



## FAQs

### 1. Mercator Globe Forum 2025 - Navigating the VUCA World!

#### 1.1 When and where will the event take place?

**The event will be held from March 12–14, 2025, in Essen.  
By registering, you agree to attend all event days.**

**Please note that there are different event locations!**

Day 1: March 12, 2025

- Registration opens at 5:00 p.m.
- The program begins at 5:30 p.m. at Zeche Carl:

Zeche Carl  
Wilhelm-Nieswandt-Allee 100  
45326 Essen  
[www.zechecarl.de](http://www.zechecarl.de) // [Anfahrt & ÖPNV — ZECHE CARL](#)

Day 2: March 13, 2025

- Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.
- The program begins at 9:30 a.m. at Stiftung Mercator:

Stiftung Mercator GmbH  
Huysenallee 40  
45128 Essen  
<https://www.stiftung-mercator.de> // [Directions – Stiftung Mercator](#)

Day 3: March 14, 2025

- Please arrive at Zeche Zollverein, Ruhrmuseum by 9:45 a.m.
- The guided tour starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Programme ends at 3:00 p.m.:

RuhrMuseum in the Coal Washing Plant  
UNESCO World Heritage Zollverein  
Gelsenkirchener Straße 181  
45309 Essen  
[Information | Ruhr Museum](#)

### *1.2 How long can I register?*

You can register [here](#) for the event until **December 14**. Please note that, due to limited capacity, participants will be selected to ensure a balanced international and cross-sectoral representation. We will carefully review all registrations. You will receive a separate confirmation by **the end of December** if your registration is successful. Thank you for your understanding!

### *1.3 Where can I find the current program?*

Short Overview:

Day 1: March 12, 2025

- Zeche Carl:  
Evening event featuring an interactive thesis talk and a networking reception.

Day 2: March 13, 2025

- Stiftung Mercator:  
Workshops, discussions, and exchanges on current challenges, with a focus on networking and collaborative solutions.

Day 3: March 14, 2025

- Zeche Zollverein:  
Cultural program including visit exhibition Ruhr Museum and joint reflection.

**Note:** A link to an event website containing detailed program points for the event days, information about the speakers and moderators, as well as travel details, will be sent to confirmed participants via email in January.

### *1.4 What is the [MercatorGlobe](#) platform?*

The MercatorGlobe platform is the portal for the alumni and grantee network of Stiftung Mercator. It promotes digital and cross-disciplinary exchange between former and current grantees, as well as alumni and employees of Stiftung Mercator. **This event is exclusive to members of this platform.**

Through this platform, you can learn about individual program points of the forum, contact other participants and expand your network. The event page will be activated on February 1, 2025, and we will inform confirmed participants about the publication.

If you have any inquiries regarding the network or MercatorGlobe, please do not hesitate to contact us at [alumni@stiftung-mercator.de](mailto:alumni@stiftung-mercator.de).

### *1.5 Is the conference accessible?*

The event venues at Stiftung Mercator, at Zeche Carl and at Zeche Zollverein are accessible. Please contact us in advance at [MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de](mailto:MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de) if you have special needs so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### *1.6 Can you request special diets?*

After confirming your participation, there will be a survey regarding catering preferences / food intolerances.

### *1.7 How is the catering planned?*

Day 1: March 12, 2025

- Zeche Carl: Dinner

Day 2: March 13, 2025

- Motel One: Breakfast (available upon request, via a survey)
- Stiftung Mercator: Dinner

Day 3: March 14, 2025

- Motel One: Breakfast (available upon request, via a survey)
- Zeche Zollverein: Lunch

### *1.8. Will there be an awareness team?*

Yes, there will be an awareness team. The members of the team will introduce themselves to the guests on the event. The awareness team is available as a point of contact to provide support with concerns related to discrimination and the violation of personal boundaries.

## **2. Participation**

### *2.1 What costs are covered by Stiftung Mercator and what do I need to pay for myself?*

Stiftung Mercator covers the following costs for participation:

- Catering during the Mercator Globe Forum.
- Hotel accommodation (and breakfast upon request) for the relevant event days.
- Maximum €120 for second class train travel expenses, with receipt.
- Flight Travel expenses. **According to our travel policy, flight reimbursement is allowed only if the train journey exceeds 6 hours. Only economy class or its equivalent will be covered.**
- No participation fee will be charged.

Participants must cover the following costs themselves:

- Train travel expenses exceeding €120.
- Additional costs incurred if the stay is extended (additional overnight stays etc.).
- All costs not listed above, e.g., meals outside of event hours.

## 2.2 Cancellation

*Do I need to inform the event team if I cannot attend but have already received a confirmation of my registration?*

Yes, absolutely! Please inform us as early as possible at [MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de](mailto:MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de) if you are unable to attend. We also kindly ask you to inform us of any cancellations, in order to give other participants the opportunity to attend and to support the reduction of our carbon footprint. **In the event of cancellation at short notice (by March 3, 2025) or a no-show without prior notice, the participant must bear the costs incurred by us.**

## 3. Travel Booking, Accommodation & Transport

*3.1 Which hotel will be used for accommodation?*

Stiftung Mercator has reserved hotel rooms in Essen at Motel One:

Motel One  
Kennedyplatz 3  
45127 Essen  
[www.motel-one.de](http://www.motel-one.de)

*3.2 I have questions about the hotel accommodation, who can I contact?*

Please contact us and send an email to [MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de](mailto:MercatorGlobeForum@n-ec.de).

*3.3 Do I need to organize my travel independently? Yes!*

Please organize your travel to the event location on the event days independently. **Confirmed participants will receive a link to an event website containing a route plan etc. via email in January.**

*3.4 Can travel costs for participants be reimbursed?*

Yes, please look above under "2.1 What costs are covered by Stiftung Mercator and what do I need to pay for myself?". Any additional costs that are not listed there must be paid by the participants themselves. **Confirmed participants will receive detailed information about travel cost reimbursement in due time, after their confirmation.**

*3.5 Can I extend my stay in Essen / arrive earlier or depart later?*

You are free to do so. However, you must bear the costs for extending your stay yourself.