



On the road home: How to journey safely

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Editorial

Dear friends,

the topic for this year's General Assembly is "On the road home: How to journey safely". People do want to journey safely and a lot is being done in so-called risk management by governments, companies and other bodies do make this happen. This causes all kinds of dynamics and we will wrestle with them in order to:

1. Understand from history how people have 'journeyed safely' and how they continue to strive for it.
2. Understand from a biblical perspective the responsibilities and opportunities the Church has concerning 'journeying safely' within nations.
3. Understand the role of the Evangelical Alliance at all levels, including its networks and affiliated members, of how it can best support the local church in its response to security and safety.
4. Develop a declaration on the topic 'On the Road Home: How to Journey Safely' to guide Evangelicals in Europe to speak with a message of Hope on security from a biblical perspective.



I am probably safe to say that this will be thought provoking and inspiring!

So, let's journey together these few days with the expectation to receive insights to help the church and society journey safely.

Blessings,



Thomas Bucher

General Secretary European Evangelical Alliance

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General Assembly of the European Evangelical Alliance

“On the road home: How to journey safely”

June 11-14, 2019, Bad Blankenburg, Germany

Programme

	Day 1, Tuesday, June 11, 2019
11.00 – 17.00	<i>Arrivals</i>
17.30 – 18.45	<i>Dinner</i>
19.00	Opening of the General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • Speed Networking • Worship <p>Interview (Video) with Beatrice de Graaf, Professor of History of International Relations & Global Governance at Utrecht University, Chair of the Section History of International Relations</p> <p>Interactive World Café Session</p> <p>Concluding with worship and prayer</p>
20.30	Fellowship / free time
	Day 2, Wednesday, June 12, 2019
7.30	<i>Breakfast</i>
8.30	Worship and Prayer
8.50	Journeying safely – Lessons from History <i>Lecture by Frank Hinkelmann</i> <p>Followed by group work</p>

9.45	Coffee break
10.30	Group work continued
11.30	<i>We walk together to the Stadthalle</i>
12.00	Reception at Stadthalle
13.00	Church Service and Bible Teaching 1 “How to stay spiritually alert and dynamic on our journey” <i>by Peter Strauch</i>
14.15	Coffee break
14.45	<div> <p>Ceremony of Inauguration of the New General Secretary of the German Evangelical Alliance</p> <p><i>Venue: Stadthalle</i></p> </div> <div> <p>Starting at 15.00: Alternative programme: choose to join one of the following discussion groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: What should our authorities do to strengthen security and safety? <i>Led by Julia Doxat-Purser</i> • Group 2: Getting the balance right between security and Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB). <i>Led by Arie de Pater</i> • Group 3: Living dangerously in a dangerous world. <i>Led by Connie Duarte</i> <i>See p. 4 for session descriptions.</i> <p><i>Venue: Allianzhaus</i></p> </div>
17.00	<i>Festive dinner at Stadthalle</i>
18.45	<p>Evening programme (Allianzhaus)</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Address by Bishop Efraim Tintero, Secretary-General of the World Evangelical Alliance</p> <p>Story-sharing: How to Journey Safely in Times of Insecurities <i>Testimonials by persons who are living or have lived under any form of oppression. Followed by Q & A.</i></p> <p>Hope Award Ceremony</p>
20.30	Fellowship / free time

Day 3, Thursday, June 13, 2019

7.30	<i>Breakfast</i>
8.30	Worship and Prayer
8.50	Bible Teaching 2: Finding our True Security <i>By Connie Duarte</i> Followed by group work
9.45 -10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30	Journeying safely – Contemporary Issues and Challenges <i>Lecture by Kosta Milkov</i> Followed by Story-sharing: How to Journey Safely in Times of Insecurities Followed by group work
12.10	Mid-day prayer
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.15	EEA Member's Meeting
15.15	Finding Common Ground and New Opportunities to Work together: Interaction time between National EAs, Affiliates and Networks <i>Coffee break</i>
17.00	Prayer and Worship
17.30	Free time
18.00	<i>Dinner</i>
19.30	Evening Intercessions, Prayer and Worship
21.00	Fellowship / free time

Day 4, Friday, June 14, 2019

7.30	<i>Breakfast</i>
8.30	Worship and Prayer
8.50	Bible Teaching 2: Ruth – Leaving Home, Finding Home <i>By Anne Lise Søvde</i> Followed by group work
9.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30	Journeying safely – Into the Future <i>Lecture by Kosta Milkov</i>
11.00	Closing of the General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of the General Assembly • Lord's Supper • Thanks and Goodbye
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Departures</i>

Session Descriptions

Wednesday 12, June 9.30 – 11.30

Group 1: Journeying safely. Security & Safety and Our Communities & Nation

This group focuses on security and safety in relation to our communities and nations. We discuss how security and safety are defined within communities and nations, how nations address questions related to security and safety and what are the biggest threats depending on the group of people one looks at (young, old, rich, poor, female etc.). The question where people put their trust for their security and safety is paramount here. Equally, the role of fear and its impact on individuals and communities will be addressed.

