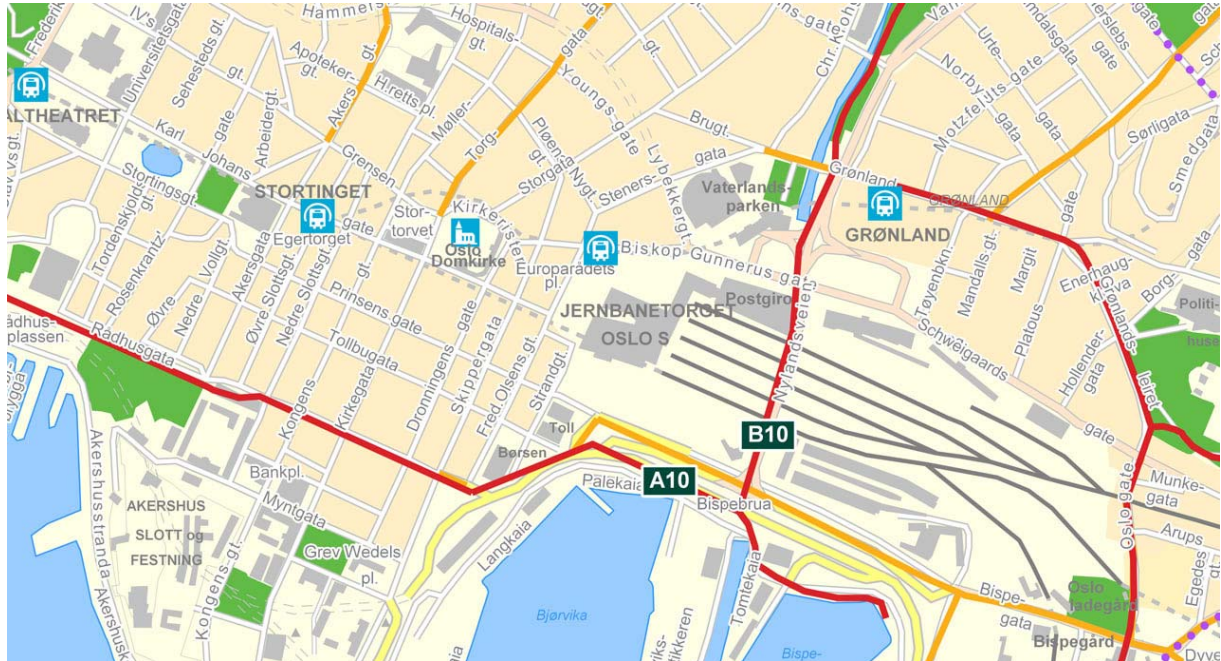


**GEO – User Interface Committee
Meeting in OSLO 31 August - 2 September 2010**

Meeting Venue



It's not easy to find maps that can be copied to a document; however, this should give you the basics:

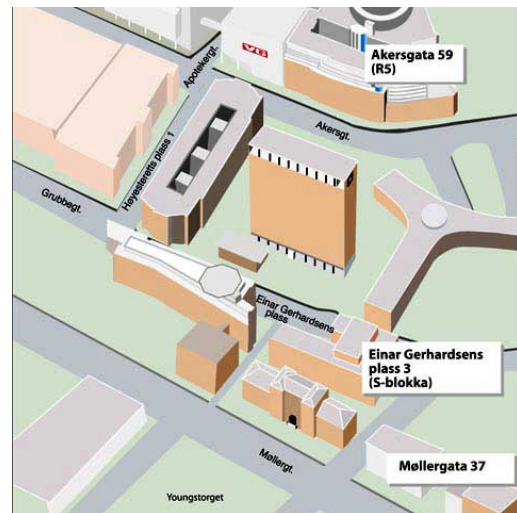
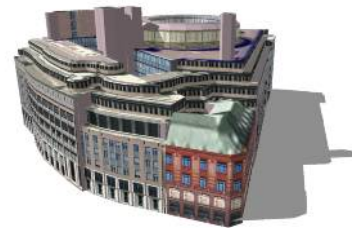
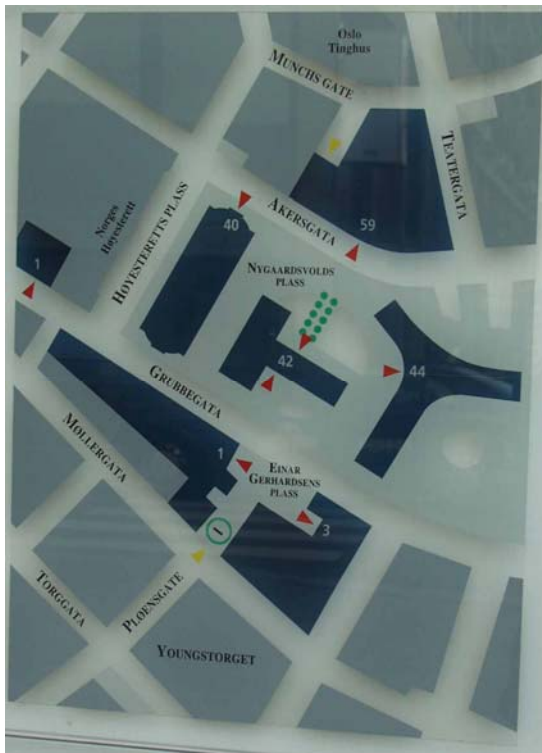
From the airport you'll (normally) arrive at Oslo S (Central Station) by the Airport Train, This has frequent departs – 10-20 min. – and takes around 20 min. The price is NOK 170 one way.

To reach the meeting venue from Oslo S you continue in the same direction as the train and will find Oslo's main street, Karl Johans gate. If you walk a few min. along Karl Johans gate you will see a church to the right (Oslo Domkirke) and the King's Castle straight ahead (yellow building in the park at the upper left corner of the map). To get to the meeting venue in you turn to the right when you come to Akersgata (see map and sketches below) and walk about 300 meters to Akersgata 59.

The meetings will take place in Room D2618 in Building *R5* on Akersgata 59 (see the red arrow on the map below). You'll have to register at the reception and be sure to bring an ID with a photo. I guess most of you bring passports anyway.

I've been assured that for phone meeting will be possible and that there will be Wi-Fi in the meeting room.

Below to the right is a sketch of the building and a 3D-map to make it easier for you to recognize the place.



Entrance to Norway

Norway is part of the Schengen Area. This means that if you are arriving from another Schengen-country – most European countries are – you already are inside Schengen and will not need passport or visum. It's vice to bring a passport anyway - for air security and access to the meeting venue.

If you are coming from outside Shengen and directly to Oslo, you should check if you need a *visum*.

Accomodation

I propose that you make the hotel agreements by yourself using one of your favorite, netbased seeking motors. You will get about the same discounts there as you will if I block some rooms for you in a hotel. The problem with blocking rooms is that you will have to use a particular travel agency to book the room and this is not very flexible or any cheaper.

You will find that the center of Oslo is quite small and that there are quite a few hotels in walking distance from the meeting venue. The prices will vary from NOK 850-1000 for a room with breakfast included (three stars) and NOK 1100 and up for more stars. I'm sure you can find cheaper hotels as well, but with the risk that it's too cheap!

Eating

Breakfast is normally included in the hotel price.

The luncheons will be in the same building as the meetings and should be at affordable prices – NOK 50 – 100 and a little more if you prefer to go to a restaurant. I will check if one luncheon can be sponsored.

One dinner will be sponsored. The other dinners will be at your own. I will help to make arrangements, if you prefer that. There are places where you can get relatively good and cheap meals (NOK 100-150). A main course at a restaurant will normally cost NOK 200+. A pint of beer varies from NOK 40 to NOK 90. A bottle of wine will cost you NOK 300+.

Miscellaneous

Tobacco and spirits that you want to consume should be bought at the airport when you arrive (yes - you can buy tax free stuff when you arrive at Oslo Airport).

Oslo is normally a safe city, but you should of course take normal precautions as would do in other foreign places. There are pick-pockets in the streets, in particular around the Central Station.