



# 25<sup>th</sup> Session of TF-FADS

23-26 June 2025

VCA Bristol

Practical Information

23<sup>rd</sup> June: 14:00 - 17:00 BST (15:00 - 18:00 CEST)

24-25<sup>th</sup> June: 09:30 - 17:00 BST (10:30 - 18:00 CEST)

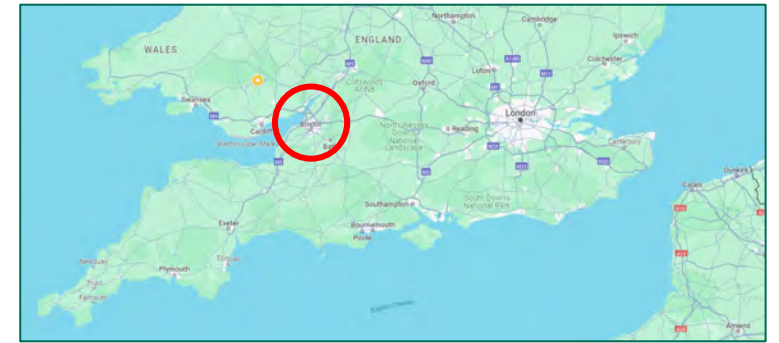
26<sup>th</sup> June: 09:30 - 12:00 BST (10:30 - 13:00 CEST)

Remote participation (MS Teams) link will be provided on the UNECE Wiki page

**Please confirm in-person attendance (see slide 5)**



# Getting to Bristol



## ▶ Air travel:

- ▶ Direct flights are available from many European cities to [Bristol International Airport](#) (BRS)
- ▶ Connections from long-haul destinations to BRS are also available on some airlines (e.g. KLM, Swiss)
- ▶ Regular [buses](#) connect the airport to the city centre; taxis and car rental are also available
- ▶ If arriving at London Heathrow Airport (LHR), public transport to Bristol is available by train (take the [Elizabeth Line](#) or [Piccadilly Line](#) into central London, then connect onto [national rail](#) at Paddington Station) or by bus (National Express, FlixBus, Megabus)
- ▶ A rental car can be the easiest way to get from Heathrow to Bristol (particularly if travelling directly to/from the VCA offices)

## ▶ By train:

- ▶ Bristol has two main stations – ‘Bristol Parkway’ and ‘Bristol Temple Meads’
- ▶ Both stations are served by [trains from London Paddington](#) (different train to each station)
- ▶ Bristol Temple Meads is more convenient for access to the city centre
- ▶ A taxi is the best way to get from either station directly to VCA



# Electronic Travel Authorisation

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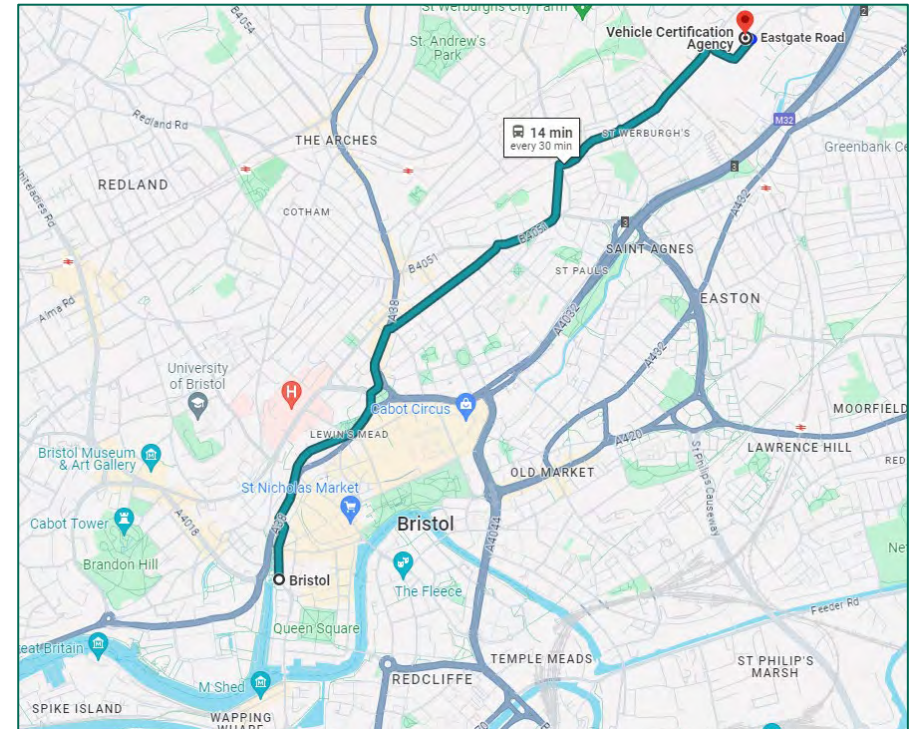
- ▶ Please note, most travellers to the UK from overseas now need to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) in advance. The ETA is like the ESTA in the USA, and the forthcoming ETIAS in the EU
- ▶ ETA is not required for those with a UK Passport, a UK VISA, or certain other exemptions
- ▶ Application should be made at least 3 working days in advance, although most responses are immediate
- ▶ The ETA lasts for 2 years and covers any number of trips to the UK within that time. Cost is £10 until 8<sup>th</sup> April, and £16 after that
- ▶ Visit [this site](#) for more information, and to apply (be aware of third-party sites which charge additional fees). The easiest way to apply is via the official app, available for Android or Apple



