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15th European Cave Rescue Meeting

Rudice, Moravian karst, Czech Republic



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INTRODUCTION

The **15th European Cave Rescue Meeting**
is going to take place
in **Rudice, Moravian Karst, Czech Republic**
from September 29th till October 2nd, 2022.
Pre-Meeting from September 28th till 29th, 2022.



This meeting is organized by the [Cave Rescue Service](#) (CRS)
of the [Czech Speleological Society](#) (CSS)
on behalf of the [European Cave Rescue Association](#) (ECRA).

This meeting will take place under the auspices of the
[General Directorate of Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic](#),
[Governor of the South Moravian Region](#),
[Union Internationale de Spéléologie](#).

The focus will be on the interaction of different disciplines in cave rescue and changing the doctrine and philosophy of cave rescue by striving to use as little material as possible.

We will also present cooperation Cave Rescue Services of the Czech Speleological Society with other subjects from the Integrated Rescue System of the Czech Republic.

We hope that the epidemiological situation will allow us to hold a meeting and that we will meet in large numbers. The program will offer workshops on technical topics, passage widening, a diving exercise and medical aspects.

During the Pre-Meeting you can enjoy caving, we are preparing several interesting excursions.

Soon more information will be available. Please also visit our website www.caverescue.eu for last minute changes or send us an email on info@caverescue.eu in case of any question.

Please note the date for ECRA meeting in your diary!




We look forward to meeting you in the Moravian Karst

The Organizing Committee



TIME SCHEDULE

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27.09.	28.09.	29.09.	30.09.	01.10.	02.10

Pre-Meeting		Excursions	Excursions			
ECRA 2022 Meeting				Meeting Opening Sessions	Meeting GA Sessions Party	

PROGRAM

Technical workshop

The program is being worked on.

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Medical workshop

The program is being worked on.

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Cave diving exercise

The program is being worked on.

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Passage enlargement workshop

The program is being worked on.

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General Assembly

The program is not available yet.

VENUE

Rudice, Moravian karst, Czech Republic → [Google Maps](#) → <https://www.rudice.cz>



Rudice is a village with an iron and mining tradition, the origin of which dates to 1247. It lies in the central part of the Moravian Karst at an altitude of 490 to 530 m. The surroundings of Rudice are among the most romantic places in the Moravian Karst.



The windmill is a natural feature of the village. It houses a museum of village history, mining and metallurgy, and a permanent exhibition of speleology and mineralogy. The exhibition has been supplemented by a 3D video projection, which will show visitors the beauties of the Rudice area and especially the Rudice underground in a breathtaking 3D view.

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The cave system Rudické propadání – Býčí skála in the Moravian Karst is the second longest in the Czech Republic, the overall length of the system is 12 km. In a huge massif of Devonian limestone is situated the deepest vertical cave of the Czech Republic the 153m deep shaft Rudická Propast. The cave creek Jedovnický potok falls in waterfalls (the biggest is 35 m high) to a depth of 86m; it has formed high canyons, huge rooms as well as places very difficult to pass through. Above the underground river, sometimes more than 100 m over it, there was found a labyrinth of chimneys and horizontal passages which, together with rich dripstone decoration, is a proof of the unending process of karstification.

Meeting Location: House of Culture



The cave system leads directly below the village Rudice and the so-called Rudice Dome is situated almost exactly 200m below the House of Culture (place of the meeting).

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The history of discovering this underground area is one of the most dramatic in the exploration of the Moravian Karst. The first successful explorer was Count Hugo Salm as early as 1802.



Exercise area: Rudice sinkhole and surroundings



The Moravian Karst is the largest and most karstic area in the Czech Republic. The karst area occupies a strip of Devonian limestone north of Brno. The character of the local landscape is given by the plateaus with several holes that separate the deep canyon-like gutters. Most of the water that flows from the non-karst part of the Dražanská Highlands disappears at the limestone boundaries in dives underground, where it has created complex cave labyrinths during its long geological development. The northern part of the Moravian Karst is drained by the river Punkva and its sources.