Group 2: Journeying safely. Security & Safety and Ourselves & Our Churches

This group analyzes how the Bible defines security and safety and where security and safety can be found. The discussion invites participants to ask themselves: in whom do I / or my congregation place our security and safety – for my life, my family, community, prosperity, health? Moreover, we want to reflect on our understanding of security and safety, and whether it is healthy or needs adjusting. We address the difference between trust in God and naivety and how to find peace with the reality of uncertainty and evil.

Choose between the two discussion groups.

Wednesday, June 12, 15.00 – 17.00

Group 1: What should our authorities do to strengthen security and safety?

Led by Julia Doxat-Purser

- What are good policies to strengthen security and safety? E.g. from terrorism, from crime.
- Where do the limits lie politically – balance of security and safety versus justice, freedom and righteousness?

Group 2: Getting the balance right between security and Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB).

Led by Arie de Pater

- Freedom of Religion or Belief is in danger because of fears about security (genuine fears or an excuse to control).
- Where do we see governments getting it wrong in their efforts to preserve security and safety?
- What are sensible policies?

Group 3: Living dangerously in a dangerous world.

Led by Connie Duarte

- Looking together at the seven churches in the book of Revelation and discovering how each church lived dangerously for Jesus (or not) in a dangerous world.
- Discovering the lessons that each church was challenged with in regards to the Gospel and their safety.
- Applying the truths of Scripture to our lives and to our churches as we too are asked to live dangerously in a dangerous world.

Thursday, 13 June, 11.20 – 12.10

Being Good News People. Our role in strengthening security and safety and helping people not to fear.

Christians can actually strengthen security and safety through our actions and words. We can also help people overcome fear.

This group work considers the possibilities for Christians, a local church, the churches of a town, specialist ministries or the National Evangelical Alliances in strengthening security and helping people not to fear. Moreover, we want to discuss the positive biblical values we can model and spread which will make society feel more secure and be more secure.

Thursday, 13 June, 15.15 – 17.00

Finding Common Ground and New Opportunities to Work together: Interaction time between National EAs, Affiliates and Networks

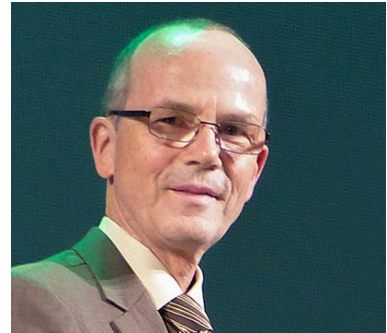
The aim of the session is to establish a living dialogue between the National EAs/Affiliates and the Networks, offering space and time to address options for cooperation with NEAs in a concrete way. This session is primarily about networking, while also offering the opportunity to address the main topic of the 2019 GA: “On the road home: How to journey safely”.

Speaker Bios

Thomas Bucher

Thomas Bucher, born 1956 loves to be where the action is. God has often put him into situations, sometimes quite untidy ones, where his skills in growing and implementing vision and helping organisations to grow to the next level were well put to work.

Over the years the roles were many and often parallel. A selection: OM: COO and then National Director in Switzerland (18 years), OM Western European Director followed by associated European Director (9 years). Evangelical Alliance: Swiss National Board (10 years and 6 of those as chairman), European Evangelical Alliance board and now General Secretary since September 2013. Tearfund: Board (11 years, 4 of those as chairman). I have also started various projects, one of the latest being Mission-Net, a European youth mobilisation event and movement.



As a chairman of a local reformed church, Thomas faces the opportunity of living in an area with 40% immigrants. Being exposed to grass root questions and also having the possibility to see issues from a European perspective gives me very practical insights.

Coming from an organisation with many pioneers he has developed a concern to make sure good foundations will be laid and the respective processes developed. This includes getting the right leaders in place which suit the stage of organisational development and thus grow to the next stage.

Thomas is married and has four married children and two grandchildren.

