

The  GNOME™ Conference

GUADEC

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Summary

When we, GNOME enthusiasts in Brno, read again the call for bids we got started to bring this great conference finally to Brno.

Our team for next year's bid consists mainly of people from Brno but we were able to draw in people from other cities as well. All of us are either members of the Czech GNOME community or other Linux groups. Moreover, Liberix, a non-profit organization, which actively promotes open source software and organizes Linux events in the Czech Republic, and the Faculty of Information Technology of the Brno University of Technology again joined us in our effort.

We believe that Brno will be a great host city for GUADEC. The Czech GNOME community is large and growing, which was proven with the GNOME Launch Parties, the count of the last one was somewhere around 100 people. Linux adoption in the Czech Republic is in general high above the European average. Two of the major distributions, Red Hat and SUSE, have their development centres here. The Red Hat office in Brno is the company's biggest development centre in the world and employs over 450 software engineers from whom many are working on the Linux desktop.

Community

GNOME has many supporters and contributors in Central and Eastern Europe. We believe GUADEC 2013 in Brno will be a great opportunity for GNOME to grow the community in Central Europe. Brno is a university city and has many talented students with a keen interest in Linux technologies and in the GNOME platform. The university, where the conference will take place, has many research projects in the field of computer graphics and desktop..



Date

Since the proposed venue is an university campus, GUADEC should take place during the summer break which starts at the beginning of July and ends at the end of August. We recommend the last week in July and the first week in August.

Local Support

GNOME has many supporters and contributors in Central and Eastern Europe even though there has not yet been a GUADEC conference or a Desktop Summit in the region. GUADEC 2013 in Brno will be a great opportunity for GNOME to grow the community even more. Brno has a strong and lively Free Software community. A large number of Gnome contributors are working and living here. Also, many talented students who are interested in Linux technologies might get interested in the GNOME platform. The university, where the conference will take place, has several research projects in the field of computer graphics and desktop. Also the very active Openmobility group which associates people interested in open mobile technologies operates from here. Brno's Linux community is organized in the "Linux in Brno" group that supports the idea of GUADEC in Brno. The City of Brno has already promised its support.

Local organizations that support our candidacy:

- **Fedora.cz** – a non-profit organization which is run by the Czech Fedora community and organizes workshops, release parties etc.
- **Linux in Brno** – a local Linux user group which organizes meetings, workshops, conferences etc.
- **Openmobility** – a non-profit organization that associates open mobile technology enthusiasts and organizes Openmobility conference.
- **SOIT (the Society for Open Information Technologies)** – the biggest non-profit organization that supports open source software in Slovakia.
- **Student Union of FIT** – organizes many student events, runs several courses and labs and participates in organizing conferences such as LinuxAlt.
- **Ubuntu for the Czech Republic** – a non-profit organization which is run by the Czech Ubuntu community and organizes workshops, release parties etc.



Organizers

- **Faculty of Information Technology** – Brno University of Technology (FIT VUT) – one of the biggest and most influential IT universities in the Czech Republic – <http://www.fit.vutbr.cz>
- **GNOME Community** – the GNOME community is strong in the Czech Republic and most of the organizers are part of it.
- **Liberix** – a Czech non-profit organization which supports open-source software in the Czech Republic, may provide a legal entity for organizing the conference – <http://www.liberix.cz>
- **Red Hat Czech** – a Red Hat development office with about 500 employees, located in Brno – <http://cz.redhat.com>



Organizing Team

People from the local community who have been working on the proposal and expressed their willingness to help organize the conference.

Vladimír Beneš



Vladimír is a long time contributor to GNOME, mainly in quality assurance. He has worked for 4+ years as a desktop quality engineer at Red Hat, developing automated tests, organizing Fedora test days, mainly in the area of desktop, wireless, audio and graphics, and giving talks from time to time. He lives in Brno.

