



*“Is a mountain only a huge stone?
Is a planet an enormous mountain?”*
— **Stanisław Lem, Solaris**



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**16th edition of the Internet
Governance Forum (IGF 2021)
6 – 10 December 2021, Katowice (Poland)**

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Why Katowice for IGF?



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- Symbol of transformation from the coal mining and industrial city to technological hub and centre of new technologies.
- Already actively involved in cooperation with the UN family:
 - Hosted the COP24 in December 2018 and will host the WUF11 in 2022;
 - Is part of the UNESCO's Creative Cities Network as the City of Music.
- It is a vibrant, lively, festive and eco-friendly city with many cultural and touristic attractions to offer.



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Katowice – getting there



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Perfect location near the intersection of major highways

The proximity of three international airports:

- Katowice Pyrzowice (30 km)
- Kraków-Balice (70 km)
- Ostrava (135 km)

Railway connections:

- 2,5 h from Warsaw
- 4,5 h from Vienna
- 5 h from Prague
- 7,5 h from Berlin





IGF 16th edition in Poland



• Logistics:

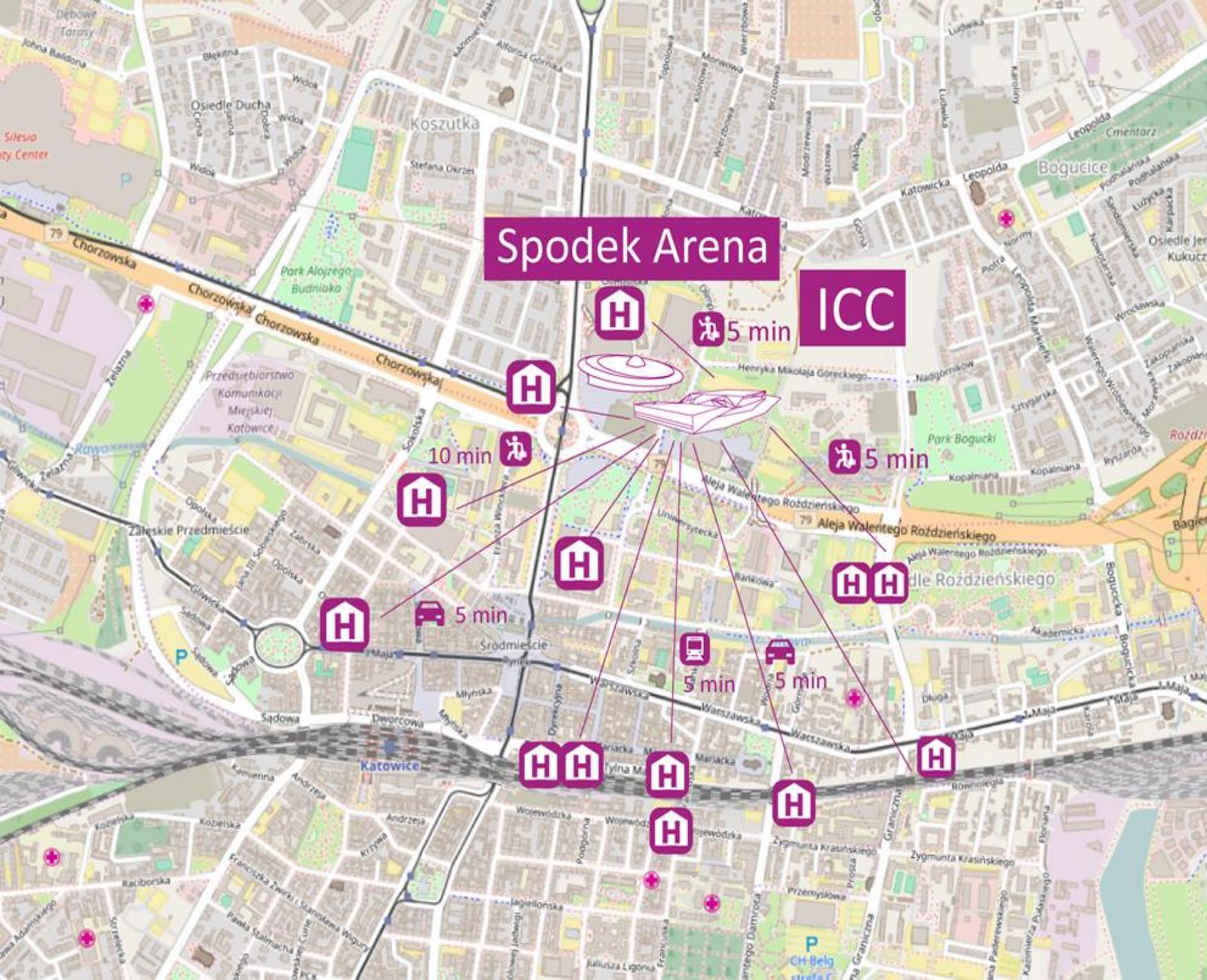
- Ongoing tender to choose the logistics operator
- Selected hotel operator – Mazurkas
- Tender for the info-promo – TBA
- Cooperation with local entities (including Silesian Voivodeship Office, Katowice City Hall, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Silesian Museum)