Helen Calder

Helen is the author of the Helen's Headlines website www.helensheadlines.net. She is a British business graduate with 12 years' experience in the glass and brewing industries, rising to senior management level. At one point she was the only female senior manager in an organisation with 6,000 employees. As part of a calling to use her business skills in the Christian sector Helen studied theology at St John's College Nottingham, specialising in pastoral care of the dying and bereaved. She has a passion for effective management in Christian organisations and for getting the right balance between faith and sound financial management.



Helen was part of the ministry team at All Souls Church, Langham Place as director of administration from 1991 to 1999. She worked for the UK Evangelical Alliance from 1999 to 2016 as executive director: finance and services. In these roles her responsibilities included finance, HR, facilities, IT, team management, programme management, risk management, governance and as a member of the leadership team.

Helen now has a part time portfolio under the banner of Calder's Consultancy: Sharing 40 years' experience to equip charities, churches and individuals. She mentors women in leadership roles, trains charity trustees and writes resources. She has developed and runs the Transitions course for those preparing for retirement.

Helen has been a trustee of several Christian charities and a PCC (parochial church council) member of three Anglican churches in the UK. She is currently a board member of the European Evangelical Alliance.

Helen's hobbies include giving hospitality, walking, reading, opera at Glyndebourne and wine tasting. She is actively involved in her local church and in building community where she lives.

Helen spent 4 months travelling in New Zealand in 2016/17 and a further 3 months in New Zealand in 2018/19.

Beatrice de Graaf

Beatrice de Graaf (1976) is professor of History of International Relations & Global Governance at Utrecht University, and chairs the section [History of International Relations](#) (GIB). Her research focuses on history of national security in the West (19th-21st century), counterterrorism and political violence, securitisation and international relations, historical research on the development of security thinking.



Arie de Pater

Arie de Pater is an experienced advocate in promoting and defending Freedom of Religion or Belief on the national and international level with a particular emphasis on persecuted Christians. Arie has worked closely with the team of the liaison office of the World Evangelical Alliance to the United Nations. He has served the WEA as a member of its Religious Liberty Commission for over a decade. Since May 2017, Arie works as EEA's Brussels Representative and puts a face and mouth to EEA's presence at the European Union institutions and related networks in the European capital.

Arie is married to Francina with three children, one girl and two boys, all teenagers or adolescents. He loves to explore parks and the countryside with his bike or runners and enjoys old cathedrals, architecture, art, or a good read.



Julia Doxat-Purser

Julia Doxat-Purser is EEA's Socio-political Representative & Religious Liberty Coordinator. She was previously EEA's first Brussels representative, where her most significant work was ensuring the EU's Employment Directive in 2000 was amended to grant essential flexibility to faith groups. Julia's role is to help Evangelicals engage in the public arena effectively and with solid biblical foundations of how one engages "Christianly". She particularly enjoys encouraging the next generation of Evangelicals, often in partnership with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). She teaches, writes, offers advocacy and consultancy support and connects specialists together, especially in the area of Freedom of Religion or Belief and also human trafficking and prostitution ministries (www.europeanfreedomnetwork.org). With the Brussels representative, Julia is working on a long-term strategy to transform attitudes on Freedom of Religion or Belief, including by promoting civility within our plural societies so that there is freedom of conscience for all. Julia is married to Alistair and lives in the United Kingdom.



Connie Duarte

Connie studied in the areas of missions and communication while living in Canada. In 1998, she moved to Portugal to work with university students. After 10 years with GBU Portugal (IFES), Connie began working with the Baptist Theological Seminary. She taught in the areas of Spiritual Formation and Homiletics. Currently she is one of the pastors at the Meeting Point, a Baptist church in Estoril, Portugal. Connie also continues to train and develop new staff and volunteers and coordinates the "Barnabas Group", a two-year intensive discipleship course with GBU. Connie is Vice-Chair of the European Evangelical Alliance.



Connie loves teaching and preaching and longs to see more young people and women using their gifts both in missions and in the local church. She has a passion for integrated mission and being disciples and not just converts. She says: "Mission isn't something you do, it's something you live, it is part of who you are. As Christians, missions, church, unity and community are part of our DNA."

Another one of Connie's passions is her family! Her husband of 17 years is João and their two boys are Joshua (14) and Caleb (12).

Frank Hinkelmann

Rev. Dr. Frank Hinkelmann graduated from German Theological Seminary in 1993, before joining OM International serving in Austria in 1994. In the fall of 2014, he received his PhD from the Free University in Amsterdam.

For 10 years, he led the ministry of OM in Austria and from 2008-2017 he directed OM's ministry in Europe. Today he serves as Associate for Board Development with OM International.