Marek Černocký

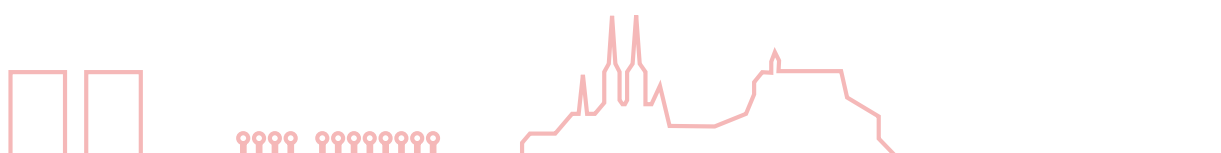


Marek has contributed to open source software for many years, especially in the field of internationalization and localization. He is a member of the GNOME Czech translation team. He regularly attends various open source community events and has participated in organizing a number of ICT events. He graduated in cybernetics and automation and now works as an ICT engineer and spreads the word about free software as much as time allows.

Jiří Eischmann



Jiří has been involved in the open source community for many years. He has written several books about Linux. He is a member of the GNOME Foundation and his contributions to GNOME are mainly translations to Czech. He has organized many community events, recently the GNOME 3 Launch Party in Prague and the Fedora 17 Release Party in Brno, Prague and Košice. He works as a community manager at Red Hat. He likes sports and traveling.



Luděk Janda



Luděk works as a document management system administrator at Red Hat. In his spare time he translates comic books from French and other languages for the biggest Czech publishing houses and kids magazines (Mladá Fronta, Albatros,...) and is a father of two nice boys.

Andre Klapper



Andre is a member of the GNOME Foundation, Bugsquad, Release Team, Documentation Team and Translation Coordination Team. He is also active in the bug trackers of Maemo, Mer, Mozilla and Wikimedia.

Eva Kopalova



Eva writes middleware documentation for Red Hat and is passionate about Java and chocolate. She is looking forward to meet people involved in the Gnome project.

Petr Kovář



Petr lives in Brno and is an old hand in the GNOME community. At the moment he coordinates the Czech translation team and is a member of the GNOME Foundation and the GNOME Translation Project Coordination Team. He has participated and helped to organize various open source events in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.



Lukáš Lommer

Lucas is an active member of the GNOME Foundation, has worked with the GNOME Art Team and currently contributes to GNOME internationalization and localization. He first ran GNU/Linux in 2001 and his love affair with GNOME began with version 1.4 “Tranquility”. Lucas is a passionate free software enthusiast who strongly believes that all information should be freely accessible.

Marek Mahut



Marek is a long time open source activist. He's the chairman of the Society for Open Information Technologies (<http://www.soit.sk/sk/organizacia/info-in-english>) where he tries to promote open source solutions in government and education. Marek has experience with event organization, such as the biggest Slovak conference on open source – OSSConference; the Red Hat developer conference and FUDCon in Brno.

Rui Matos



A Portuguese who recently moved to Brno, Rui still has to learn the language but already acquired a taste for Czech beer. A long time GNOME user who eventually became a regular contributor, he is mostly interested in helping to turn GNOME into an ever more polished and integrated user experience for everyone.

Jozef Mlích



Jozef is a PhD student at FIT BUT. At the university, he teaches courses which contain topics such as GTK, Qt, Openmoko, Maemo and MeeGo. He is a very active member of the open mobile community in the Czech Republic and is a founding member of Openmobility. He is one of the main organizers of the annual Openmobility conference and has recently organized the Acivs 2012 conference (Advanced Concepts for Intelligent Vision Systems).



Florian Nadge



Florian has recently moved to Brno and is a technical writer at Red Hat. He has worked in and with the open source community for many years. He has helped to organize lectures, work shops, hackfests, and conferences for GNOME and other open source communities. In his spare time, he translates, writes about communication, and studies psychology.