Conference venue:
International Congress
Centre (ICC) in Katowice

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**Location of the Hotels
- 5 minutes from
the International
Congress Centre (ICC)
and the Spodek Arena**

**We have signed
the agreement with hotel
operator (Mazurkas
Travel) – link to the
accomodation page at:
<https://www.gov.pl/web/igf2021-en/getting-to-the-2021-igf2>**



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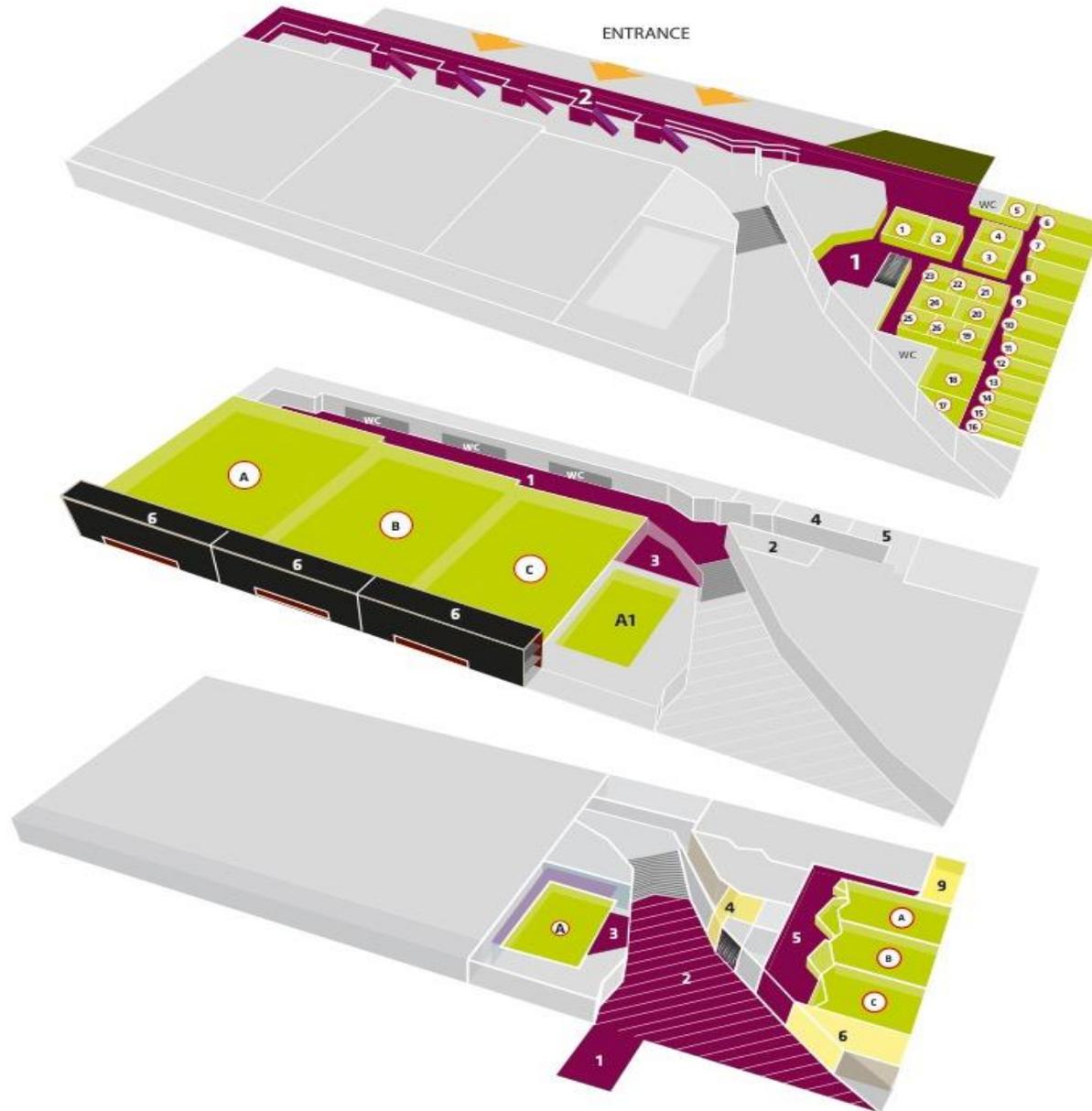
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practical information / equipment / utilities / services