In addition to his role in OM, Frank is also very much involved with the Evangelical Alliance (EA). He served as chair of the Austrian EA between 2003 and 2015 and was elected as president of the European EA in 2014. He also serves as vice chair on the International Council of the World Evangelical Alliance and is president of Martin Bucer Seminary (Bonn, Germany). He is married and lives with his family in Lower Austria, where he also serves as an ordained minister of the Protestant Church of Austria.



Dr. Kostake Milkov

Dr. Kostake Milkov is a Theologian, public speaker, essayist, and a writer. He has written numerous Theological essays and articles, and he has published works of poetry and prose. Dr. Milkov holds a DPhil in Patristic Studies from the University of Oxford. He is the President of the Balkan Institute for Faith and Culture, and he is on the speaking team of the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries in Europe.



Anne Lise Søvde Valle

Anne Lise Søvde Valle is National Director of NORME, the Norwegian Council for Mission and Evangelization (joint body with the Lausanne movement and the Norwegian Mission Council since 2001.)

Anne Lise is married to Øystein and has two small children (a 5 year old boy and a 2 old girl). She holds a Master's degree in Theology and has served as a national director in NORME since 2011.

Before 2011 she was working with the Pentecostal Mission as a regional director for mission in Europe. From 2004 to 2008 she was a missionary in Spain working for Assemblies of God in the field of theological education (at Centro Superior de Teologia de Asambleas de Dios).



Peter Strauch

Peter Strauch grew up in Wuppertal, served from 1966 to 1973 as parochial pastor in Hamburg-Sasel and lived from 1973-2001 with his family in Witten. From 1973 to 2008 he served in the multi-parochial service, most recently for 17 years as the president of the confederation of Free Protestant Churches and from 2000 to 2006 as the first chairman of the German Evangelical Alliance.

Peter Strauch is a renowned book author (“Discoveries in Loneliness” 2015: Autobiography “My time is in your hands”) and wrote numerous songs, of which some were published in the Protestant hymnal boom and in the new Catholic hymnbook. He was honoured by Trinity International University (Deerfield, Illinois, USA) in 2007 with an honorary doctorate “Doctor of Divinity”. He has retired since 2008 and lives with his wife Edelgard in Wetter/Ruhr.



Helen Sworn

Helen Sworn has been working in the field of counter human trafficking and exploitation since 1999.

Helen believes in movement building and after witnessing the lack of a coordinated response to human trafficking she founded the Chab Dai (which means ‘joining hands’ in Khmer) Coalition in 2005 in Cambodia where she lived and worked between 1999 and 2018.

Starting with just 11 members and 2 staff, the coalition has grown to over 50 members. Helen led Chab Dai’s growth to include the development of projects for Prevention, Capacity Building, Case and Legal Support and Community Based Client Care for survivors and Longitudinal Research and now has a local team of 58 staff, led by a National Director.

Since Chab Dai’s inception, Helen has been at the forefront of facilitating collaboration and collective action amongst anti-trafficking and human rights organisations globally. As well as overseeing and leading the global vision and strategy, Helen heads up the Global Learning Community Project, which works with over 100 anti-trafficking stakeholders from more than 20 countries in order to strengthen and foster a comprehensive, connected and competent anti-trafficking movement.



Envisaged Outcomes and Flow of the Week

Main Outcomes

1. Understanding from history how people have 'journeyed safely' and how they continue to strive for it.
2. Understanding from a biblical perspective the responsibilities and opportunities the Church has concerning 'journeying safely' within nations.
3. Understanding the role of the Evangelical Alliance at all levels, including its networks and affiliated members, of how it can best support the local Church in its response to security and safety.
4. Developing a declaration on the topic 'On the Road Home: How to Journey Safely' to guide Evangelicals in Europe to speak with a message of Hope on security from a biblical perspective.

Flow of the Week

- A broad introduction to the topic "On the road home: How to journey safely";
- Wrestling with the topic from different angles;
- Conversations between National EAs, the Affiliates and the Networks to understand each other's responsibilities and how to profit from and work with each other;
- Culminating in a declaration.

