

egg 2025



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The Meeting

Members of The Triple Nine Society are holding their thirteenth “European General Gathering” (**egg-2025**) in Duisburg (Germany) from May 29 to June 01 2025, correlating with a long weekend over the *Ascension* public holiday in many European countries.

Save the date! Registration is open, see below — **but please note the VERY IMPORTANT information in red below!**

The event is open to current members of The Triple Nine Society, members of certain other HIQ societies, as well as their guests, children and grandchildren. Please see our [RULES FOR PARTICIPATION](#) as well as our general [TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#). Please read both documents carefully!

You don't have to live in Europe to participate, everyone is very welcome! If you happen to be around on a business trip or during your holidays in Europe, please consider joining in!

Venue

The event venue is the *Landfermann-Gymnasium* in Duisburg, a 10 minute walk from Duisburg main station and right in the city centre.

Accommodation

There is a *Mercure* hotel next to the venue (a 15 second walk), and other more affordable options are plenty in Duisburg. Remember that **hotel arrangements are made individually** and please book early to avoid disappointment.

See below why you should make your reservation cancellable.

Getting there

Please consider the environment when traveling and prefer trains over airplanes. Or share a car. Duisburg is connected to local and international trains and there is a direct connection from Duisburg airport (strangely named *Düsseldorf Airport - DUS*) to the main station, taking 10 minutes and costing about €7. Let us know if you need help.

Unlike in previous years at this stage, we have not yet signed the final contract for the venue. This means that there is a minuscule (but existing) chance that we might need to relocate the meeting. I expect the contract being signed by the end of the year, which allows for plenty of time to book your travel arrangements early. If you want to book your travels now, however, I'd suggest to book them cancellable or allow for easy changes to the booking.

Registration

Registration is **online only** on <https://tix.3090.eu/>. We are again using the Pretix system we introduced for 2024 with great success. Registrations can be done via SSO for members of The Triple Nine Society (which enables us to automatically check whether you're a member) or via a voucher code (which we then have to check manually).

If there is a question, just send an email to tickets@3090.eu which will go to Samgar and Thorsten.

Cost

The registration fee is mainly for infrastructure we need to reserve and pay for. Your own expenses (travel, accommodation, food) will be covered by yourself. We managed to keep inflation at 0%, although as very late registrations always are more of a hassle, these are slightly more expensive now to prod procrastinators into registering earlier.

Registration before Jan 01 2025	€ 60.00
Registration before Mar 01 2025	€ 80.00
Registration before May 15 2025	€ 100.00
Registration after May 15 2025	€ 120.00

See the [RULES FOR PARTICIPATION](#) for more details on discounts etc.

No money back

There is a substantial discount for booking early, in consequence there are no refunds when you cancel your registration or simply do not attend.

In the event of the meeting being cancelled, you are entitled to *either* a refund (if money has already been spent on the meeting before cancellation, the refund will be related to the proportion of money spent and money left over) *or* to forward the money to the next meeting that will take place.

If no decision is made, the money will be forwarded to the next meeting, and the “no refund”-rule will apply again in the next year.

I cannot afford the registration fee

If you are a member of The Triple Nine Society but cannot afford the fee, send an email to tickets@3090.eu (which will go to Samgar and Thorsten), and we'll figure out something discreetly – a fee waiver for example. This has been a hotly discussed issue, however: Seeing that travel expenses are usually a lot higher than the registration fee, the assumption is that those who travel from afar to this meeting will likely have the financial means to pay the fee. If in doubt, just ask.

I cannot afford the travel expenses

In the past, there have been donations (to Thorsten personally) by various people to support those with limited financial means. This makes it possible to give a tiny bit of financial support to members in need, but please be aware that the idea is not to fund an entire trip to **egg**. There is no money for that.

Everything will be dealt with anonymously, so if you feel you need this financial assistance, get in direct email contact with me. I will try to do my best to be fair to all applicants, help everyone in need and yet not waste the money.

All this is based on a gentleperson's agreement: You can participate at the meeting with the generous help of others, so it's appropriate to limit your spending. It would cheat the donors if a recipient had the view that *“Great! I saved on other expenses and now I can party longer at night!”*

Can I help members with limited financial means?

