

An aerial night photograph of the CERN facility. In the foreground, a large, illuminated, dome-shaped building with a grid-like structure is prominent. To its right, a long, curved, illuminated walkway or bridge connects different parts of the complex. The background shows a cityscape with lights and distant mountains under a twilight sky.

CERN ACCU Activities 2026

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What is ACCU?



- Advisory Committee of CERN Users (ACCU)
- Forum for discussion between CERN Management and the representatives of the CERN Users community (Delegates)
 - to review the practical means taken by CERN for the work of Users
 - Website where you can read the mandate: <https://accu.web.cern.ch/>

What is ACCU?

- Each member State: 1 or 2 Delegates (depending on size)
- Each associate members: 1 Delegate
- Non-member states: 4 Delegates (organized in regions)
- CERN: 2 Delegates
- The Chairperson of ACCU is elected from among the Delegates.
 - In 2024 we got a new chair: Patrick Koppenburg (representing Netherlands)
- I am the Swedish 🇸🇪 delegate since Jan 2020
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ACCU Meetings

- ACCU meetings are held four times per year.
- The meetings are closed
 - agenda, minutes and uploaded presentations are open and are accessible by anyone (with exceptions)
- <https://indico.cern.ch/category/1058/>
- The meetings have public minutes, and you can check everything we discuss

What do we talk about in ACCU?



- Management gives news during every meeting
- Then the usual topics are:
 - Health care
 - Housing
 - Travel, Mobility, and Transport
 - Environment
 - CERN Restaurants
- <https://accu.web.cern.ch/node/27>

Up to you! If there is anything you think we should be discussing, or something you have questions for, let me know!



Brought up by the Swedish community in 2026

Things from previous years

- The **minimarket** project is back to life! <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1645620/#2-report-on-services-from-sce> (slide 8)

Things we brought up this year and were not directly addressed:

- Flies in the R1 - coffee machines
- Radiators in offices turning on too late
- **Longer restaurant opening hours desired** (common to more countries)
- **Dietary restrictions** (allergies, celiac disease) (common to more countries)
- (Like every year) **Shuttle to the airport** (common to more countries)
- (Like every year) more **trees**

Solved/addressed issues

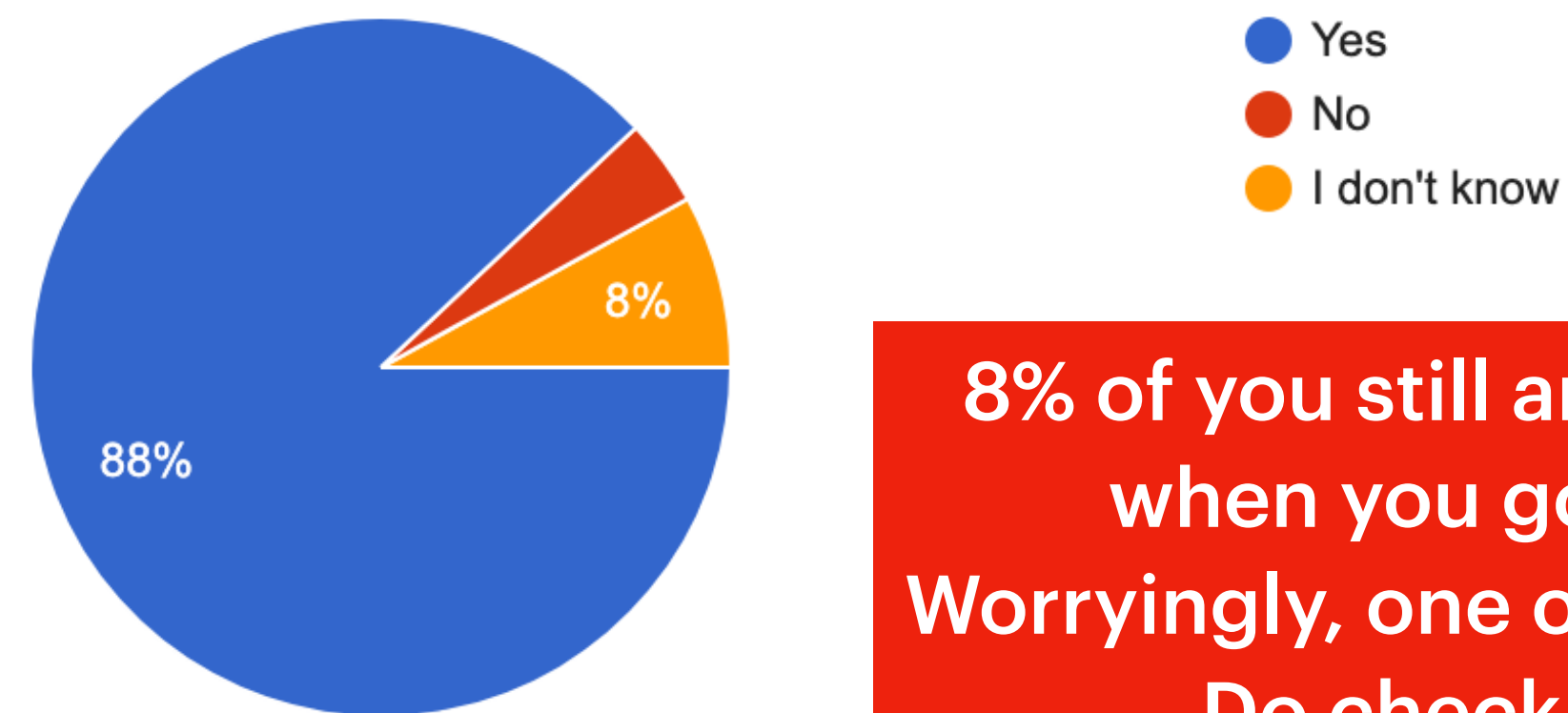
- **Smoking**, some of you complained about smoking (anonymous)
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1645620/#2-report-on-services-from-sce> slide 17
 - New smoking & vaping rules Since May 8 (GSI-SH-6) Smoking and vaping are prohibited: in all enclosed spaces and within 3 meters of building/installation entrances, bus stops, or shuttle stops.
- **Vending machines** not working (two people) → Some updates on the vending machines
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1645620/#2-report-on-services-from-sce> slide 6
- Not enough **microwaves** (anonymous) → More are coming
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1645620/#2-report-on-services-from-sce> slide 6
- **Charging of EV** at CERN (anonymous)
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1645620/#2-report-on-services-from-sce> slide 19
- “Last time I tried to use one of the CERN bikes, I was unable to since I was an associated member of personnel (PJAS) (anonymous)”
 - *Any CERN employee with SSO access may use the E-bike service. The person just needs to have passed the 'Road traffic' course. → <https://sce-dep.web.cern.ch/campus-life/mobility>*

2025 questionnaire

- I sent you a form to fill and 31 of you answered, less than last year
- As usual, I only came back to those leaving a explicit question/comment or when there was a follow-up.

Does your health insurance cover you at CERN?

25 responses



**8% of you still are not sure about health insurance when you go to CERN (Vs. 16,7% last year!)
Worryingly, one of you claims NOT to have insurance
Do check before your next CERN trip!**

New survey!

- 2026 edition!
- <https://forms.gle/Qhi8epdutT3xLADs9>