List of Participants

By last names

No.	Name	Vorname	Organisation
1	Apel	Elisabeth	Team
2	Biti	Ergest	EA Albania
3	Boehning	Matthias	EEA
4	Borchert	Rudolf	EA Austria
5	Bordjiev	Rumen	EA Bulgaria
6	Bucher	Thomas	EEA
7	Buntinx	David	EA Belgium
8	Cakolli	Femi	EA Kosovo
9	Calder	Helen	EEA
10	Ciccone	Giacomo	EA Italy
11	Clifford	Steve	EA UK
12	Coyle	Graham	EurECA
13	Daoud	Elia	Evangelical Alliance of Arabic-Speakers in Europe
14	da Silva	Lucas	TWR
15	de Pater	Arie	EEA
16	den Hertog	Bert	Compass Europe
17	Diedrichs	Clément	EA France
18	Doxat-Purser	Julia	EEA
19	Dr. Schink	Reinhardt	EA Germany
20	Dunckel	Joshua	Reach Global
21	Fedichkin	Alexander	EA Russia
22	Gasser	Wilf	EA Switzerland
23	Gimelfarb	Lionel	Jews for Jesus France
24	Grötzinger	Christoph	EA Austria
25	Hinkelmann	Frank	EEA
26	Horvath	Istvan	EA Hungary
27	Illgen	Hannelore	Network Hope for Europe-Women in Leadership
28	Jung	Eberhard	Peace & Reconciliation Network
29	Jost	Marc	EA Switzerland
30	Kaegi	Matthias	EurECA
31	Kalkandelen	Ali	EA Turkey
32	Königer	Martina	EA Germany
33	Komisarz	Cezary	EA Poland
34	Kurz	Lilian	Team
35	Lorein	Geert	Federale Synode
36	Luide	Indrek	EA Estonia
37	Magda	Toma	EA Croatia

38	Main Duarte	Connie	EEA
39	Marsh	Paul	Marriage Week, YWAM
40	Marsh	Geneviève	Marriage Week, YWAM
41	Maeyens	Koen	Evangelisch Jeugdverbond vzw
42	Mayer	Thomas	VTR Publications
43	Milkov	Kostake	Ravi Zacharias International Ministries Europe
44	Nedelchev	Nikolay	WEA/EEA
45	Niederhauser	Marcel	
46	Olafsrud	Ole-Magnus	Barnabas Focus
47	Playà	Dámaris	FEREDE
48	Plutschinski	Timo	WEA Business Coalition
49	Reimer	Johannes	Peace and Reconciliation Foundation e.V.
50	Rhodes	Leanne	European Freedom Network / Abolition
51	Rodriguez Ramos	Daniel	FEREDE
52	Rothfors	Kirsi	EA Finland
53	Tendero	Efraim	WEA
54	Topalski	Daniel	United Methodist Church Bulgarien
55	Szabó	Dániel	EA Hungary
56	Sittu	Muayyad	FeG Pforzheim
57	Smith	Ian	Zacharias Trust (RZIM)
58	Søvde Valle	Anne Lise	EA Norwegen, NORME
59	Steeb	Hartmut	EA Germany
60	Suarez Garcia	Xesus Manuel	EA Spain
61	Swinters	(Maria) Thérèse	European Disability Network
62	Sworn	Helen	Chab Dai Coalition
63	Vlasenko	Vitaly	EA Russia
64	Võsu	Peeter	EA Estonia
65	Volodarska	Irina	Jews for Jesus
66	Welch	Katherine	Relentless
67	Wenzel	Andreas	EA Germany
68	Wessels	Jan	Faith2Share
69	Wigram	Christopher	ECM International
70	Wolsheimer	Jan	EA Netherlands
71	Wolters	Leendert	EA Czech Republic
72	Ziehli	Jean-Luc	EA Switzerland (francophone)
73	Ziehli (Kollege)	Jean-Luc	EA Switzerland (francophone)