Vlastimil Ott



Vlastimil is the director of Liberix, a NGO that supports free and open source technology. He has organized many smaller and larger events for a wide range of open source communities.

Debarshi Ray



Debarshi is a recent arrival to our community in Brno. He is a developer and a long-time contributor to GNOME. He maintains GNOME Online Accounts and works on integrating GNOME applications with online services. He also worked on Gnote. In his spare time he watches movies, takes random photos and, recently, he has started reading the Batman comics.

Jaroslav Řezník



Jaroslav currently works as Engineering Program Manager at Red Hat, taking care of Fedora schedules and release dates. He's also a Fedora Board member and member of several other groups within Fedora - Fedora KDE SIG, Fedora Ambassadors etc. Previously he worked as Red Hat's KDE/Qt stack maintainer.



Christian Schaller



Christian Schaller has been involved with the GNOME and GStreamer communities for over 10 years. During these years he has worked on building business around the GStreamer framework as part of first Fluendo and then Collabora Multimedia, before joining Red Hat in 2012 as a manager at the Brno office. He has also organized the annual GStreamer Conference for 3 years and started his own little open source project, Transmageddon.

Martin Sivák



Martin has been a member of the local LinuxAlt conference team for 7 years and he has led the team for the last five. He is also one of the founding members of LvB (Linux in Brno) group and currently vice-chairman of it's board. He has also been a Red Hat employee for five years now, his main responsibility being the Fedora and RHEL installer development. Martin also started teaching Python classes at two local universities in 2010.

Eliška Slobodová



Eliška lives in Brno and works as a Technical Writer at Red Hat. She has been contributing to various open source projects, helping with translation and documentation. She loves photography and is an enthusiastic Ruby newbie.

Vojtěch Trefný



Vojtech lives in Prague and he is the de facto leader of the Ubuntu community in the Czech Republic. He's also an official Ubuntu Member. He has helped to organize smaller community-based open source events. In his free time, he writes documentation, translates free software and tries to study software engineering at Czech Technical University in Prague.



Tomeu Vizoso



Tomeu is a hacker working at Collabora, currently most active in Clutter and WebKit. Has maintained PyGObject and Sugar and organized several hack-fests for GNOME. He has been living in the Czech Republic for several years.

Radek Vokál



Radek has worked for the last 8+ years at Red Hat Czech. He's always been active in the local Linux community, given many talks at various conferences and universities about Fedora, open source development, various projects etc. In the last few years, Radek has also organized open source conferences in Brno. Together with Marek Mahut, he organized FUDCon Brno in 2008 and Fedora, Red Hat and JBoss Developer Conferences. Currently Radek works as an Engineering Manager for the BaseOS team. His team owns around 600 packages in Fedora and Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

More people have already promised to help in later phases of organizing.

Our Track Record

We regularly organize large developer and user conferences:

- **FUDCon 2008 in Brno** – a three-day-long conference, over 100 registered participants - <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/FUDCon/FUDConBrno2008>
- **LinuxAlt** – the biggest Linux conference in the Czech Republic, about 700 attendants, it is held annually and 2013 will be the eighth year - <http://www.linuxalt.cz/>
- **Red Hat Developer Conference in Brno** – a two-day long conference, over 600 participants and 60+ talks - <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/DeveloperConference2012>

We also organize other Linux and open-source events:

- **Openmobility Conference** – a conference devoted to open mobile technologies and open-source hardware, held annually - <http://www.openmobility.cz>
- other smaller events such as the GNOME 3 Launch Party in Prague, Fedora 17 Release Party in Brno, Prague, and Kosice, etc.



Budget

The budget is based on information we have so far collected and is calculated for 300 attendants, 3 social events, and a duration of 6 conference days.

