Leipzig is an ideal starting point for interesting and exciting excursions and day trips to

- Berlin – the Capital of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Dresden – aptly nicknamed “Florence on the Elbe River” for its countless sights
- Meissen – with its historic porcelain manufacture
- Weimar – former home to Goethe and Schiller
- Wittenberg – retracing the steps of Martin Luther

... and many other destinations which could be included in a supporting programme, including Halle/Saale, Colditz, Burgenland, Wörlitzer Park, Erfurt, Saxon Switzerland, Erz Mountains, Potsdam, Eisenach ...

Wörlitzer Park, Scharfenstein Castle in the Erz Mountains, Saxon Switzerland (right)



Supporting programme and entertainment

From Leipzig to Berlin

Discover one of the most exciting cities in Germany! With its countless exhibitions, musicals, revues, theatre plays, ancient buildings and squares, Berlin invites cultural connoisseurs and night owls alike to look around and marvel. Highlights of this day trip to Germany's pulsating capital include Alexanderplatz, the television tower, the Unter den Linden boulevard, Berlin Cathedral, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate, and the Reichstag.

Berlin

Distance: 189 km

Journey time: 1:07 h



Berlin Reichstag



Central Berlin

Brandenburg Gate, The World Clock on Alexanderplatz



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Supporting programme and entertainment

From Leipzig to Dresden – the capital of Saxony

Visiting Dresden means to be delving into the historic and present-day cultural centre of Saxony. The atmosphere in this beautiful city by the River Elbe is characterised by the gentle curves of the hills where wine is grown, by its unique art collections and architecture which made it internationally famous and accounted for its nomination as World Heritage site, and by Saxon *Gemütlichkeit*, the special hospitality and charm of the city's inhabitants. Join us on a journey to fascinating works of art, experience the mesmerizing historic architecture and enjoy the beauty of the Elbe River country, of Saxon Switzerland and the Saxon Wine Route.

Dresden has all the features one could wish for during a perfect city break: world-famous museums and sights, a romantic river landscape, Saxon *Gemütlichkeit* and colourful locations. Let the city impress you with its Baroque Zwinger Palace, the Albertinum museum complex or Neustadt, the biggest surviving Gründerzeit quarter in Europe. Visit the Semper Opera and marvel at the impressively restored Frauenkirche. Every corner of this city breathes German history! Dresden affords you an experience of past, present and future at the same time – so come and join us and let the Saxon lifestyle infect you!

Dresden

Distance: 113 km

Journey time: 1:03 h



Semper Opera, Dresden

Dresden's Old Masters Picture Gallery, boats on the River Elbe



Supporting programme and entertainment

From Leipzig to Meissen

Meissen is the home of the first European porcelain factory. In addition, visitors to the thousand-year-old town can wander a magnificent historic townscape, still stirred by a gentle breeze from the past.

The precious porcelain developed by Johann Friedrich Böttger with its logo of blue crossed swords, the famous Frauenkirche with its porcelain bells, the landmark Albrechtsburg castle with its cathedral, and the historic Town Hall in the impressive market square with its Renaissance residences make a visit to Meissen a very special experience.

Meißen

Distance: 101 km

Journey time: 1:45 h



Historic figurines made at the Meissen porcelain factory

Albrechtsburg castle in Meissen



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Supporting programme and entertainment

From Leipzig to Weimar

From Leipzig to Weimar

Historian and author Adolf Stahr once aptly claimed that Weimar is actually a park with a town by its side. Weimar is a city where the spirit of the German literary movement of Weimar Classicism, the spirit of the Weimar Republic and the spirit of Bauhaus live on. It was therefore only logical that Germany chose Weimar as its first European Capital of Culture in 1999. Weimar can easily be explored on foot. You are in for an experience of classicism and modernism and you will learn interesting facts about Weimar's luminaries including Goethe, Schiller, Bach, Liszt, Gropius and many more.



Goethe and Schiller

Weimar

Distance: 118 km

Journey time: 0:58 h



Neues Museum and German National Theatre



From Leipzig to Wittenberg

Wittenberg is the historic centre of the German Reformation and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a fascinating wealth of marvellous historic buildings, churches and museums. A visit to Wittenberg means to experience world history!

Visit the famous palace church where Luther nailed his 96 theses against the selling of indulgences to the door. Other sights in Wittenberg include Stadtkirche, Cranachhöfe and Hamlet House.

Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Distance: 67 km

Journey time: 0:32 h

Reformers Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon



Pre-Competition camps/ excursions

There are many accommodation opportunities with a recreational orientation, which offer Competitors, support staff and officials relaxation before and after the competitions. They can enjoy nearby nature reserves and recreation centres in an idyllic rural landscape. We will gladly assist you in compiling locations for the preparation camps for the individual participating nations. We can currently guarantee accommodation for a maximum of 3,430 people in scenic locations (within one hour's drive of the Exhibition Centre).

The Leipzig region has more than 120 hectares of forests and parks. There are golf courses, rivers and canals in town and a total of 18 lakes in Leipzig's "New Lake District" (Neuseenland). In short – Leipzig invites you to bathe, sun bathe, sail, take boat trips, surf, dive and relax.

Marina Pier 1 at Lake Cospuden



Rafting at Europe's most modern artificial white-water venue / Bathing lake in Kleinliebenau

Time for fun, recreation and relaxation – destinations (selection)

Leipzig New Lake District – Lake Cospuden

Lake Cospuden (Cospudener See) has the biggest sandy beach in Saxony. The 450-hectare bathing lake with beaches, marina, look-outs and botanical gardens is surrounded by a 300-hectare landscaped park and heath. In the summer it is a bathers' paradise, and surfers and yachters simply love Lake Cospuden. A well developed network of cycle paths criss-crosses the New Lake District and hikers have a great deal to explore in a variety of landscapes.

White-water kayak park by Lake Markkleeberg

The Kayak Park at Lake Markkleeberg (Markkleeberger See) is the most modern artificial white-water venue in Europe. It was planned and built in the course of the city's bid to host the Olympic Games 2012. At the Kayak Park, adventurers without any previous knowledge of white-water rafting can brave the rapids in inflatable boats. The Kayak Park has special packages for groups of school students and businesses, and there is a kayaking school as well as different rafting specials.

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TWID high rope course

On the TWID high ropes course, climbers must master different obstacles and unusual situations at heights between eight and twelve metres. The course focuses on teamwork. The course has routes of different levels of difficulty, including bridges, cross-beams, zip wires and more. It offers a great mix of fun and adrenalin.

High-wire forest adventure course

Families with and without children climb hand over hand from tree to tree in the Leipzig high-wire forest adventure course. Located next to Lake Albrechtshain (Albrechtshainer See), the course has become a popular destination to the east of Leipzig. It has nine routes with 56 elements including various bridges, ladders, ropes and hanging elements, "spiders", and wobble walls. The routes for adults are at a height of seven to ten metres.



At a glance

Support

- Support of local, regional and federal politics
- Networking with local associations and economic institutions
- Cooperation
- Statements



Host country

- Short description
- What makes the location particularly attractive?
- Highlights of the region



Event concept

- Available time slot
- Infrastructure
- Surface area for competition
- CCL Congress Center Leipzig
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Open doors and supporting programme
- Accommodation
- Pre-Competition camps



Financing

- Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Saxon State Ministry for Economy and Labour
- Industry and trade, social partners, German industry and trade associations



The conditions are fulfilled: Welcome to Leipzig!

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