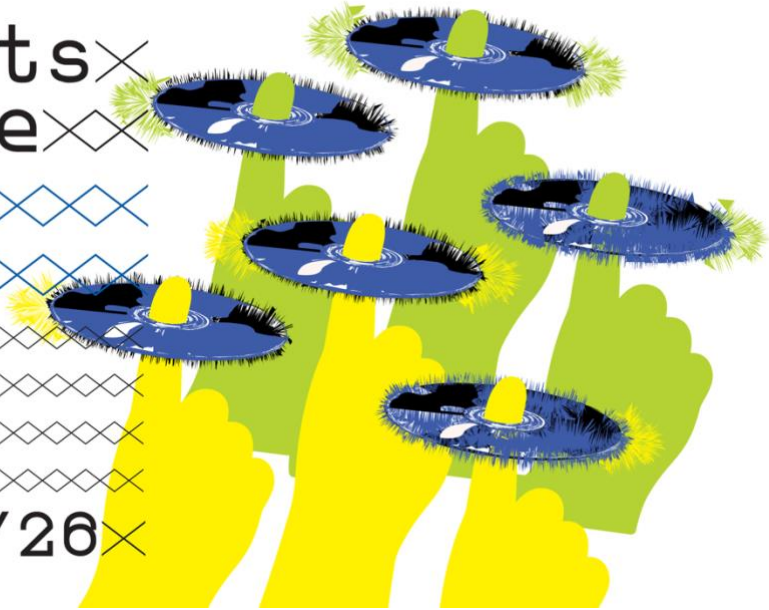


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The 4th GRADE Action conference invites scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and community stakeholders to contribute to a dialogue on the role of cross-European media transfers in shaping local creative computing cultures. As digital practices continue to evolve across Europe, understanding how media, knowledge, and creative methodologies circulate transnationally and in a historical perspective is crucial to supporting Europe's Digital Decade objectives and nurturing a vibrant, inclusive digital future.

This conference will bring together participants from grassroots initiatives, GLAM institutions, educational organisations, and policy bodies from across Europe and beyond. Our aim is to highlight the value of creative computing as a practical and applied concept with diverse historical trajectories, and to foreground its longitudinal and immediate impact on communities, industries, and public institutions. By creating a shared space for reflection, exchange, and collaboration, the conference seeks to strengthen the network's long-term legacy and support sustained engagement with stakeholders well beyond the lifetime of the COST Action.

**Keynote speakers:** Christina Dunbar-Hester, Maria B. Garda, Paweł Grabarczyk

#### Conference Details

- **Date:** May 26-27, 2026
- **Location:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, and Computer History Museum – Računalniški muzej, Celovška cesta 111, 1000 Ljubljana
- **Format:** hybrid
- **Zoom link:** <https://uni-lj-si.zoom.us/j/98370598440>

There is no registration fee for attending this conference. The event is open to all COST GRADE members, and to the wider interested public. A limited number of travel grants is available to COST GRADE members.

**Program committee:** Maria B. Garda, Jernej Kaluža, Natalija Majsova, Gaja Zornada

# Program

## May 26: Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome

9:45 Circuits of critique: “Diversity” interventions in hacking and FLOSS in North America  
Keynote lecture by Christina Dunbar-Hester

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Women and minorities in creative computing in Europe  
Open educational resource presentation

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Privacy from below: Grassroots, creative computing and digital sovereignty in Europe  
White paper presentation

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Revisiting old futures: Piracy as media archaeology

Roundtable

18:00 COST GRADE GC Session

## May 27: Computer History Museum

9:30 Museum tour (optional, self-paid)

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Creative computing in Europe: From grassroots to heritage  
Keynote lecture by Maria B. Garda and Paweł Grabarczyk

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 [Silicon dawn](#): Histories and cultures of creative computing in Europe (1970-2000)  
Book presentation

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Collaborative custody: A bridge to permanent memory for intangible digital heritage  
Roundtable

17:00 Stories of grassroots digital Europe  
Exhibition opening

# Practicalities

## Registration and Welcome

We would like to begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp on both May 26 and 27, so please be at the venues on time. The conference rooms should be easy to find once you are at the main entrance (there will be signs). There is no registration fee for the conference. Coffee and snacks will be provided by the organizers on location. More information on conference dinners will follow once we have the final programme. A provisional programme will be sent out on September 12, and will be finalized by the end of the month.

## Hotels for International Guests

There are several accommodation options available in Ljubljana. Even though the venues (Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, and Computer History Museum, Celovška 111, 1000 Ljubljana) are not in the city centre, most hotels and attractions are. Therefore, we recommend you search for your hotels / flats there. The Faculty of Social Sciences and Computer History Museum are easily accessible by city bus, city bike, taxi or on foot.

