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Q&A-Session

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General Questions

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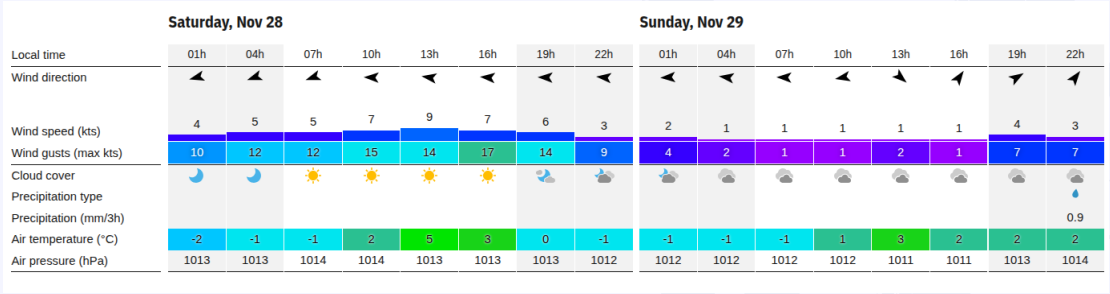
Weather Forecast



	Saturday, Nov 28								Sunday, Nov 29							
Local time	01h	04h	07h	10h	13h	16h	19h	22h	01h	04h	07h	10h	13h	16h	19h	22h
Wind direction																
Wind speed (kts)	4	5	5	7	9	7	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	3
Wind gusts (max kts)	10	12	12	15	14	17	14	9	4	2	1	1	2	1	7	7
Cloud cover																
Precipitation type																
Precipitation (mm/3h)																0.9
Air temperature (°C)	-2	-1	-1	2	5	3	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	3	2	2	2
Air pressure (hPa)	1013	1013	1014	1014	1013	1013	1013	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1011	1011	1013	1014

Q&A

Will pens and paper be provided?

Yes, both.

Q&A

Our keyboard got rejected.
Why?
How do we get it back?

Most common reasons: Bluetooth or macro keys.

Can be picked up downstairs after the Q&A Session.
The jury will also tell you the rejection reason.

Q&A

Are we allowed to wear watches or smart glasses?

No. We decided against all kinds of watches since it will be difficult to differentiate between normal and smart ones.
No smart glasses should be obvious.

Q&A

May I bring a phone to the contest hall?

No!

Q&A

May I bring a bag to the contest hall?

No!

Q&A

May I wear a vest (or something else) on top of my T-Shirt?

No. Put your shirt on top of a hoodie if it is too cold.

Q&A

What if I forget my shirt/badge tomorrow?

You cannot enter the contest hall without it.

Q&A

May I move the computer before the contest started?

No. Don’t touch anything.

Q&A

May I move/open the problem set before the contest started?

No. Don’t touch anything.

Q&A

May I read in my TCR before the contest started?

No. Don’t touch anything.

Q&A

May I use my pen/paper before the contest started?

No. Don’t touch anything.

Q&A

May I move the green block holding the balloons?

No. Don’t touch anything. Your balloons are at risk ;)

Q&A

Can we bring drinks and snacks tomorrow?

Yes.

But: Jury will check everything at the entrances. Don’t bring too much to not cause any delays.

Q&A

Are we allowed to move the laptop on the table?

Yes. But don’t overstretch any cables. If something breaks, it’s your problem.

Q&A

Is it possible to print extra copies of the problem set?

You will get three copies tomorrows.

Q&A

We are missing a balloon!

We will take care all balloons are delivered tomorrow.
It might take some time during busy hours.

Q&A

Will there be lunch tomorrow?

Yes, in the contest area. Details tomorrow morning.
Coaches: Yes, in Audimax.

Q&A

I am a coach. Can I come to the dining hall tomorrow?