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Level 1

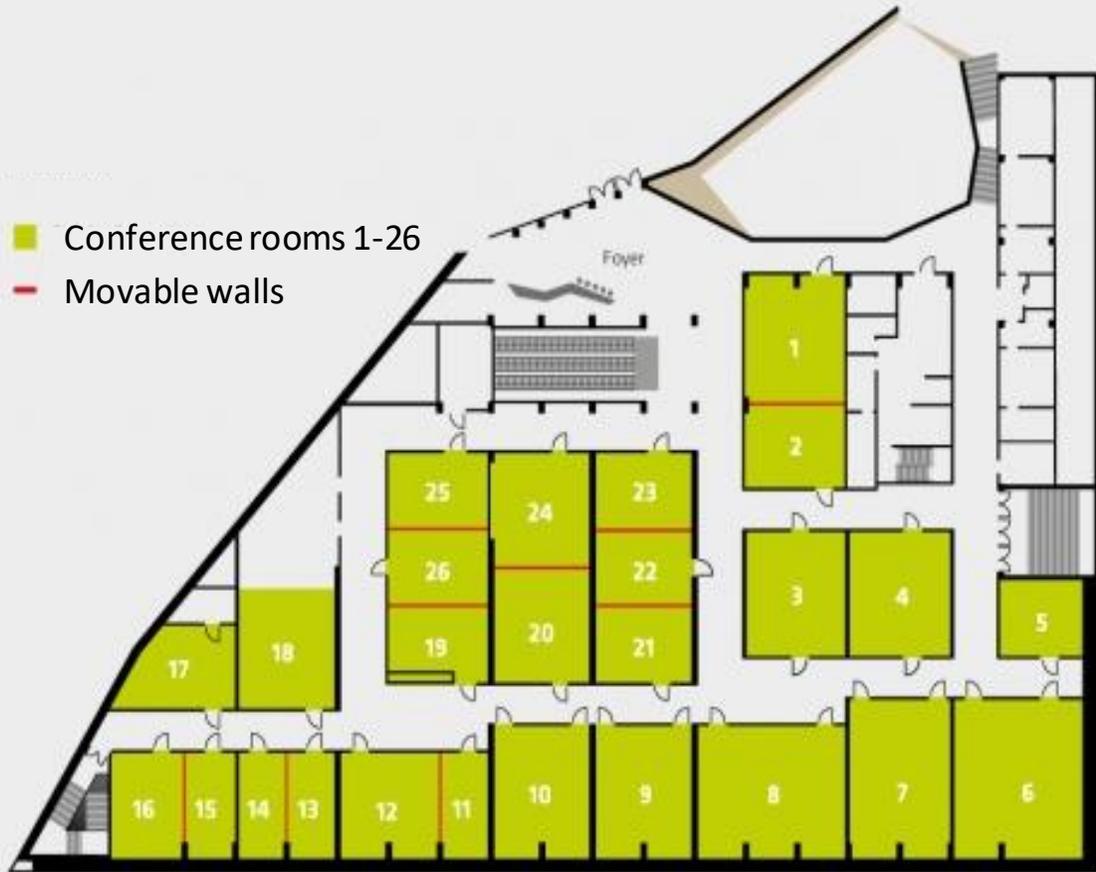
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■ Conference rooms 1-26
- Movable walls