	Alternatives	
	Low	High
Accommodation	€ 0	€ 980
Catering	€ 4,410	€ 8,820
Coffee Breaks	€ 4,410	€ 8,820
Lunch Meals	€ 0	€ 0
SWAG	€ 2,970	€ 9,000
Printing	€ 2,000	€ 3,500
Transport	€ 0	€ 750
Car Cost	€ 0	€ 750
Buses	€ 0	€ 0
Equipment	€ 0	€ 1,000
Venue	€ 708	€ 1,608
Technician	€ 708	€ 708
Energies	€ 0	€ 900
Administration	€ 1,700	€ 3,000
Organizes Expenses	€ 1,000	€ 2,000
Accountant	€ 700	€ 1,000
Commissions	€ 500	€ 750
Mail	€ 100	€ 300
Social Events	€ 5,175	€ 8,982
Instrument	€ 1,500	€ 2,250
Venue Rent	€ 3,675	€ 4,896
Drinks and Meals	€ 0	€ 1,836
Total	€ 17,563	€ 38,690



Brno

The City

Brno (Czech pronunciation: [ˈbrno]) is the capital city of Moravia and the second largest city in the Czech Republic.

Brno is also the administrative center of the South Moravian Region and the Czech capital of judicial authority. The population of the city is about 405,000 while the population of the greater metropolitan area is about 730,000. Brno lies at the confluence of the Svitava and Svatka rivers and it is surrounded by hills from three sides; a significant part of the area of the city is forest, about 28%.

Brno is the seat of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court, the Supreme Prosecutor's Office, and the Ombudsman. Brno is also an important center of Czech higher education, with 26 faculties of 11 universities and about 80,000 students. Brno exhibition center is also a traditional site of large exhibitions and trade fairs. The city is also known for hosting big motorbike and other races on the Brno racing circuit and for an international firework competition Ignis brunensis.

Wikipedia



Places of Interest

Špilberk Castle – The famous fortress oversees the the city. Currently, Špilberk houses a museum with restaurant.

Petrov Cathedral – St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, known as Petrov forms a dominant silhouette of Brno skyline.

Old Town Hall – See the beloved Brno symbols: the Dragon (Brněnský drak) and the Wheel. The Lop-sided tower throws the entrance. Legend has it that the city council cheated the builder and the tower was his way of payback.

Tugendhat Villa – The villa is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Designed by Mies van der Rohe, it is seen to be a classic example of Bauhaus architecture, and was also the location of the meeting which decided upon the Velvet Divorce that separated the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1992.

Capuchin Monastery – The 17th century The monastery lies right in the city centre. Visitors are astonished by its beautiful Baroque statues and mummified monks in the underground tombs.

The Mendel Museum of Genetics – The most famous biologist in the history of genetics worked and died in Brno. This interesting museum commemorates his revolutionary research.

Museum of Roma Culture – The only museum in Central Europe dedicated to the Roma culture.

Wikitravel

Outside the City

Battle field Austerlitz – The Battle of Austerlitz was Napoleon's greatest victory. The battlefield lies 10 km from Brno.

Telč is one of the prettiest towns in the Czech Republic (2 hours trip).

Lednice-Valtice is one of the largest artificial landscapes in Europe dotted with Palaces (1 hour trip).

Třebíč has one of Europe's best preserved medieval Jewish quarters (1,5 hour trip).

Wikitravel & Wikipedia

Local IT Industry

Brno has become the Silicon Valley of Central Europe. Several universities have large ICT faculties that cater to Brno's need for IT expert. The significant presence of IT firms and R&D centres attract professionals from abroad who add to the city's cosmopolitan atmosphere. A list of the most important IT companies in Brno:



