ACCOMODATION AND ACCESS TO THE CERF FACILITY

CERF is located on the Prévessin site of CERN in France. You can find accommodation either in France or Switzerland, but please remember that Switzerland is not an EU country so we recommend that you avoid taking your instrumentation into Switzerland, as this requires you to fulfil additional custom formalities.

You can find accommodation in France, either in one of the many hotels located in Saint-Genis-Pouilly, Thoiry, Ferney-Voltaire or Prévessin, or at the CERN hostel, http://gs-dep.web.cern.ch/en/CERN_Housing/Saint_Genis_Hostel.

Please note that a car is anyhow necessary (in particular to carry your instrumentation to CERF) as the CERN Prévessin site is not served by public transport.

Access formalities

1. Fill in the first section (“Person concerned”) of the registration form, sign, scan it and send it to giacomo.manessi@cern.ch as soon as possible and at the latest one month before the beginning of the experimental run. Do not fill in the other sections.

2. On the day of arrival, go to the CERN registration service, located at the first floor in building 55, next to the entrance B of the CERN Meyrin site (Switzerland), open from Monday to Friday from 7:30 to 16:00 non-stop. You will receive your CERN access card and a sticker to be shown on your car to access the CERN sites.

The registration service is located in Switzerland. Therefore, we suggest that you leave the instrumentation in the hotel before going to the registration service.

3. After the registration, go to the dosimetry service on the ground floor of building 55, open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 12:00, where you will pick up your dosimeter.

Please note the opening hours of the registration and dosimetry services. They are not open on weekends.

4. Go to the CERN Prévessin site (France). The CERF facility is located in building 887 (see picture below). Safety shoes and helmet are required to access the area. We will provide a few helmets to CERF users, but we cannot provide safety shoes.

5. Before leaving, you have to give back your dosimeter to the dosimetry service. You can leave it in a dedicated mail box located just outside the dosimetry service, which is always accessible (also outside working hour and during weekends).

Please note that every material which enters the North Experimental Area where CERF is located is subject to a compulsory radiological control before authorizing its export to an external destination. This applies to any material belonging to CERN or to external institutes, both in case of transport carried out by an external courier or by the owner itself.
Please note that you cannot access the CERN Préveissin site without a valid access card and you cannot access the CERF experimental area if you do not have a valid dosimeter (electronic access control).