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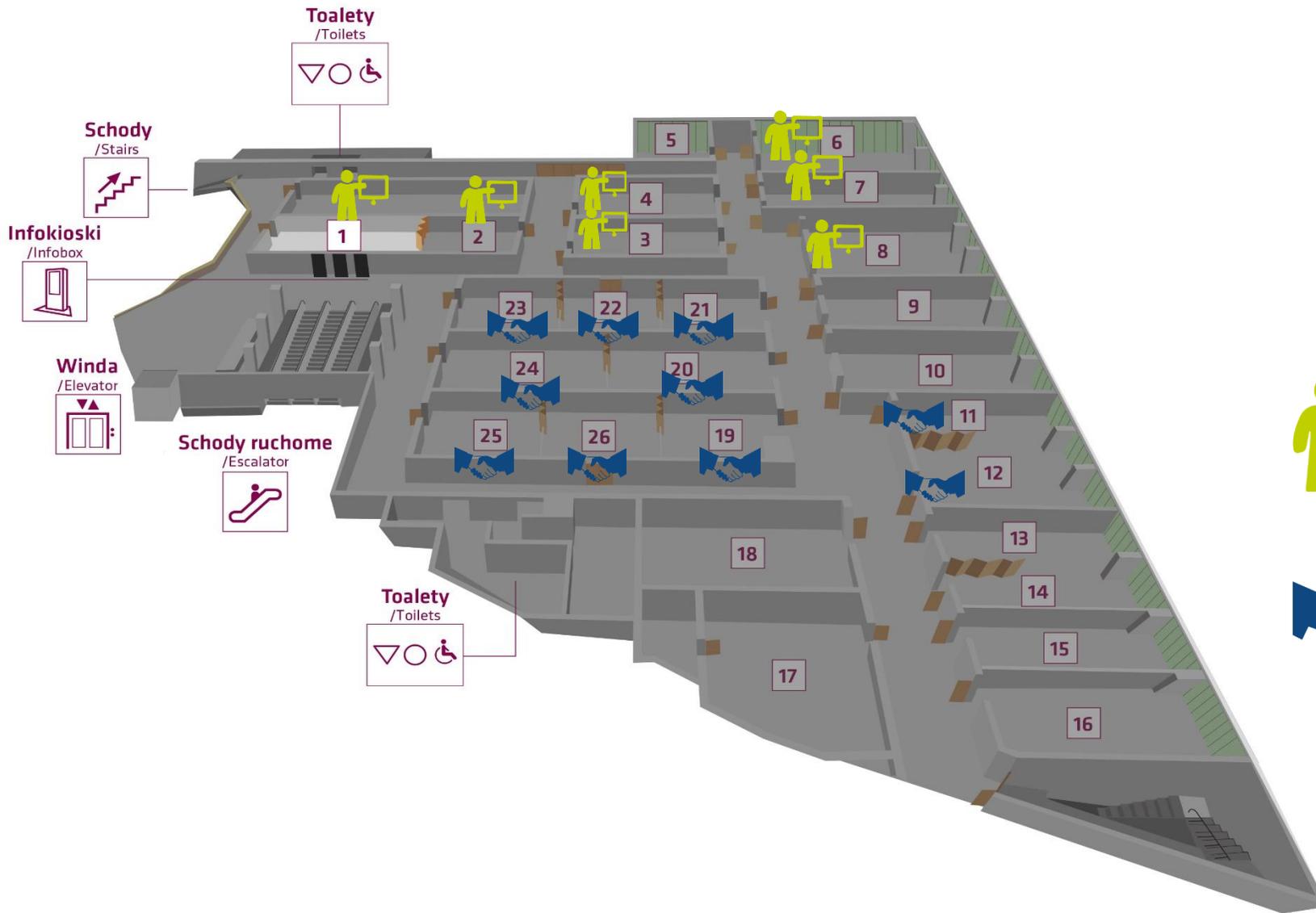
Conference rooms

