

Dear Participants of the VALUE workshop in Bern, 1st and 2nd of December,

Now, it is my turn to welcome you to the VALUE workshop in Bern!

I want to give you some details. Below you find a preliminary program for the 2 days. Please note that times are considered as a guideline and might shift a little bit, depending on the discussion. We really would like to give and take room for discussions.

Venue:

The venue will be at the main building of the University of Bern, just below the copula.

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To reach the copula, please enter the main entrance and follow the main stairway in the center of the building (you can't miss them). At the second floor, you have to change the stairways to a small iron one. There will be signs to guide you to the "Kuppelraum" and I will provide some COST VALUE signs as well.

The building is very close to the main station (there is even an elevator from the train station to the "Grosse Schanze" - which is the park in front of the building).

Accommodation:

Guest of the University of Berne get some discount at some hotels in Bern. Please, indicate that you are at the university and you would like to get the discount rate. These hotels are:

- Ador Sorell Hotel
- Arabelle Sorellino Hotel
- Best Western Bären
- Best Western Bristol
- Hotel Kreuz / Metropol

Travelling:

There is an airport in Berne (see flyskyworks.com), but flights are sometime not cheap and the transfer from Bern Airport to the city is also a bit challenging or expensive (Taxi in Switzerland is extremely expensive). But for some of you it might be a possibility.

Other options are the airport Zurich (ZRH) with direct train connections to Berne (1:20h), or Basel/Mulhouse/Fribourg (BSL) from which you take the airport bus to the train station and then the train to Bern. Finally, Geneva airport might also be a solution (2:10 by train to Bern).

AND: Bern is very well connected by train to many cities in its surrounding countries.

Please note: The schedule of the workshop is designed in a way that you are able to travel back and forth on Dec, 1st and 2nd, also to save some money.

And last but not least, I would like to welcome you all again and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Best
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