Logistical Information

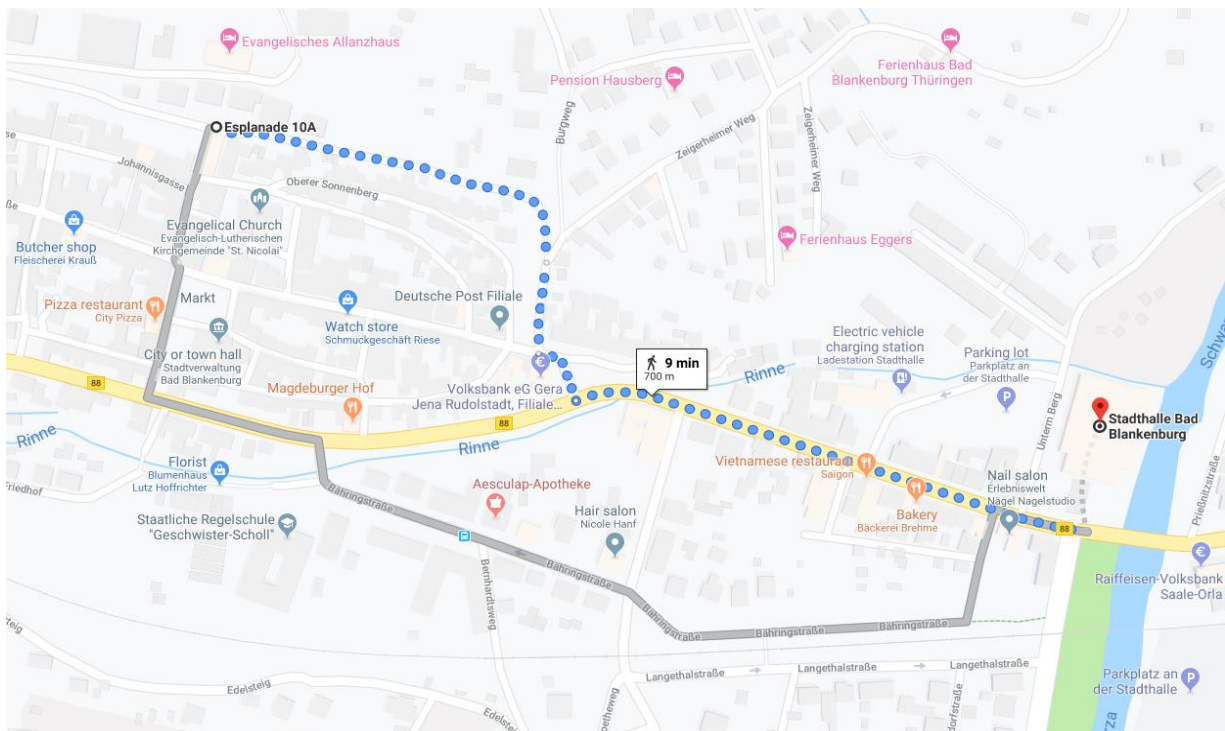
Venues

Venue of the meeting/hotel

Evangelisches Allianzhaus
Bad Blankenburg gGmbH
Esplanade 5-10a
07422 Bad Blankenburg
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Venue of the Handover Ceremony

Stadthalle Bad Blankenburg
Betriebsgesellschaft mbH
Bahnhofstraße 23
07422 Bad Blankenburg



Travel Information

Tickets Public Transportation

You can purchase single train tickets at train ticket machines located at the train stations at the airports. For some airports, you might first have to travel to a train station via metro or bus and can then purchase a train ticket. The machines accept Euro coins and notes and all major credit cards. Alternatively, you can [purchase tickets online](#) , from the [train ticket outlet](#) or via mobile app [DB Navigator](#). The destination station is called **Bad Blankenburg(Thüringerw)**.

When travelling by bus:

It is possible to buy a ticket on the bus, but they do only accept Euro coins and notes.

Also, please feel free to use our [online tool](#) to connect car drivers who offer a lift with fellow passengers. The EEA Office is happy to assist.

Airport Arrivals

Frankfurt Airport Arrivals

First, take long-distance train ICE 1651 going to Dresden from the airport's main train station and exit in Gotha. Take regional train RE1 going to Glauchau and change trains in Neudeitendorf, where you take train EB23 going to Saalfeld, which stops in Bad Blankenburg (Thüringer Wald). The German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus lies within a walking distance of about 12 minutes (for further details check the arrival information "Via Train"), but we would also be pleased to pick you up at the station. If you want to use our pick up service, please provide us with the information regarding your time of arrival in Bad Blankenburg by sending an e-mail to info@europeanea.org. The overall trip takes about three hours and 32 minutes.

Nuremberg Airport Arrivals

First, take subway U2 going to Nürnberg Röthenbach and exit at Nürnberg Hauptbahnhof (central station). It takes about 6 minutes to walk from the Nuremberg subway station to the main station, where long-distance trains leave. Please follow the signs. From there, take long-distance train ICE 508 going to Hamburg Altona, and get off in Erfurt Hauptbahnhof (central station). Take train EB23 going to Saalfeld and exit in Bad Blankenburg (Thüringer Wald). The German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus lies within a walking distance of about 12 minutes (for further details check the arrival information "Via Train"), but we would also be pleased to pick you up at the station. If you want to use our pick up service, please provide us with the information regarding your time of arrival in Bad Blankenburg by sending an e-mail to info@europeanea.org. The overall trip takes about two hours and 48 minutes.