- **2K Czech** (formerly Illusion Softworks) – the producer of world-famous PC game titles such as Mafia, Mafia II, Vietcong, Hidden & Dangerous was founded and has about 200 employees in Brno.
- **Accenture** – has a delivery centre with about 500 IT professionals.
- **AVG Technologies** – the company, which produces the world-known antivirus and security software, was founded and has its headquarters and a large development and research centre in Brno.
- **CZ.NIC** – is an association that serves as a cz domain registry. It largely supports open source and develops several open-source projects. CZ.NIC's research lab is located in Brno.
- **IBM** – opened Global Services Delivery Center 10 years ago. It employs about 2,500 IT professionals in Brno nowadays.
- **IBA** – one of the biggest providers of IT services in Central and Eastern Europe has a development centre in Brno.
- **Honeywell** – the company, which produces a variety of consumer products, engineering services, and aerospace systems, has a large development centre with over 700 engineers in Brno.
- **NetSuite** – recently opened its development centre with 200 engineers in Brno.
- **Red Hat** – has its biggest development office in Brno, over 500 engineers work on many open source projects including the Linux desktop.
- **Seznam.cz** – is the biggest Czech Internet company and one of the last few companies whose search engines are more popular than Google in their local markets. It has about 100 developers in Brno.
- **Siemens** – Siemens' subsidiary ANF Data has a large development centre with around 200 engineers in Brno.
- **Solar Winds** – a leader in downloadable network management software has a development centre in Brno.
- **Y Soft** – is a Brno-based, globally operating company that provides print system management solutions.
- **ZONER software** – is a Brno-based software company which is known for its desktop products – Zoner Draw and Zoner Photo Studio.
- And many more smaller IT companies.



Local Press

There are several Linux portals in the Czech Republic where we can promote the event and report about it:

- Abclinuxu.cz,
- Root.cz,
- LinuxEXPRES (maintained by one of the organizers – Liberix).

The popular IT portal Živě.cz has its editor's office in Brno, and has good relations with LinuxEXPRES and Liberix. This will have a positive influence on GUADEC's publicity.

How to Get to Brno

By Plane

Brno is located within two hours by car from three European capitals – Bratislava, Prague, and Vienna. You can use the Brno airport or the ones in the cities close to it.

- **Bratislava** (BTS, 2mil.) – 130 km from Brno, 7 airlines serve regular flights to over 30 destinations, there is a hub of Ryanair (cheap flights to many European cities). There is no direct connection between the airport and Brno. Trains (€ 7, 1.5 hour) and buses (€ 9, 2 hours) go to Brno from the city center every hour.
- **Brno** (BRQ, 0.5million passengers transported a year) – connections to London-Standed (Ryanair), London-Luton (Wizz Air), Alicante and Bergamo, Italy (Ryanair), Rome (Wizz Air), Prague (Czech Airlines/SkyTeam).
- **Prague** (PRG, 13mil.) – 210 km from Brno, 50 airlines serve flights to over 120 destinations. Student Agency buses go from the airport to Brno every hour (3 hours, CZK 250/€10). Flight pricing examples (roundtrips 2months in advance, for the summer 2011):
 - **New York** (JFK) – (direct flightwith Delta) € 826,
 - **London** (LHR) – (via Frankfurtwith Lufthansa) € 150,
 - **Madrid** (MAD) – (via Dusseldorf with Lufthansa) € 150.
- **Vienna** (VIE, 18mil.) – 135 km from Brno, about 70 airlines serve flights to many destinations all over the world. Student Agency buses go from the airport to Brno every other hour (2.5 hours, CZK 310/€ 13). Flight pricing examples (round trips 2 months in advance, for the summer 2011):



- **New York** (JFK) – (via Moscow with Aeroflot) € 843,
- **London** (LHR) – (direct flight with Austrian Airlines) € 126,
- **Madrid** (MAD) – (direct flight with Air Berlin) € 144.

By Train

Brno has good train connections to several European cities and train is the fastest and most convenient means of transportation between big cities in the region. All intercity trains arrive and depart at the main stations which is a hub of public transport in the city.