There is a cave system Amateur Caves, which measures almost 35 km with the adjoining caves, which makes it one of the largest cave systems in Central Europe. In the central part of the Moravian Karst, the main cave system is the 12 km long Rudické propadání – Býčí skála. The most famous cave in the southern part of the karst is the Ochozská cave with a length of almost 2 km. Today, there are over 1,100 caves in the Moravian Karst.

In many of them, evidence of long-extinct life and the development of human society is preserved. The oldest settlement of the Moravian Karst by a Neanderthal man from 120,000 years ago is documented in the Kůlna cave. The findings of engravings of horses and bison on horse ribs from the Pekárna cave are also remarkable. They were created by horse and reindeer hunters and are estimated to be between 11,000 and 13,000 years old.

Caves are also a major magnet for tourism. The Punkevní, Kateřinská, Balcarka, Výпустek and Sloupsko-šošůvské caves are open to the public with an annual attendance of approximately 400,000 people.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is EUR 60, payable upon check in of the participant.

We also offer the opportunity to pay the participation fee in Czech Crowns. The amount of the fee will be according to the current exchange rate to EUR.

The participation fee includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the ECRA meeting.

Drinks go at your own expense.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Not yet available.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the European Cave Rescue Meeting and Pre-Meeting is English.

Simultaneous translation into other languages will not be available.



PRESENTATIONS

All presentations and documents should be written in English language.

The email for sending your presentations is info@caverescue.eu.

For the smooth running of the meeting, we kindly ask that you send us your presentations no later than one week before the start of the meeting.

EXERCISES

Usually, no special equipment is needed for the exercise during the meeting. If necessary, it will be announced in advance. Required equipment for excursions will be specified in Pre-Meeting section.

VISA

No visa is required from citizens of the European countries.

Please consult the Czech Embassy in your country if in doubt.

LETTER OF INVITATION

If needed, the participants can request a Letter of Invitation by e-mail: libor.mattes@gmail.com.

SECURITY WARNINGS

No specific warnings for Czech Republic. Public safety in Czech Republic is very high.

CURRENCY

Czech Crown CZK

1 EUR = 24,35 CZK (January 31st, 2022)

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All variants are possible for arrival - own car, bus, train, plane.

Brno Airport (BRQ):

Small International airport very close to Brno.

Prague Airport (PRG):

International airport about 230 km far away from Brno City center.

Vienna Airport (VIE):

International airport about 150 km far away from Brno City center.

There are regular bus / train lines from Prague and Vienna airports (see FlixBus, RegioJet, etc.)

By BUS:

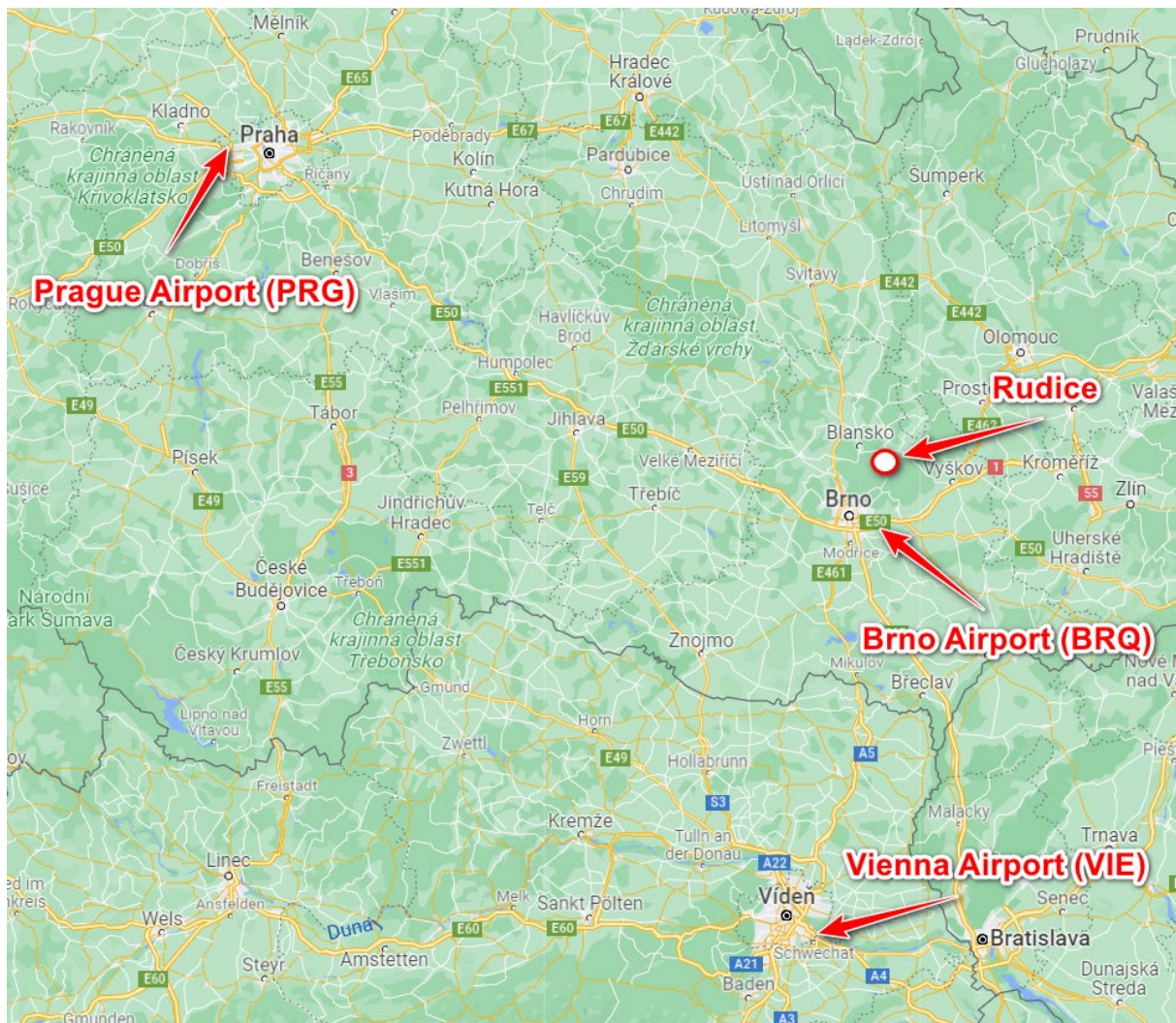
FlixBus <https://www.flixbus.cz/>

Student Agency <https://www.studentagency.cz/>

By Train:

České dráhy <https://www.cd.cz/>

RegioJet <https://www.regiojet.com/>





PICKUP SERVICE

We will provide transfer to the meeting location from:

- Brno Airport
- Brno City center - Main train station
- Brno City center - Bus station (Hotel Grand)

Contact the helpdesk for pickup.

ACCOMMODATION

Provided by the organizers: (included in the participation fee)

Accommodation in a temporary camp in the village.:

- large tents including camp beds – please bring your own sleeping bag and pads
- area for own tents is also available – please take your own campsite equipment

We will also provide a small “caravan park”.



Alternatives: (not included in the participation fee)

Cottage or apartment in the car camp Olšovec, Jedovnice – <https://www.olsovec.cz/>

Guesthouse Olmeca – <https://penzionolmeca.estranky.cz/>

If you are interested, contact helpdesk as soon as possible. Our advance booking is valid until June 30th, 2022.

We cannot guarantee this accommodation after this date.

Accommodation capacity is limited.

MEAL AND DRINKS

Participants will eat in the restaurant directly in the building where the meeting will take place (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Also "Speleo Bar" will be available during afternoon and night.



PARTNERS

General Directorate of Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic

<https://www.hzscr.cz/hasicien/>

Rudice Village

<https://rudice.cz/>

South Moravian Region

<https://www.kr-jihomoravsky.cz/>

Fire Rescue Service of the South Moravian Region

<https://www.hzscr.cz/hasicien/article/about-us-scope-of-activities-integrated-rescue-system.aspx>

A unit of the Rudice Volunteer Fire Brigade

<http://sdh.rudice.cz/>

Cave Administration of the Czech Republic

<https://visit.caves.cz/en>

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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