- 26 conference rooms
- room area 38-144 m²
- movable walls (marked on red)



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Hol Górny /Upper Lobby
(dowiedz się więcej /click for more)

Audytorium /Auditorium
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Hol Dolny /Lower lobby
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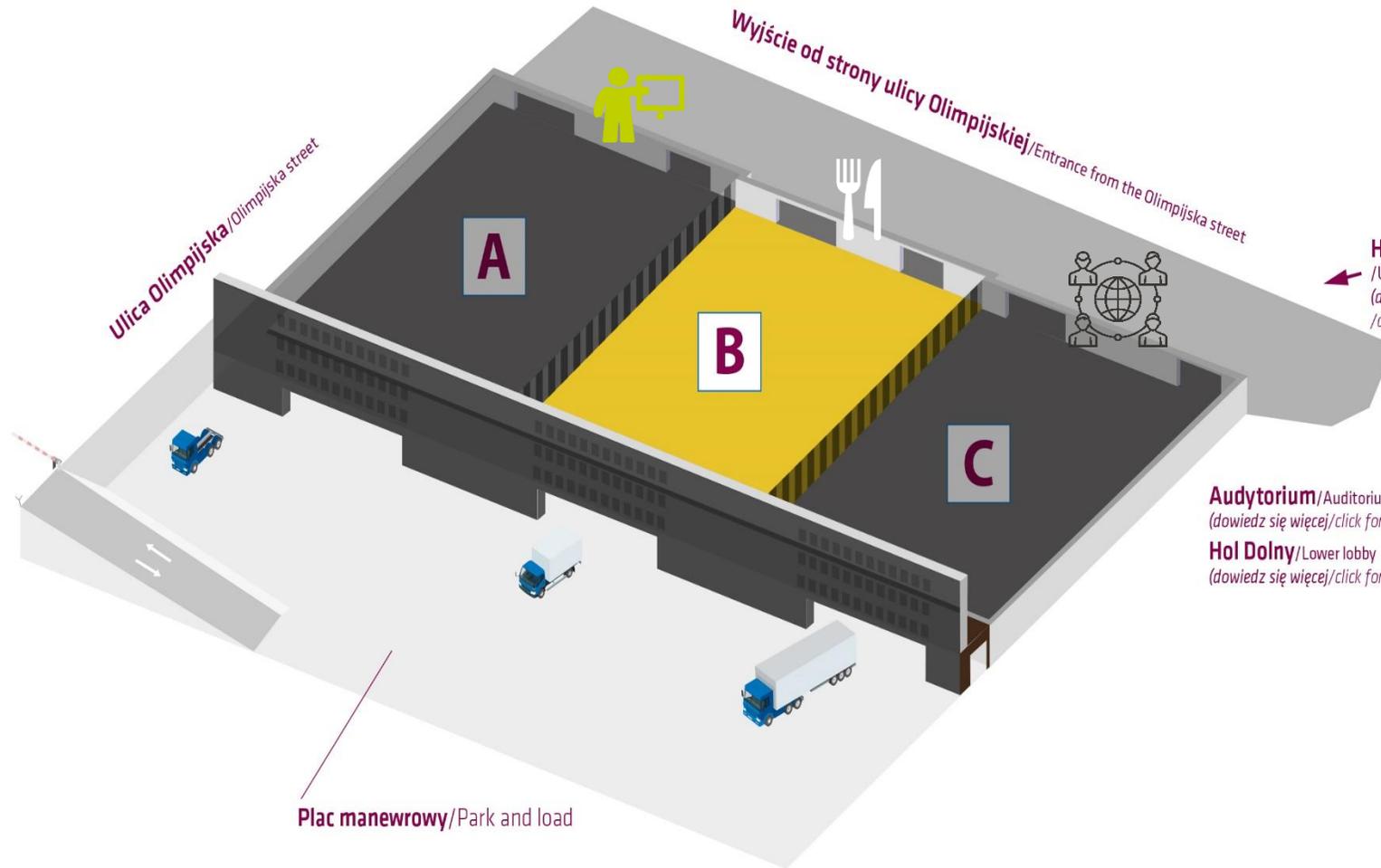
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**PLENARY
AND MAIN
MEETING ROOM**



