

# CEV SPRING VOLUNTEERING CONGRESS 2026

27-29 MAY 2026  
MAIA, PORTUGAL



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## General Information

### When does the CEV Spring Congress 2026 take place?

27-29 May 2026 Starting at 18:00 on the 27th and finishing at 13:30 with the formal programme on the 29th. An informal cultural/ touristic visit is available on the afternoon of the 29th.

### Where is the CEV Spring Congress 2026 taking place?

The congress will take place in Maia, Portugal, at [TecMaia](#).

Address: Rua Eng. Frederico Ulrich 2650, 4470-605 Maia, Portugal

### Where is the registration desk located?

The CEV Spring Congress will take place at the [Business Centre Building](#) in TecMaia, where registration will also take place.

### Who should I contact if I have questions?

Gracia Llorens (gracia.llorens@cev.be) with Gabriella Civico (gabriella.civico@cev.be) &

Rita Marques (rita.marques@cev.be) in CC.

## Travel to Maia

### What is the nearest airport?

The nearest airport is [Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport \(Porto Airport\)](#).

### How can I get from the airport to Maia?

You can reach Maia from the airport by:

- **Public Transportation:** approximately 20 minutes, [bus 6008](#)
- **Taxi or ride-sharing (Uber/Bolt):** approximately 10-15 minutes, between 5 and 10 EUR
- **Car rental:** available at the airport

### How can I reach the congress venue?

The City Council of Maia will provide transportation of CEV Congress Participants from the city centre of Maia to the Congress Venue.

## Getting from Porto to Maia

Maia is a city on the outskirts of Porto, about 10km away (20 minutes). If you'd prefer to stay in Porto during the CEV Congress, here is some practical information on how to reach Maia and the Congress venue.

### How can I get from Porto to Maia?

You can reach Maia from Porto by:

- **Public Transportation:** between 40 and 50 minutes (metro and bus available)
- **Taxi or ride-sharing (Uber/Bolt):** approximately 20-30 minutes, between 10 and 15 EUR

### How can I reach the congress venue?

- **Taxi or ride-sharing (Uber/Bolt):** approximately 20-30 minutes, between 10 and 20 EUR

## Accommodation

### Where should I stay during the congress?

Participants are encouraged to book accommodation in Maia or Porto.

### Recommended hotels in Maia include:

- [Hotel Premium Porto Maia](#): Discount code **EVCMAIA26**
- [Hotel Central Parque](#): Discount code **CONGRESSOPRIMAVERA2026**

These hotels are located in the city centre, where shuttle buses to the venue and evening activities (Welcome Evening and Dinner on 28 May) will be available.

### Can I stay in Porto instead of Maia?

Yes. Porto city centre is accessible by metro or taxi. See above the average duration and cost of trips.

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## Food and Facilities

### Are there restaurants or cafés near the venue?

Yes, there are restaurants and cafés within walking distance of **TecMaia**. There is also a cafeteria in the venue building.

### Will meals be provided during the congress?

Yes, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner will be provided during the CEV Spring Congress 2026.

- **27th May:** Welcome evening (venue TBC)
- **28th May:** Welcome Coffee, Lunch in TecMaia, Dinner (Venue TBC)
- **29th May:** Coffee break in TecMaia, Lunch in TecMaia

### Is there Wi-Fi at the venue?

Yes. Wi-Fi will be available at the venue. Login information will be provided during registration.

## Practical Information

### What currency is used in Portugal?

Portugal uses the Euro (€).

### What language is spoken?

The official language is Portuguese, but English is widely spoken.

### Some useful words and phrases:

- Hello - Olá
- Good morning - Bom dia
- Good afternoon - Boa tarde
- Please - Por favor
- Thank you - Obrigado/Obrigada
- CEV Spring Congress 2026 - Congresso de Primavera do CEV 2026

### What is the emergency number in Portugal?

The national emergency number is **112**.

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