No. Lunch and Coffee will be available in the Audimax.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Q&A

How do I change my keyboard layout?

```
setxkbmap de/us/gb/fi/se
```

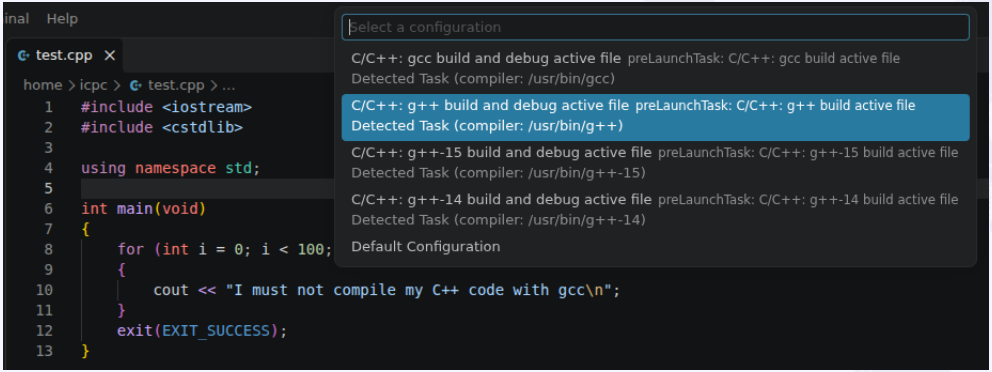
We will also be sending a clarification containing this information tomorrow.

Q&A

Will samples be provided on the workstations?

A zip file containing all samples is available in your home directory.
We will also send a clarification containing a link where you can download the file again.

I can't compile/debug my C++ code in VS Code!



Q&A

My IDE isn't working properly!
How do I enable Vim keybindings?
How do I disable Vim keybindings?

We cannot offer support for specific IDEs. Please read the manual.

If you cannot get your IDE to work, compile and run your programs from the terminal.

Q&A

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Don't do that. The machines don't have enough RAM for that.

If your machine freezes, you are free to reboot it. You will be automatically logged in again. The only thing you have to lose is time.

Q&A

Compiler flags

- Are available on `https://2026.nwerc.eu/system`
- Are available in **Tech notes**
- Are available by typing `alias`

We trust you will be able to find them.

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Jury

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Q&A

How do I use the testing tool and what input format does it expect?

Usage instructions are written in the Python source, this includes a specification of its expected input format.

Can I write files during the first pass of a multipass problem and access those files during later passes?

No.

Q&A

The testing tool complains about the file `1.in` not existing.

These can be downloaded from DOMjudge. Put them in the same directory as all the other files. Then call (e.g.) `python3 testing_tool.py -f 1.in python3 B.py`

Q&A

Can I use `fork` and `exec` to call Unix applications like `factor`?

Yes, this is allowed. Note that you still only have access to one CPU core and that usefulness will vary with the problem.

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What's next?

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Activities
What & When

Company Market:

- Dining Hall Foyer (ground floor)
- all afternoon

City Tour:

- 15:30 in front of Dining Hall
- only for registered participants

Board Games:

- [kœri]werk® (ground floor)
- 15:30 – 18:30

Talk: “Magic: The Gathering is Turing Complete”

- 16:15 in front of Dining Hall

Museums:

- don’t forget your badge for free entry

Remember: All shops are closed on Sundays. Buy everything you need today.

Dinner

When & where:

- Dining Hall, next to contest area.
- Same entrance, different stairs.
- Served from 18:30 to 19:30.

What:

- Gnocchi with
  - tomato sauce, basil and pine nuts (vegan)
  - gorgonzola-spinach sauce and chopped walnuts (vegetarian)
- + a salad (all sauces are vegan) + a drink

When you are finished:

- Take the trays to the conveyor belts next to the stairs.
- Return the bottles at the exit (volunteers with yellow bags).
  - **Don't** put the bottles on the conveyor belt.
  - **Don't** throw the bottles away.
  - **Don't** take the bottles with you.

Cleanup

- Take your rubbish with you.
- Return reusable cups.
- Only leave what you need for Sunday.
- The jury checks all desks.

Enjoy your afternoon!