**FOOD
COURT**



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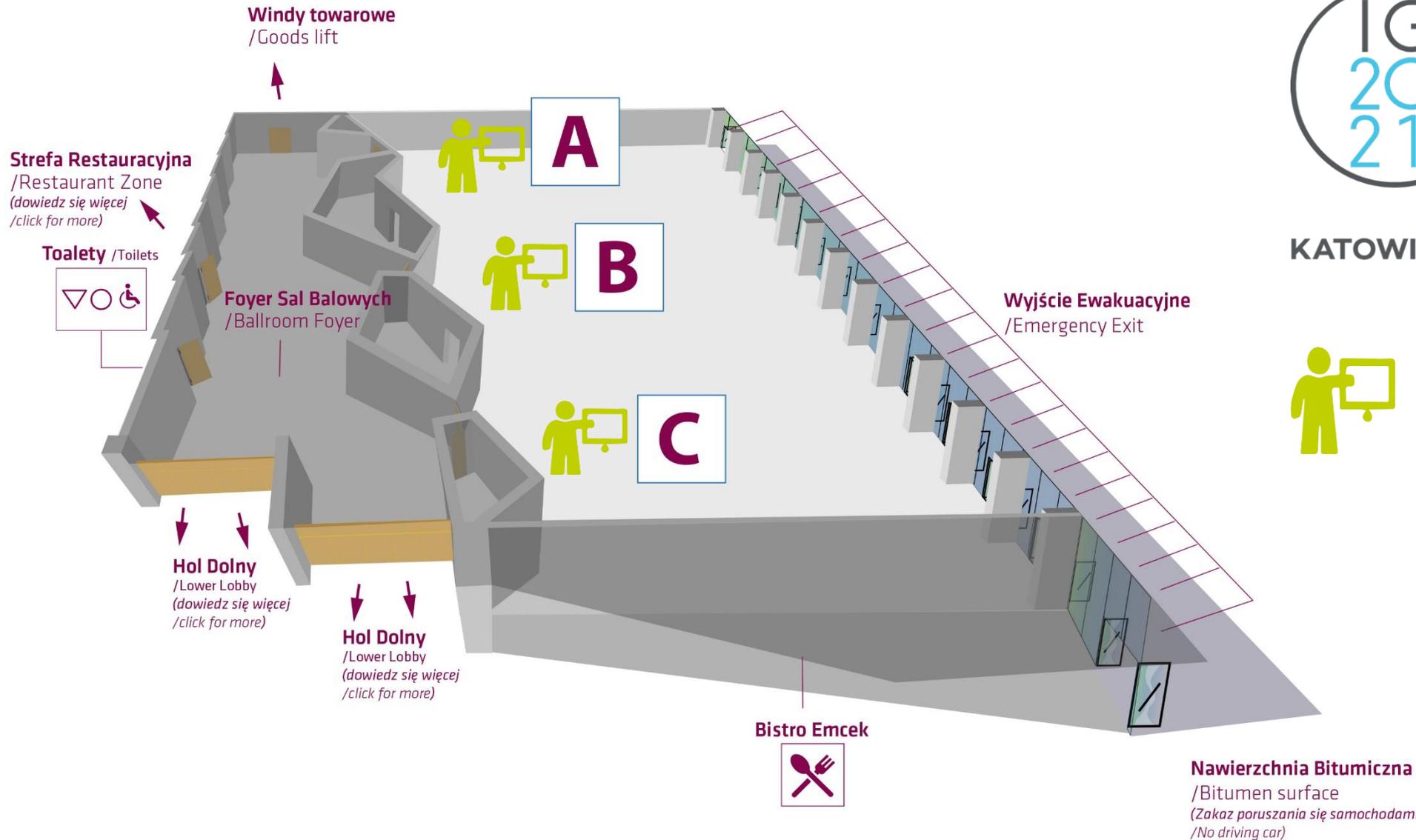