- **Berlin** – from Berlin Hauptbahnhof several trains every day, 7.5 hours, € 39
- **Bratislava** – from Bratislava Hlavna Stanica hourly, 1.5 hour, € 7
- **Budapest** – from Budapest-Keleti pu several trains every day, 5 hours, € 19
- **Prague** – trains between Prague and Brno goes hourly, 2.5 hours, € 13
- **Vienna** – trains between Vienna Meidling and Brno go every other hour, 2 hours, € 13
- **Warsaw** – from Warszawa Centralna several times every day, 7 hours, € 29

By Bus

Brno is part of the European bus network and all connections and their prices are similar to trains. Most buses arrive at Brno-Zvonarka, only Student Agency buses arrive at Grand Hotel. Student Agency (<http://www.studentagency.eu/>) and Eurolines (<http://www.eurolines.com/>) provide buses to many European cities.

By Car

Brno is well-connected to other cities by highways. You can get easily to neighboring countries by car. Travel time examples:

- **Berlin** – 555 km, 5.2 hours
- **Budapest** – 326 km, 3 hours
- **Bratislava** – 130 km, 1.3 hour
- **Munich** – 587 km, 5.3 hours
- **Prague** – 210 km, 2 hours
- **Vienna** – 143 km, 1.8 hour

Parking lots are available right at the university campus where the conference would take place.



How to get around

Brno has an efficient public transport which consists of trams, trolley buses, and buses. The main hub is the main railway station. Bus terminals (Zvonarka and Hotel Grand) lie nearby. The easiest way to get to the venue is to take the tram #1 to Semilasso.

Public transport tickets: CZK 25 (€ 1)/60min.

Getting from and to the airport: The bus #76 (#89 in the night) goes between the main railway station and the airport. The journey takes 20 minutes. Taxis are available as well.

SWAG

We have promotional goods done quite often and have quality and reliable suppliers for swag. Pricing examples:

- A t-shirt with a big logo/picture – CZK 87 (€ 3.55) if we order 300 T-shirts.
- Buttons with a logo – the normal price is CZK 750 (€ 30.61) for 100 pins. If we order for example 1000 pins the total price will be CZK 7,500 (€ 306, we may be eligible for a quantity discount).
- Stickers – CZK 49 (€ 2) for an A4 sheet of quality stickers.

Artwork

Jakub Steiner, a GNOME designer, has designed a conference logo and other graphics for us. We plan to use the same design for other documents and graphics. The design is also used in this proposal.

The Venue

The conference venue is located within the modern campus of the Faculty of Information Technology at the Brno University of Technology. The campus used to be a Cartesian monastery founded in the 14th century. Recently, it was renovated and now features a beautiful combination of historical and modern architecture. It is located in a calm neighbourhood of Brno within 25 minutes of the city centre by tram. There are several larger lecture rooms in two buildings. The building (D), which we propose for the keynote and main talks, has three lecture rooms:



- **D105** – 300 seats, the most representative room where graduation ceremonies take place.
- **D0206** – 154 seats, a lecture room which is located underneath D105.
- **D0207** – 90 seats, a lecture room which is located next to D0206.

There is another building (E) with three lecture rooms where for example LinuxAlt takes place. It's just one minute walking from the building D. It may be used if the building D is not sufficient:

- **E112** – a lecture room with 154 seats
- **E104** – a lecture room with 72 seats
- **E105** – a lecture room with 72 seats

There are smaller lecture rooms in the building A which may be used for team meetings.





Equipment

All lecture rooms are equipped with:

- two projectors,
- a cable to connect a laptop to the projectors,
- audio (a hand-held microphone, hands-free microphones, built-in omnidirectional microphone),
- video and audio recording,
- wifi connection (A/G/N, no encryption, dashboard authentication),
- a visualizer,
- analog video input (e.g. for connecting a phone),
- ac plugs for each seat.

Talks from any lecture room can be streamed anywhere in the university network which may be useful when a room capacity is not sufficient for the audience. The streaming is already part of the equipment and ready to use. It makes the venue very flexible. The largest room (D105) may not seem to be large enough for the keynote. However, if we stream the talk to two neighboring rooms we can accommodate at least 540 people.