Leipzig/Halle Airport Arrivals

First, take subway S 5X in direction of Zwickau HBF to get to Leipzig Hauptbahnhof (central station). Since one arrives in the underground level of the station, it takes 9 minutes to arrive at long-distance departure. Take long-distance train ICE 599 going to Munich HBF and exit at Erfurt Hauptbahnhof (central station). Take train EB23 going to Saalfeld and exit in Bad Blankenburg (Thüringer Wald). The

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Berlin/Tegel Airport Arrivals

First, take bus TXL going to Memhardstraße and exit at Berlin Hauptbahnhof (central station). Follow signs to long-distance departure, which lies within six minutes of walking distance. Take long-distance train ICE 509 going to München Hauptbahnhof (Munich Central Station). Change trains in Erfurt Hauptbahnhof (central station) and take train EB 23 going to Saalfeld. Exit in Bad Blankenburg (Thüringer Wald). The German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus lies within a walking distance of about 12 minutes (for further details check the arrival information “Via Train”), but we would also be pleased to pick you up at the station.. If you want to use our pick up service, please provide us with the information regarding your time of arrival in Bad Blankenburg by sending an e-mail to info@europeanea.org. The overall trip takes about three hours and 35 minutes. (If landing at the Berlin Schoenefeld Airport, take regional train RE 7 going to Dessau Hauptbahnhof (central station) to get to Berlin Central Station. Then follow the instructions above.)

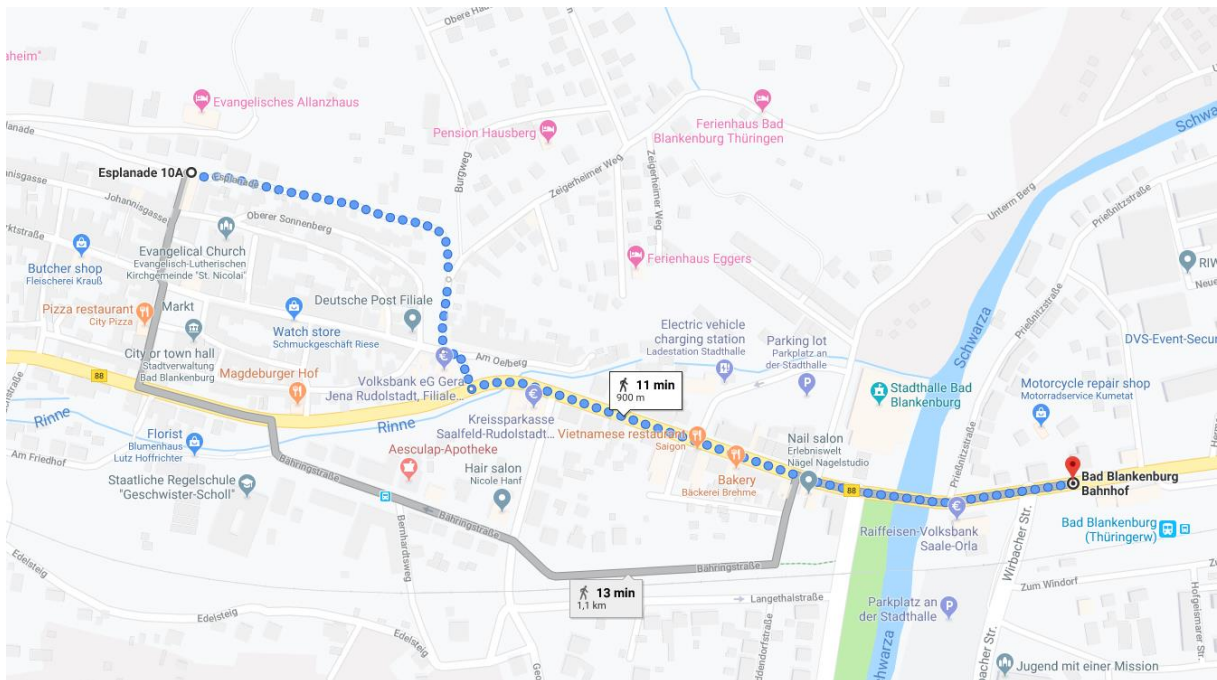
Train Arrivals

Via Erfurt Intercity station – Once you arrive in Erfurt via long-distance trains coming from Frankfurt/Main, Dresden, Leipzig, Düsseldorf, and Kassel, change to local train going to Saalfeld. The ride to Bad Blankenburg will take approximately 55 min.

Via Saalfeld station – Once you arrive in Saalfeld via long-distance trains coming from Kiel, Hamburg, Berlin, Leipzig, Munich, and Nuremberg, change to local train going to Erfurt or Arnstadt. The ride to Bad Blankenburg will take approximately 7 min.

We would be pleased to pick you up at the station. Please provide us with the information regarding your time of arrival in Bad Blankenburg. Please send an e-mail to info@europeanea.org.