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International Congress Centre – division of rooms

1 plenary/main meeting room, 12 workshop rooms, 10 bilaterals, 1 foodcourt, 1 IGF Village + info

Type	Capacity and setup (Aprox.)	Alternative capacity	Name of room in ICC
Foodcourt	Same as in Berlin		Multifunctional hall B
Plenary	2500 theatre		Multifunctional hall C
Main meeting room	500 U		Multifunctional hall C
Workshop room	50 U 150-300 around		Multifunctional hall A (1/2)
Workshop room	50 U 150-300 around		Multifunctional hall A (1/2)
Workshop room	50 U 150 around		Ballroom A
Workshop room	50 U 150 around		Ballroom B
Workshop room	50 U 150 around		Ballroom C
Workshop room	570 theatre	Rearrangement unavailable	Auditorium
Workshop room	115 theatre	48 class/ 26 U	Room 1&2
Workshop room	96 theatre	40 Class/ 24 U	Room 6
Workshop room	96 theatre	40 class/ 26 U	Room 8
Workshop room	65 theatre	24 class/ 18 U	Room 4
Workshop room	65 theatre	24 class/ 18 U	Room 3
Workshop room	80 theatre	30 class/ 22 U	Room 7
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	23
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	22
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	21
Bilateral	22 empty square	Theatre 60/ class 24	20
Bilateral	22 empty square	Theatre 60/ class 24	24
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	25
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	26
Bilateral	21 empty square	Theatre 40/ class 12	19
Bilateral	10 empty square	Theatre 20/ class 6	11
Bilateral	18 empty square	Theatre 45/ class 18	12
IGF Village + info point	1555 m2 (aprox. 45 2x3m booths)		Lower lounge