Due to the university's streaming and recording solution it would be possible to cut and publish all videos on the Internet within a few hours.

The entire campus is covered by a **wireless network**. Red Hat and university technicians will make sure that the capacity will be enough for GUADEC. Red Hat, for example, can deploy more APs. The Internet connectivity is only meant for non-commercial use because it is part of the Czech university network CESNET.

There is a **meeting room** next to the room D105 where the board meetings can take place. Red Hat can provide equipment for **conference calls**. Red Hat is also willing to offer two large meeting rooms in its Brno's office which is a 15minute walk from the venue. The meeting rooms can accommodate about 40 people and are equipped by projectors, phones to make conference calls, microphones etc.

The university has become one of the organizers and is willing to provide the venue only for cost which is basically just the wage of the technician who takes care of the lecture rooms. This will amount to CZK 360 (€ 14.70) per hour which is CZK 2,880 (€ 118) per day.

Catering

GUADEC attendants will have several options to get meals and refreshment in the campus:

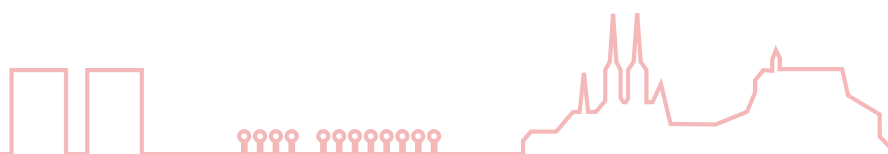
- **University Cafeteria** – will provide regular meals and drinks for lunch. It can serve a larger number of people.
- **Restaurant Old Brewery** – is in the same building as the university cafeteria, provides daily meals during lunch time and usual offering of meals and drinks. It may provide meals without previous order.
- **Kartuzi Café** – is situated in the same building. The café sells hot and cold beverages, cakes, and snacks.
- **Catering On Site** – we plan to provide basic catering (mineral water, hot beverages, snacks) on site, so that attendants can get refreshment between talks.

There are many other restaurants and pubs within a few minutes walk from the venue.

Social Events

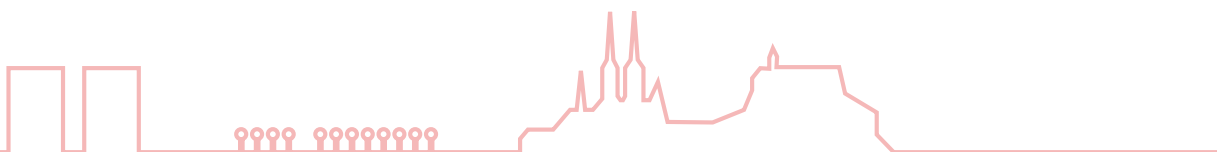
Brno offers good venues to organize conference parties. Some of them are really close to the proposed conference venue. Here are some we propose because we've already organized social events there and have good experience with them:

- **Semilasso** – a large venue for concerts and other events which is located a few hundred meters from the conference venue. The main hall has capacity 700 people, the garden 300 people. The rent for one night is CZK 27,000 (€ 1,102). The club is also suitable for concerts,



both outside and inside. The club's website: <http://www.semilasso.cz/>

- **Brewery Brno** – a large restaurant located on the premises of Brno's brewery. The capacity of the main hall is at least 300 people. It has a dance floor and a DJ can be arranged. A rent for one night is CZK 90,000 (€ 3,673). The rent is free if you order catering. The restaurant's website: <http://www.pivovarskabrno.cz/>
- **Campus of FIT VUT** – the university has offered us that we can hold social events on its campus. It may be good e.g. for the welcoming party.