Coming from the station, you can also reach the German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus on foot in approximately 12 minutes! Enter Bahnhofsstraße and head towards the city center, then follow the signage into Zeigenheimer Weg, take the stairs up on your slight left, directly turn to left into Untere Esplanade and you can already see the German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus at the end of the road on the right. Climb the quarter-turn staircase directly in front of the garages on the right. Use the elevator in the modern building to reach the reception.



Car Arrivals

Attention: The German Evangelical Alliance/Evangelisches Allianzhaus is located in Bad Blankenburg in Thuringia! Please do not confuse the location with Blankenburg in the Harz! Recommendation: Enter “Esplanade 10” into your navigation device to arrive at our car park. At “Esplanade 5” no access to parking is available.

Coming from Eisenach direction on highway A 4, change to highway A 71 at Erfurter Kreuz interchange and take the exit Stadtilm between Arnstadt Sued and Ilmenau Ost. You can then either use the mainroad B 90 via Rudolstadt-Schwarza to Bad Blankenburg, or exit the main road B 90 at Paulinzella – Rottenbach and drive directly to Bad Blankenburg via Paulinzella – Rottenbach. In Bad Blankenburg go straight until the first right-hand bend, turn left in the curve and immediately left again. After approximately 50 m turn slightly right into Plattenweg until you reach the parking lot of the Allianzhaus.

Coming from Hermsdorfer Kreuz interchange direction (Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Chemnitz) on highway A 9 towards Nuremberg / Munich, exit the highway in Triptis. Take the main road B 281 via Neustadt / Orla and Pößneck, which then changes into B 85, and pass Saalfeld in the direction of Rudolstadt. Before Schwarza turn left onto road B 88 to Bad Blankenburg. In Schwarza take the second exit at the roundabout to stay on B 88 to Bad Blankenburg. In Bad Blankenburg follow the main road B 88 through town. Please do not make a turn towards the city center! Only after a long right-hand bend, turn sharply to the right off the main road (there is a sign on a small wall) and immediately left again. After 50 m turn right into Esplanade and take (left) Plattenweg up to the parking lot of the Allianzhaus.

Coming from Würzburg direction on highway A 7, change to highway A 70 at Kreuz Werntal/Schweinfurt interchange and take exit Stadtilm between Arnstadt Sued and Ilmenau Ost. Either use mainroad B 90 via Rudolstadt-Schwarza to Bad Blankenburg, or exit main road B 90 at Paulinzella – Rottenbach and head directly towards Bad Blankenburg via Paulinzella – Rottenbach. In Bad Blankenburg go straight until the first right-hand bend, turn left in the curve and immediately left again. After approximately 50 m turn slightly right into Plattenweg until you reach the parking lot of the Allianzhaus.

Coming from Nuremberg direction on highway A 9 towards Berlin, take exit Dittersdorf. Turn towards direction of Neustadt (Orla). In Neustadt turn left onto main road B 281 towards Saalfeld and in Saalfeld turn onto road B 85 towards Rudolstadt. Before Rudolstadt turn left at the first traffic light in direction of Schwarza and in Schwarza turn left onto road B 88 towards Ilmenau and Bad Blankenburg. In Bad Blankenburg follow the main road B 88 through town. Please do not take a turn towards the city center! Only after a long right-hand bend, turn sharply to the right off the main road (there is a sign on a small wall) and immediately left again. After 50 m turn right into Esplanade and take (left) Plattenweg up to the parking lot of the Allianzhaus.

Shuttle Emergency Number

In case of delays or not transmitted arrival information, please inform the reception of the Alliance House and they will be pleased to offer you a shuttle ride on short notice.

<p>Shuttle Emergency Number +49 36741 210 Reception Alliance House</p>

General Information

Climate

The weather in Germany is going to be hot next week, but we have fresh nights and there is a possibility of rain. So please bring clothes that are suitable for different conditions. See the weather forecast here: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/de/bad-blankenburg/07422/june-weather/176530>.

Currency

The German currency is 1 Euro = 100 cents. The abbreviation for the German currency is €.

Emergency Services

Ambulance - Fire Brigade: Dial: 112

Police: Dial 110

Banks

Banks nearby the Alliance House are the Volksbank eG Gera Jena Rudolstadt (Untere Marktstraße 32, 07422 Bad Blankenburg) and the Kreissparkasse Saalfeld-Rudolstadt (Bahnhofstraße 6, 07422 Bad Blankenburg).

Supermarkets

Close to the train station, you can find a REWE Supermarket (Strasse der Deutschen Einheit 1E, 07422 Bad Blankenburg).



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