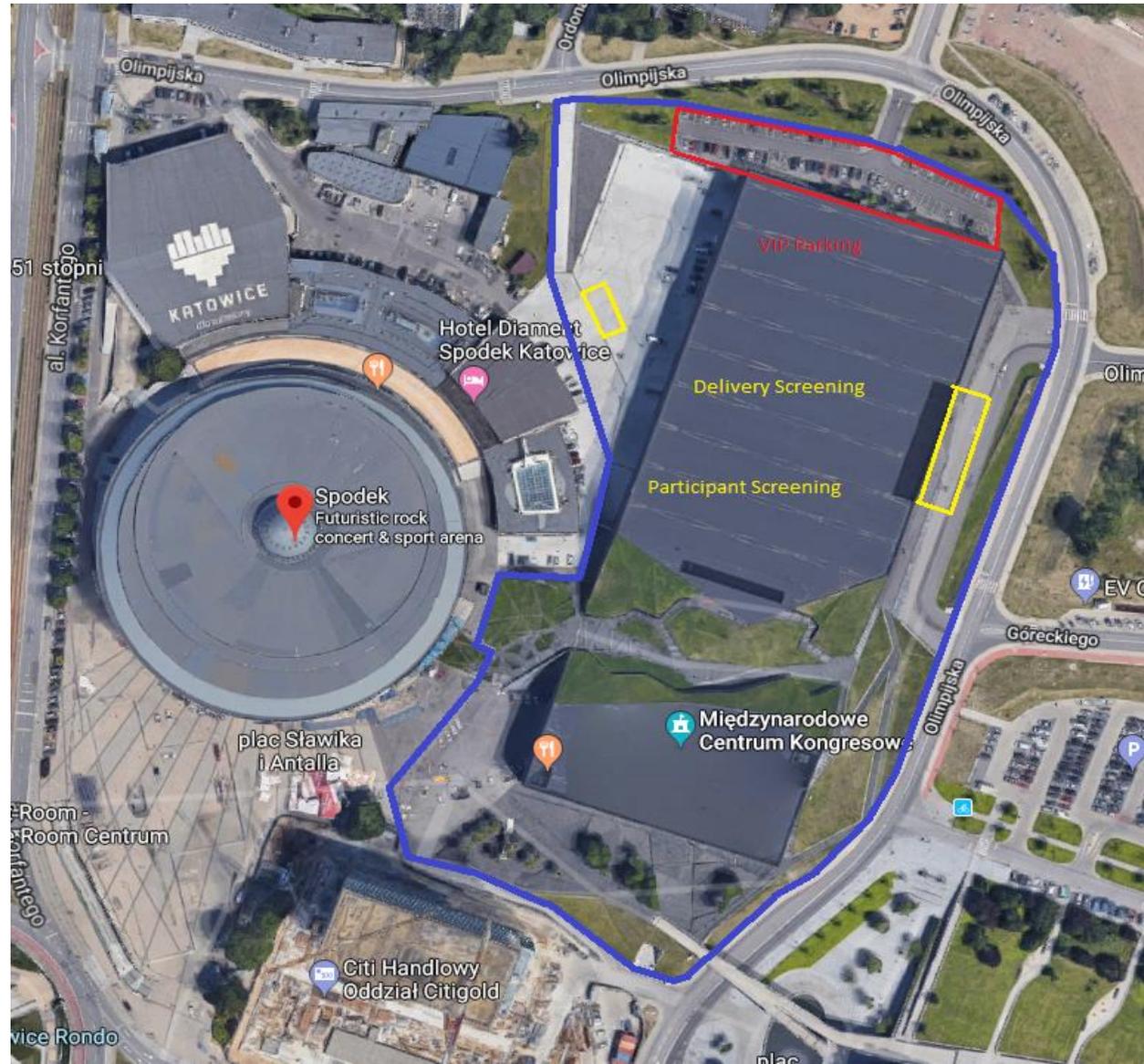


Safety first – „Blue zone” around the ICC



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Why IGF 2021 headline „Internet United”?



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- Internet being a free, undivided and open to all users gathering platform – „virtual agora” is something we are striving for.
- There are many challenges to achieve this goal and no simple answers here.
- The UN SG’s Roadmap for Digital Cooperation puts forward important questions and presents key areas of interest concerning the future of Internet governance.
- 15 years after the first IGF, in the midst of a generation, we set the clock for the next years to come. Poland declares its openness and readiness to bring all communities and interested parties together to jointly find the best way forward.



IGF 2021 – what is new and what goes on?



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Bringing in new communities:

- Youth track,
- Gamers and software developers (hackathon).

Continuing good practices:

- High-level track,
- Parliamentarians.





IGF 2021 youth involvement



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- **YOUTH IGF Track**

- **YIGF Summit (in cooperation with NASK),**
- **Preparations online (YIGF PL),**
- ***Road to IGF 2021: thematic webinars.***



- **International competition „My Internet of the Future” – TBA**



IGF 2021 PL preparatory team

High-level Representatives from
the Government of the Republic of Poland



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IGF 2021 PL preparatory team

Programming Committee composed of the representatives from different communities



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Thank you for your attention



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