Accommodation

We'd like to provide several price levels of accommodation to suit to all conference attendants:

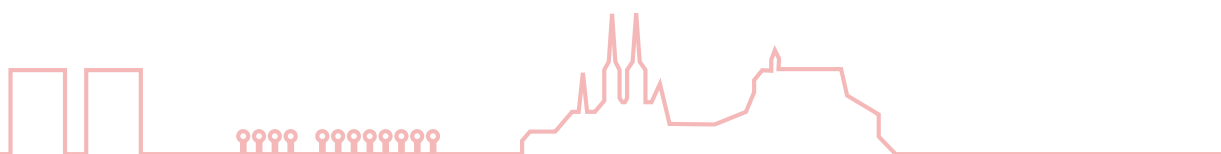
Low Cost

- **Student Dormitories of the Brno University of Technology on Kolejní street** – are the cheapest accommodation option. They can provide a large number of rooms. The current price is CZK 750 (€ 30.5) for a double-bed room, breakfast included. The dormitories have facilities such as a student cafeteria, pizzeria, sport facilities, and even a cinema. The campus is just 3 bus stops away from the venue and the bus 53 takes you almost from door to door. If you feel like stretching your legs a bit the pleasant walk will take you about 15 - 20 minutes. A tram takes you to the old town in about 20 minutes.



Mid-Range

- **Hotel Avanti ****** – is another mid-range option we recommend. One double bed room is CZK 1,690 (€ 69) for one person and CZK 1,840 (€ 75 for two persons). The hotel also offers more expensive options up to a President suite for CZK 4,890 (€ 200). It's 15 minutes (tram), 25 minutes (walking) from the conference venue. And it's just 12 minutes by tram to get to the city center. The hotel's website: <http://www.brno-hotel-avanti.eu/>



High-end

- **Barceló Brno Palace ****+** – the newest and one of the most luxurious hotels in Brno has airy interior with Spanish-style design and a very good restaurant. It satisfies the highest standards. Rooms start at € 137. It takes 10 minutes by car (20 minutes by tram) to get from the hotel to the venue, the city center is just a few minutes of walking away. The hotel's website: http://www.barcelobrnopalace.com/BarceloHotels/en_GB/hotels/Czech-Republic/Brno/hotel-barcelo-brno-palace/general-description.aspx



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Dear Florian Nadge,

thank you for your interest in collaboration in organization of the GUADEC 2013 conference at the premises of Faculty of Information Technology, Brno University of Technology. We appreciate the possibility to host the conference and agree on the co-organizing with Red Hat and others.

We understand that the conference should be held for approximately 6 days between July 15 and August 15, 2013, the conference is an open conference with no participation fee for the OpenSource community members generally paid by sponsors, and that the expected number of participants is around 300-400 people.

Faculty of Information Technology, as the co-organizer of the conference, can in the above period offer the following:

- 1 Exploitation of the lecture room complex "D" free of rental fees. The complex includes 3 lecture rooms for approximately 300, 150, and 90 people, projection and recording technologies, and additional facilities (toilets, etc.)
- 2 Exploitation of 2 or more additional rooms (to be decided, e.g. "A" classrooms or "E" lecture rooms) for lectures in sessions free of rental fees.
- 3 Internet connection via WiFi for non-commercial exploitation for participants of the conference free of charge.
- 4 Other faculty facilities upon agreement, such as computer rooms, space for coffee breaks, welcome party (parties), meeting, etc. Free of charge.
- 5 Technical support (personel) for the lecture room (and technologies it contains, e.g. Video recording) upon request of the organizers for a fee.
- 6 Energy, heating/cooling, etc. for a fee, plus logistical support e.g. for the catering, etc.
- 7 Based on availability (and early request), also accommodation on the campus in guest flats for up to approximately 5 people for a fee.

Note, please, that all the inside space on the campus is smoking-free zone, that the access to the campus during the night is limited, and that regulations in exploitation computer technology, network, etc. is subject of faculty regulations.


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