# Getting to VCA



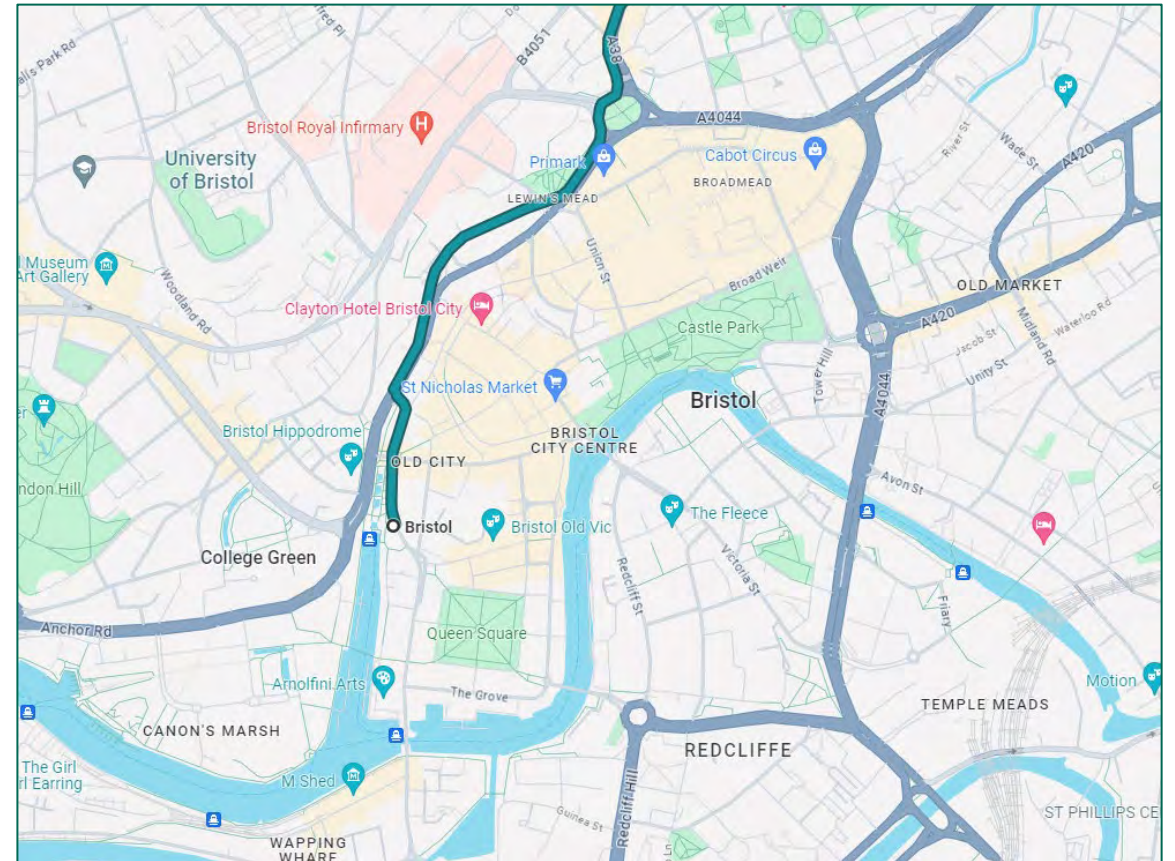
- ▶ VCA location:
  - ▶ Address: 1 Eastgate Office Centre, Eastgate Road, Bristol, BS5 6XX
  - ▶ [Google Maps](#)
  - ▶ [How to find VCA](#)
  - ▶ VCA is the first building on the right through the red gates
- ▶ From the city centre, it is easiest to get to VCA by taxi or [bus](#)
- ▶ The number 25 bus goes from the city centre and stops directly outside VCA (“Eastgate Road” stop), as shown →
- ▶ [Buses in Bristol](#) accept both cash and contactless card payments (Visa / Mastercard) - tap your card when getting on the bus, tap again when getting off
- ▶ Taxis also accept both cash and card payments, but we advise to confirm with the driver before starting your journey
- ▶ Various ride-hailing apps (e.g. Uber) can be used in Bristol





# Where to stay

- ▶ Closest hotels to VCA (30-minute walk) are:
  - ▶ [Moxy](#)
  - ▶ [Future Inn](#)
- ▶ However, the recommended location to stay is in the 'Old City' / harbour area, and there are many hotels in this area to suit all budgets, e.g.:
  - ▶ Radisson Blu
  - ▶ Marriott Royal
  - ▶ The Bristol Hotel
  - ▶ Ibis
  - ▶ Premier Inn
  - ▶ Travelodge
- ▶ [Bus 25](#) starts as shown on this map and stops frequently along the route shown. It stops directly outside VCA ('Eastgate Road' stop).





# Contacts

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# Sightseeing

- ▶ If you have time to stay in Bristol, popular places to visit include:



[Clifton Suspension Bridge](#) and nearby [Clifton Observatory & Giant's Cave](#)



[Bristol Harbour](#)



Concorde at [Aerospace Bristol](#)



[Cabot Tower](#) (free)