Association of European Border Regions
Annual Conference

28th October – 31st October 2026

Practical Information

How to get to Carrickmacross / Monaghan (East Border Region)

By Plane:

Dublin Airport, Ireland (1 hour transfer time to location)- preferred option.

Alternatively, try Belfast International Airport, Northern Ireland, UK (1 ½ hour, limited destinations), or Belfast City Airport, Northern Ireland, UK (1 hour 20 minutes, limited destinations).

For Belfast airports, please be aware that all EU travellers will need to buy an ETA (visa) in advance, more information can be found here: Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) factsheet – April 2026.

Shuttle buses will be provided from DUBLIN airport to all conference hotels.

All these shuttle buses MUST be booked in advance. Please let Martina Moellering (info@aebr.eu) know your requirements asap if you have not done so yet.

EBR staff will be at the Arrivals Gate in **TERMINAL 1** and can direct delegates to the shuttle buses. **If delegates arrive at Terminal 2, please walk to TERMINAL 1 Arrivals** – this is a 10-minute walk via covered walkway.

The main contact number for the buses is **Katie Mulholland +44 7741 614367.**

Wednesday, 28th October 2026, shuttles will depart from Dublin airport at:

- **13.00h**
- **15.00h**
- **17.00h**
- **19.00h**

Wednesday 28th October 2026: Cross Border School, Dundalk.

A Shuttle Bus will depart from the Dundalk Institute of Technology at 17.30h to transport the pre-registered delegates to their hotels in Carrickmacross and Monaghan. (Please let Martina (info@aebr.eu) know your hotel if you have not done so when registering).

Return shuttles to DUBLIN airport:

Friday 30th October 2026

Departing from the Nuremore Hotel at 13.00 h to arrive at Dublin airport at 14.00h

Saturday 31st October 2026:

Following the Excursion (pick-up at 09.00h at your respective hotels), the bus will be arriving at Dublin Airport at 15.00h.

For delegates wishing to travel into Dublin City Centre, there is a good bus service from the Airport into the Centre. Please check with EBR staff.

All these shuttle buses MUST be booked in advance. Please let Martina Moellering (info@aebr.eu) know your requirements asap if you have not done so yet.

Important notice for delegates staying at the HILLGROVE HOTEL, WESTENRA HOTEL and FOUR SEASONS HOTEL:

Due to time constraints, there will be no opportunity to go to your hotel after the Conference concludes at 17.30h on Thursday 29th October and before the drinks reception which commences at 19.00h. Delegates will have free time which can be spent at the Nuremore Hotel, or in the town of Carrickmacross which is a 15-minute walk from the Conference venue.

Delegates attending the **Conference Dinner on Friday 30th October 2026, and/or the Study visit on Saturday 31st October 2026** will be travelling via bus **from Ireland into Northern Ireland and will thus have to arrange their ETA (Visa) in advance**.

This can be easily done with the official app via your mobile phone and your passport (ID cards do not seem to work as well, and taking a valid picture can require some patience). Attention: Don't get scammed – please make sure to use the official government website, as private services are expensive! More information here: Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) factsheet – April 2026.

Friday 30th October 2026: Optional Excursion:

14.00 – 17.00h Brehen Brewhouse & Patrick Kavanagh Centre
(Delegates will be picked up at the Nuremore hotel following the conference, and then brought back to their respective hotels at 5pm)

This excursion must be booked in advance. Spontaneous participation will not be possible.

Conference Venue:

The Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, Ireland, A81 TF64 (Four*)

Nuremore Estate by McGettigan's | Luxury Stay in Co. Monaghan

Conference Hotels:

Shuttle Buses will be provided during the conference for all these hotels.
For pick up times during the conference, please refer to the reception at your respective hotel where information will be available.

1) **The Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, Ireland, A81 TF64 (4*) - *ALREADY FULLY BOOKED.***

Nuremore Estate by McGettigan's | Luxury Stay in Co. Monaghan, Conference Venue

Contact: reservations@nuremoreestate.com

Booking Code: AEBR Conference

Price: Standard Single €160 pp/night incl. breakfast.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations within 48 hours of arrival would be charged in full.

2) **The Shirley Arms Hotel; Main Street, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan (4*)**

Hotels in Monaghan, Hotel Monaghan, Restaurants Carrickmacross - Shirley Arms Hotel, Carrickmacross. Accommodation Monaghan

Distance from Conference Venue: 5-minute shuttle transfer time / 15–20-minute walk

Contact: Email: reception@shirleyarmshotel.ie

Booking Code: AEBR Conference

Price: € 169 pp/night incl. breakfast

Cancellation Policy: 72 Hrs prior to your scheduled arrival. If we do not hear from you in time, we will need to charge the full amount of your accommodation plus tax to your credit card. Please be advised that our cancelation policy extends to while in house as well.

