



University
of Economics
in Katowice

University of Economics in Katowice (UEKat)

Host of the GDN 2026 conference
June 21st – 24th, 2026

In the heart of the Europe

UEKat(owice)



- Located in the centre of Katowice, the capital of the Silesian Voivodeship and the Silesian Metropolis
- Easily accessible from two nearby international airports: Katowice Pyrzowice (KTW) and Kraków Balice (KRK)
- With direct train connections (by PKP – Polish State Railways) to Warsaw, Vienna, Prague, Berlin, Bratislava and other major cities



In the heart of Katowice

UEKat(owice)

- Located just 12 minutes by tram or bus from the Market Square in Katowice
- Surrounded by comfortable and diverse accommodation options, ranging in price and standard (hotels, apartments)
- Situated near Katowice's Zone of Culture and Business Zone, including:
 - Spodek Arena
 - International Congress Center
 - NOSPR concert hall
 - Silesian Museum



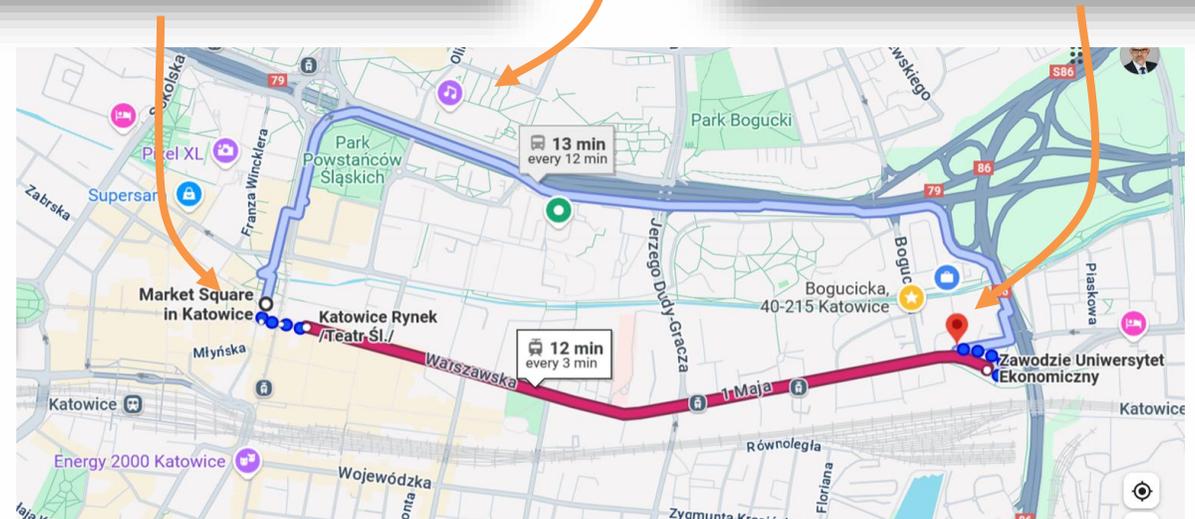
Zone of Culture



Market Square



UEKat



In the heart of higher education

UEKat(owice)

- We are the oldest public university in Silesia, with over 85 years of academic tradition
- We are the alma mater of nearly 10,000 students, with 500 academic teachers and researchers, and over 80,000 graduates
- We offer 19 degree programs in Polish and 6 degree programs in English (over 70 specializations)



- Additionally students participate in a variety of short-term international mobility programs, including: Erasmus+ (Programme and Partner Countries), Double Degree, CEEPUS, numerous bilateral agreements
- We are a member of BAUHAUS4EU European University Alliance

In the heart of science and societal collaboration

UEKat(owice)

- Research at UE Katowice focuses on five disciplines: economics, management, spatial economy & socio-economic geography, IT & telecom, and media studies
- Conducted within 5 faculties and 59 research teams
- The university is a key academic-business hub, open to external collaboration, member of the “Katowice – City of Science” consortium,



- A partner in R&D projects for more than 400 companies, institutions and LGUs (e.g., Amazon, IBM, ING, HSBC, Fujitsu, Rockwell, Decathlon, Silesian Railway, Upper Silesian Aviation Group)
- A member of the academic consortium of seven public Silesian universities co-hosting events under the European City of Science Katowice 2024

GDN2026

Bogucicka Campus

- GDN2026 will be organized at **Bogucicka Campus**
- The Bogucicka Campus consists of eight buildings offering a total of 74 teaching rooms (including computer labs) and 3 large auditoriums
- All rooms are equipped with modern presentation equipment, including a projector with a screen or a 65" interactive LCD monitor



- The campus features food outlets, vending machines with drinks and snacks, and water dispensers.
- The Welcome Point (building A, ground floor) provides ongoing support for all UEKat guests
- The campus is easily accessible by trams and buses operated by Transport GZM (<https://rj.transportgzm.pl>)

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Practical information about Poland

- Poland is a member of the **European Union** and the **Schengen Zone**
 - EU/EEA citizens can enter freely with an ID or passport
 - Visitors from many countries (including the US, UK, Canada, Japan) can enter visa-free for up to 90 days
- Official **language is Polish**, English is commonly spoken, in Silesia many people may also speak German
- Currency is **Polish złoty** (1 EUR = 4,20 PLN), credit and debit cards, and contactless and mobile payments are widely accepted
- Everyday costs in Katowice:
 - A one-day public transport ticket costs 13 PLN, similarly to coffee (at Starbucks averages 17 PLN)
 - Lunch sets in casual restaurants are around 40 PLN. A main dish from the menu will be more expensive – e.g. traditional Silesian beef roulade at Tatiana Restaurant costs 66 PLN.
- Electricity: 230V / 50Hz, Type E sockets (same as in most EU countries)
- Time zone: Central European Summer Time (CEST / UTC+2) in summer

Beyond GDN2026 scientific experience

Cultural & Sightseeing Opportunities

- **Culture Zone, Katowice** – Modern cultural hub with the Spodek Arena, Silesian Museum, and NOSPR concert hall
- **Nikiszowiec District** – Charming historic workers' quarter, perfect for cultural walks and local cuisine
- **Guido and Queen Louise Mines, Zabrze** – Unique underground museums offering guided tours through real coal mine tunnels and machinery



- **Silesian Park & Planetarium** – One of Europe's largest urban parks, offering recreation, a zoo, and science exhibitions
- **Kraków Old Town & Wieliczka Salt Mine** – Poland's former royal capital, rich in history, and UNESCO-listed underground marvel with chapels carved in salt
- **Beskidy Mountains** – scenic hiking trails, many accessible cable cars

Beyond GDN2026 scientific experience

Flavors of Katowice: Culinary Hotspots You Can't Miss



Top Restaurant Picks for 2025:

Insider Tip: For a panoramic view of the city while dining, check out **27th Floor Restaurant & Bar** – perfect for a sunset dinner.

- **Śląska Prohibicja** – Located in the historic Nikiszowiec district, this elegant spot serves creative takes on Silesian cuisine like beef roulade and sour rye soup
- **Żurownia** – A cozy gem for traditional Polish dishes with vegetarian options. Don't miss their mushroom and potato soup
- **Tatiana** – A beloved local favorite offering refined Polish and Central European cuisine in a cozy, elegant setting. Known for its warm service, atmospheric interiors, and specialties like pierogi, beef roulade, and sour rye soup



Discover UEKat and Katowice

Promotional videos

- UEKat:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWsgHmcDoJs>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aduAXvDP4Ko>
- See how Katowice may surprise you:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfiCyllHYaw>





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your space



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