



Bonn, Germany

On 9 December 2020, the ECMWF Council selected Bonn, Germany, to host a third ECMWF site from 2021.

Further details from information provided as part of the proposal from Germany.

The new facility will be constructed from 2023 to 2025 in Bonn's international quarter close to the UN Campus and directly next to the beautiful Rheinaue Leisure Park. It will be delivered in 2026. The site is well connected by cycle lanes as well as bus and tram networks, offering frequent and short connections to the city centre. The striking new complex will be specially designed to meet ECMWF's needs on 10,300 m² of government-owned land. The complex will be certified BNB Silver+, the German equivalent of at least the BREEAM "Excellent" standard.

The campus features a signature tower, conference venue, lecture hall, courtyard, staff restaurant, gym, underground car park, secure bike stands and a day care centre.

The iconic main glass tower – to be completed in 2026 – will have 16 storeys, offering space for up to 365 staff. The fully furnished and equipped office floors are designed to offer flexibility with regard to how the space is used (open-plan or with a higher number of smaller offices). Meeting rooms come fully furnished and equipped with audiovisual systems.

The conference venue consists of an auditorium and a multifunctional event space. The auditorium has fixed raked seating for 300 people and a side control room for the operation of lights, sound and presentations. The multifunctional event space accommodates up to 250 visitors and features interpreting booths.

The interim facility is located within the headquarters of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety next to the new campus. Initially, fully furnished office space for 150 people and meeting rooms will be provided rent-free in a freshly renovated, self-contained part of the building. This space can easily be expanded on request. The interim offices will be available to ECMWF from summer 2021 and as long as they are needed. In addition, two large conference rooms equipped with audiovisual facilities and interpreting booths are available rent-free and the restaurant and car park can be used by ECMWF staff.

Bonn is at the heart of Europe and very well connected via a developed transport infrastructure (including high-speed rail, a dense motorway network and three nearby airports) to ECMWF facilities and key partners in Brussels, Darmstadt, Noordwijk and beyond.

The numerous UN agencies in Bonn, including the UNFCCC, offer a unique opportunity for ECMWF to directly interact with international user organisations and key stakeholders related to climate change, sustainable development goals and climate mitigation and adaptation.

Another clear strategic advantage of Bonn is that – within a radius of only a few hundred kilometres – national and international relationships with relevant scientific institutions in the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France can be cultivated and strengthened. The vast majority of the European Meteorological Services can be easily travelled to and from in a day with no need for an overnight stay.