3) **The River Bank Guest House:** Lannette, Killanny, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan www.theriverbank.ie (Only 6 rooms available)

Distance from Conference Venue: 5-minute taxi journey

Contact: enquire@theriverbank.ie or Tel: : (041) 685 5883

Booking Code: AEBR Conference

Price: €140 pp/night incl. breakfast

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations within 48 hours of arrival would be charged in full.

4) **The Hillgrove Hotel, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan Town, H18 RK15 (4*)**

4-Star Hotels | Hotels in Monaghan | Hillgrove Hotel & Spa

Distance from Conference Venue: 35-minute shuttle transfer time

Contact: Tel: + 353 47 81288 or email: info@hillgrovehotel.com

Booking Code: 180613 AEBR Conference

Price: 150 € pp/night incl. breakfast

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations within 48 hours of arrival would be charged in full.

5) **The Four Seasons Hotel, Coolshannagh, Monaghan Town, H18 Y220 (4*)**

Four Seasons Hotel & Leisure Club | Hotel in Monaghan | Four-Star

Distance from Conference Venue: 35-minute shuttle transfer time

Contact: MUST USE On-line booking to avail of Promo Code (See attached Guidance)

Booking Code: AEBR26

Price: Wednesday 28th October & Thursday 29th October 2026 €150 pp/night incl. breakfast. Friday 30th October 2026 €200 pp/night incl. breakfast

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations within 48 hours of arrival would be charged in full.

6) **The Westenra Hotel, The Diamond, Monaghan Town**

Luxury Accommodation Monaghan, Westenra Family Hotel

Distance from Conference Venue: 35-minute shuttle transfer time

Contact: Email: reservations@westenrahotel.com or telephone + 353 (47) 74400

Booking Code: Association Of European Border Regions Conference

Price: Wednesday 28th October & Thursday 29th October 2026 €130 pp/night incl. breakfast. Friday 30th October 2026 €160 pp/night incl. breakfast

Payment Policy: Will require card details from each guest to guarantee their booking, and then payment can be made on arrival.

Cancellation Policy: If cancelled up to 48 hours before date of arrival, no fee will be charged. If cancelled later or in case of no-show, 1 night stay will be charged.

7) **The Bailie Hotel Main Street Bailieborough, Cavan A82T6C6 (2*)**

Distance to Conference venue: 25-minute shuttle transfer time

Contact: Email: info@bailiehotel.com Phone : 042 966 5693

Booking Code: AEBR Conference

Price: from €90-€120 pp/night incl. breakfast

Cancellation Policy: 5 days' notice prior to your scheduled arrival date to cancel your reservation without penalty. (20% booking deposit non-refundable if cancellation notice rules are not followed).

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Wednesday, 28th October 2026
09:00-17:00h

Location:

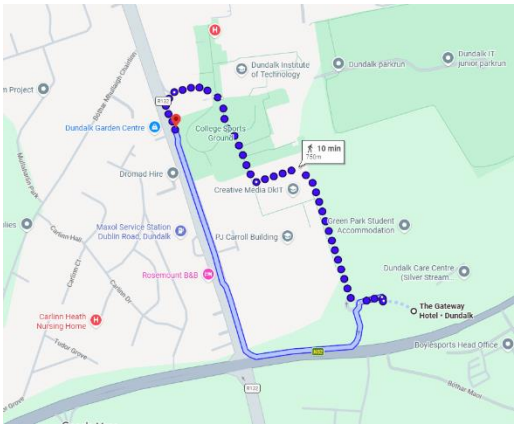
The Dundalk Institute of Technology,
South Building, Lecture theatre NC 106 (Campus Maze Map)
Dublin Road, Dundalk, County Louth, A91 K584, Ireland, www.dkit.ie

How to get to Dundalk:

Dublin Airport, Ireland. Dundalk is located approximately 1.15 hours' drive from Dublin airport, there are various affordable **bus service companies** to choose from: Matthews Coach Hire or Expressway, or you could pick up a rental car at Dublin airport and drive yourself.

IF you are using: Expressway | Route 100X | Dublin to Dundalk | Expressway, their pick-up stop is: Dublin Airport (Atrium Rd Zone 13 Stop 10), and drop-off stop in Dundalk would be: Dundalk I.T. (which is opposite the DKIT conference location, the Gateway hotel is just approx. 10 minutes' walk from there.

If you require a taxi, you could call: G.Cabs Dundalk, phone +353 86 8434343



A Shuttle Bus will depart from the Dundalk Institute of Technology (North Door) at 17.30h to transport pre-registered delegates to their hotels in Carrickmacross and Monaghan.

(Please let Martina (info@aebr.eu) know your hotel if you have not done already).

Hotel Suggestion in Dundalk:

The Gateway Hotel
Inner Relief Road, Dundalk A91 EF88 www.gatewayhotel.ie,
Reference: #052274
Price: €140 pp/night inc breakfast, single room for the night of 27th October 2027
Cancellation Policy: Cancellations within 48 hours of arrival would be charged in full.
Contact email: reservations@gatewayhotel.ie

Located a 10-minute walking distance from DKIT:



If you have any questions, please contact:
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