Yes. As mentioned above, quite a few people have been donating money for this. The deal is that I get the money but will never mention the donors and I will distribute the money and will never mention the recipients. Of course this means that nobody can really control whether I am not simply taking that money for myself.

If you consider that both a risk and impossible to bear, then please don't donate.

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FAQ

At what time does the meeting start and end?

As the **egg**-Thursday is a public holiday in some countries, a while ago we decided to start the meeting on Thursday. Door opens at 14:00h we open the door and as people arrive, the meeting gets going. By evening a good number of people is expected to be there.

There is nothing else planned for Thursday, some will go out for dinner, but some others will stay at the venue to be there for the new arrivals. The door will close at 22:00h

On Sunday, we usually meet around 10:00h. Those who went partying on Saturday night usually arrive a little later, those who might need to leave early to catch a flight will leave early - so again there is no organised program, just sitting and talking somewhere. The meeting does officially end on Sunday 14:00h, but some will stay on.

Essentially, it's Thursday 14:00 to Sunday 14:00.

Will there be a joint opening and/or closure of the conference?

See above - we do have events where everyone will take part (the *Cheese & Champagne* reception on Friday and the Talent Show on Saturday) because we figure that it's better to have "events for all participants" at times where there is a greater likelihood of all participants actually being there.

InfoWiki

This is mainly about the InfoWiki, formerly know as Infosheet, but let me expand a little first:

Why does the egg-meeting exist?

I am not talking about the well-known creation story (Andrew Aus going to the **ggg999**-meeting in the US, later encouraging me to do something similar for Europe, and us together doing the first meeting 2011 in London). What I mean is why does the **egg**-meeting exist?, why do people join?, why do people look forward to it?, why do people organize it? And I think that the answer to all these questions lies in that even those of us who think of themselves as lone HIQ wolves, roaming the empty wilderness of a world that has nothing to offer to an apex predator, do enjoy what everyone enjoys: the safety and homely feeling of being part of the pack.¹

¹Honestly, I don't know whether all that wolf stuff was triggered by Hana's presentation at **egg-2024** – if so, my apologies, I have absolutely no idea what I am talking about, concerning wolves.

I think it is fair to say that the **egg**-meeting exists as a place for people to communicate, to feel at home and to enjoy being themselves.

The self-image of **egg** is that it is something we do for ourselves. Some of us put in work in organizing it, some of us attend the meeting, but as I see it, it is a joint effort. It is, in essence, not something you can pay for to get it – this is very much a community event.

And as such, the meeting exists so HIQ people can meet and get to know each other, can interact and have fun, can be their outrageously normal HIQ selfs for once – and thrive in the experience.

Not awkward

If you have ever been at some meeting of people who don't know each other, you probably were subjected to an introductory round. This is a process, usually, which at the same time is extremely boring and extremely cringeworthy. There are people who talk too little, there are people who talk too much and there are the 80% whose introduction you just zoned out on because who can remember all that stuff anyway?

After an introductory round, especially when more than, say, 15 people are present, you usually know that you're in a room with many different persons of all ages, who have widely differing views and interests. You knew that before, but now you have to feel guilty about not remembering everything.

So back in 2011, I thought about how to prevent introductory rounds and came up with the Infosheet. The idea was to give everyone a head start into the meeting, but also to create an atmosphere of mutual trust: I show you mine, you show me thine, in a way.

To this day, I think that the Infosheet (or nowadays the InfoWiki) is what makes **egg** so different from other meetings. And I don't think that is necessarily due to the actual information provided (though with more than 150 participants it's nice to be able to remember someone more easily after the meeting using the InfoWiki), what makes the difference is that it is the equivalent to a friendly smile, to an outstretched hand. The InfoWiki by itself is a welcoming gesture.

It invites people in, and by entering their data, participants are giving up some control in order to improve the community.

When people do not enter their data, it's rarely (or probably never) with the intention to undermine the meeting, to make the meeting less than it could be. Rather, it's our old HIQ friend, procrastination, who is to blame. Prodding the procrastinators is a pretty tedious job, which nobody likes to do – so **for 2025 we will introduce a change:**

In order to register, you need to have (and keep) an entry in the InfoWiki (also see the [TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)).