### Here are some of the more affordable, but still comfortable hotel options:

#### **B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park (Tabor 9, 1000 Ljubljana)**

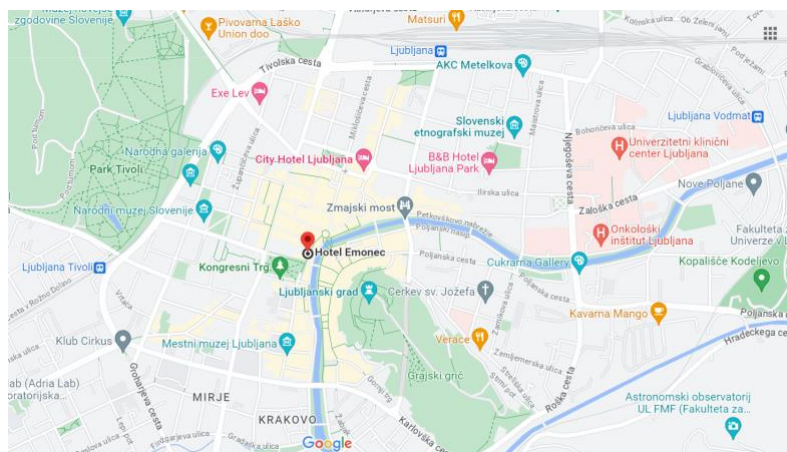
You can make a reservation via their page: <https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/si> or Booking.

#### **City Hotel Ljubljana (Dalmatinova ulica 15, 1000 Ljubljana)**

You can make a reservation via their page: <https://www.cityhotel.si/> or Booking.

#### **Hotel Emonec (Wolfova ulica 12, 1000 Ljubljana)**

You can make a reservation via Booking.



If none of these hotels work for you, you have plenty of other options throughout the city. **Holiday Inn Express** (Podmilščakova 51, 1000 Ljubljana) and **Austria Trend Hotel** (Dunajska 154, 1000 Ljubljana) are walking distance from the Faculty of Social Sciences (cca 12 min walk) but are not central. **M-Hotel**

(Derčeva ulica 4, 1000 Ljubljana) is right next to the Computer History Museum, but also not central. Reservations for all of these can be made via Booking.com.

### Transportation

If you are staying in the city centre, you have several options for getting to the conference venues.

#### **By bus:**

The Municipality of Ljubljana has kindly supplied a free bus pass for us for the duration of the conference (May 25-27). The pass is the QR code below; you are welcome to save it on your phone for easier access. The pass will be active on all Ljubljana City Bus (LPP) routes. When entering the bus, just hold the QR code 10–15 cm below the bottom side of the validator (the device where you usually tap the Urbana card). Wait for the sound or light signal that confirms the validation is successful. Even though the ride is free, validation is required to ensure you are covered by passenger insurance in case of an accident.



To the **Faculty of Social Sciences**: We recommend taking the bus (buses 6, 11, and 8 all take you to the station **Mercator**, where the Faculty of Social Sciences is).



To the **Computer History Museum**: A stone-throw from the museum you will find the city BUS station LPP Kino Šiška, bus lines 1, 3, 3B, 5, 8, 22, 25 and 60.



**By bike:** you can also rent the city bike Bicikelj. Bicikelj stations are located throughout the city. For this, you need to buy an Urbana card. With it you register on the Bicikelj website, where you pay a weekly (1 euro) or yearly (3 euros) subscription. For more information on payment, use, and the locations of the stations, visit: <https://www.bicikelj.si/en/offers/groups> and Bicikelj app in your app store. Please keep in mind that November weather in Ljubljana is not necessarily very bicycle-friendly (it tends to be rainy, with temperatures at around 10 degrees Celsius).

**By taxi:** you can also call a taxi; the ride should cost around 7-8 EUR in one direction. For this we recommend you download the Cammeo app or call:

Taxi Metro, +386 41 240 200

Taxi Laguna, +386 31 492 299

### How to get to Ljubljana?

By train/bus:

Both bus and train stations are located in the city centre.

By plane:

Ljubljana airport is 27 km from the city. We advise you to not take one of the taxis waiting at the airport as it will cost you close to 100 euros. Instead reserve your shuttle seat in advance. We recommend you contact:

Markun Shuttle: <https://www.markun-shuttle.com/en/landing-english/> or

GoOpti: <https://www.goopti.com/en/>

By car:

If you are travelling by car, your best option is to leave your car in the Park and Ride area (there are several on the outskirts of Ljubljana) and go into the city centre by bus. More info on P&R:

<https://www.ljubljana.info/parking/park-and-ride-ljubljana/>

If you want to park in the centre, City Hotel and Hotel Park offer parking options for their guest; otherwise, the nearest parking garages are:

- Parking Kongresni trg
- Parking Šubičeva

Please note that parking in the centre can be quite expensive. More on this here:  
<https://www.lpt.si/en/parking-facilities>.

On foot: if you decide to walk from the centre to the venues, the trip will take you cca 40 mins to both venues .