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Isle of Vilm, Germany, 9-10 February 2010

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1. Opening and registration

The Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Central and Eastern European Countries will be held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany from Tuesday, 9 February to Wednesday, 10 February 2010.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am on Tuesday, 9 February at the venue of the meeting, prior to the opening at 9:00 a.m. Participants are expected to arrive in the evening of Monday, 8 February 2010. The workshop is expected to end the evening of Wednesday, 10 February 2010, with departures the following morning.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The International Academy for Nature Conservation

Isle of Vilm

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3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSRC-CEE-01>

5. General information on access to Isle of Vilm



The Isle of Vilm is located about 300 km from Berlin or Hamburg. Delegates of the workshop should arrive in Vilm on Monday, 8 February 2010 and depart Vilm on Thursday, 11 February 2010. It will be necessary for delegates to travel by train to Lauterbach/Mole, the harbour village close to Vilm from either Berlin or Hamburg Airports. From Lauterbach/Mole you must then take a ferry to the Isle of Vilm. From the Lauterbach/Mole station, you can walk to the pier where the ferry boat to the Isle of Vilm departs.

More information on how to reach the Isle of Vilm by car, train and ferry is provided in two pdf files annexed to this document (Travel Information to the International Academy for Nature Conservation and Train Connection Schedule for Germany).

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant German diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen.html>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, Ms. Andrea Strauss, BfN, Andrea.Strauss@bfn-vilm.de will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information



The accommodation for the participants of the meeting has been pre-booked at the International Academy for Nature Conservation. The cost of accommodation and meals per day is as follows:

- Single room: 51.00€
- Double room: 37.00€ (price per person)
- Cost of full board (3 meals): 24.00€
- Morning and afternoon/tea/coffee, etc.: 3.50€

More information on the accommodation at the International Academy of Nature Conservation is available at the following web-site: http://www.bfn.de/fileadmin/MDB/documents/ina/Prices_2009.pdf

If flight connections make it necessary to overnight in Berlin or Hamburg, the International Academy for Nature Conservation (Andrea.Strauss@bfn-vilm.de) will be able to assist in making a hotel reservation for the overnight stay.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures on the Isle of Vilm usually range between a maximum of +6°C in the daytime and a minimum of -3°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: www.weatheronline.co.uk/Germany/Ruegen.htm.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 1 hour.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 21 December 2009 is US \$1 = €0.699 and € 1 = US \$1.429.

13. Disclaimer

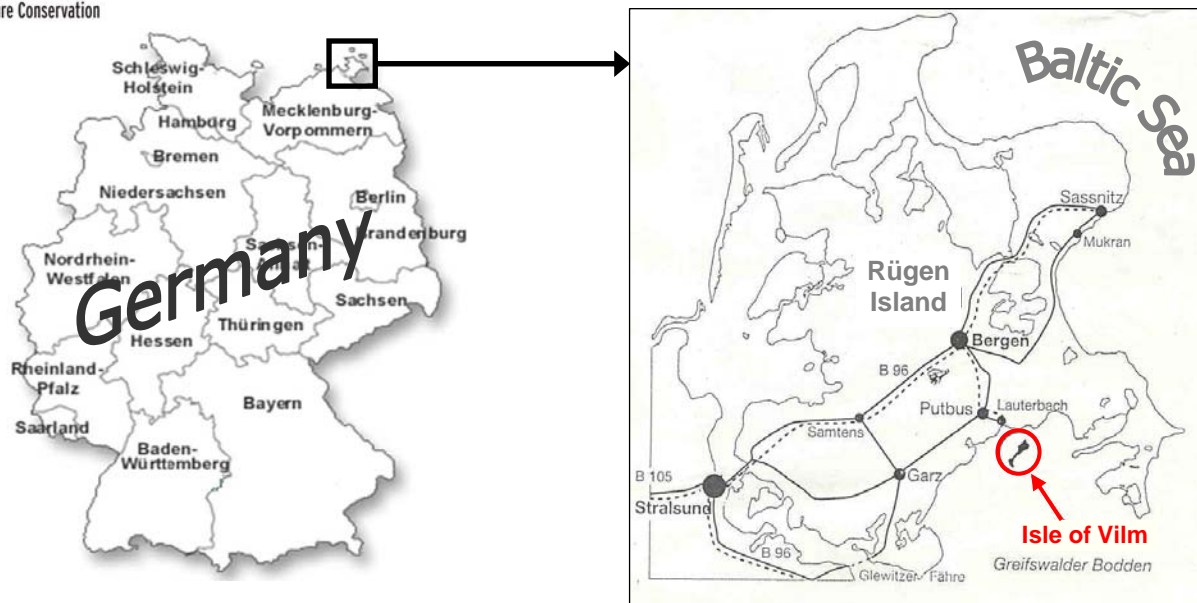
The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GERMANY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Germany:

A Afghanistan Albania Algeria Angola Armenia Azerbaijan	G Gabon Gambia Georgia Ghana Grenada Guinea Guinea-Bissau Guyana	M (cont'd) Myanmar	T (cont'd) Tonga Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia Turkey Turkmenistan Tuvalu
B Bahrain Bangladesh Belarus Belize Benin Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Burkina Faso Burundi	H Haiti	O Oman	U Uganda Ukraine United Arab Emirates Uruguay Uzbekistan
C Cambodia Cameroon Cape Verde Cayman Islands Central African Republic Chad China Colombia Comoros Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Côte d'Ivoire Cuba	I India Indonesia Iran, Islamic Republic of Iraq	P Pakistan Papua New Guinea Peru Philippines	V Vanuatu Viet Nam
D Djibouti Dominica Dominican Republic	J Jamaica Jordan	Q Qatar	Y Yemen
E East Timor Ecuador Egypt Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia	K Kazakhstan Kenya Kiribati Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Kuwait Kyrgyzstan	R Russian Federation Rwanda	Z Zambia Zimbabwe
F Fiji	L Lao, People's Democratic Republic of Lebanon Lesotho Liberia Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	S Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Samoa Sao Tomé e Príncipe Saudi Arabia Senegal Serbia Sierra Leone Solomon Islands Somalia South Africa Sri Lanka Sudan Suriname Swaziland Syrian Arab Republic	
	M Madagascar Malawi Maldives Mali Marshall Islands Mauritania Micronesia, Fed. States of Moldova Mongolia Montenegro Morocco Mozambique	T Tajikistan Tanzania, United Republic of Thailand The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Togo	



The Isle of Vilm is situated in the north-east of Germany, south of Rügen Island. You can reach the Isle of Vilm by plane via Berlin or Hamburg with connecting trains to Lauterbach/Mole. From there the ferry leaves to Vilm.

Airports:

If you arrive at *Hamburg* airport, please take the express bus ("Jasper") to Hamburg Central Train Station ("Hauptbahnhof"). The bus runs every 30 minutes; the bus ride takes 30 minutes.

In Berlin there are three airports. If you arrive at *Berlin-Tegel*, please take the shuttle bus TXL to Berlin Central train station (runs every 10 minutes, ride takes 20 minutes). If you arrive at *Berlin-Schönefeld* or *Berlin-Tempelhof* you can use the suburban trains (S-Bahn) or the underground (U-Bahn) to reach Berlin Central Train Station ("Hauptbahnhof").

How to choose your train:

Go to www.bahn.de. For English language click the button in the upper right corner, and then type your train connection under "TravelService/Timetable" on the left. Please look for train connections to *Lauterbach/Mole*. You may also type e.g. "Berlin Airport" as point of departure, and then choose the right airport in order to get the direct train connection to Lauterbach/Mole.

Arrival by car:

You can reach the island Rügen from Stralsund by crossing the Rügen dam or the new Rügen bridge. Rügen is only 3 hours away from Lübeck, Hamburg and Berlin. New motorways ensure excellent connections.

We recommend the following routes:

From the direction of Lübeck / Hamburg / Schleswig-Holstein

From the A 1 via the Lübeck intersection onto the Ostsee-Autobahn (Baltic motorway) A 20 until you get to the Stralsund / Insel Rügen exit, then follow the four-lane slip road (B 96 n) and the Stralsund bypass.

Take the exit "Hafen/Ozeaneum", carry on and cross the old Rügen dam. Immediately after the dam turn right for the direction Garz/Putbus. In Putbus follow the signs to Lauterbach.

From the direction of Berlin

Coming from the west follow the A 24 until you reach the Wittstock motorway triangle, then take the A 19 until the Rostock intersection from where you can follow the A 20 in the direction of Stralsund. (Stralsund/Insel Ruegen exit)

or

Coming from the east follow the A 11 until you reach the Uckermark intersection. Then take the A 20 in the direction of Stralsund (Stralsund/Insel Ruegen exit)

Take the exit "Hafen/Ozeaneum", carry on and cross the old Ruegen dam. Immediately after the dam turn right for the direction Garz/Putbus. In Putbus follow the signs to Lauterbach.

From the direction of Poland

Via the A 11 Stettin - Berlin motorway and the Pomellen border crossing to Germany. Continue to the Uckermark motorway triangle, then take the A 20 in the direction of Stralsund/Neubrandenburg until you come to the Neubrandenburg-Nord exit; from there follow the B96 slip road, then take the B96 to Stralsund and the Stralsund bypass.

Take the exit "Hafen/Ozeaneum", carry on and cross the old Ruegen dam. Immediately after the dam turn right for the direction Garz/Putbus. In Putbus, follow the signs to Lauterbach.

Current closing times for the Ruegen dam are:

02.30 - 02.50 hrs

05.20 - 05.40 hrs

08.20 - 08.40 hrs

12.20 - 12.40 hrs

17.20 - 17.40 hrs

21.30 - 21.50 hrs

In Lauterbach parking is available in our visitors' car parks (see location map). Although there is a pay machine, parking for INA guests is **free of charge**. However we cannot assume liability for any vehicles parked there. We advise visitors not to make their journey by car, particularly during the peak tourist season in summer.

Ferries:

There are ferry connections from several Nordic countries to Rügen or nearby:

- * Trelleborg (Sweden) to Sassnitz/Mukran (Rügen) (continue by train to Bergen)
- * Gedser (Denmark) to Rostock/Germany (continue by train to Stralsund/Bergen)
- * Klaipeda (Lithuania) to Sassnitz/Mukran (Rügen) (continue by train to Bergen)
- * St. Petersburg (Russia) to Sassnitz/Mukran (Rügen) (continue by train to Bergen)

Just in case - how to call a taxi:

Stralsund: ++ 49 (0)3831 - 292000 or 39 33 33

Bergen: ++ 49 (0)3838 - 252627

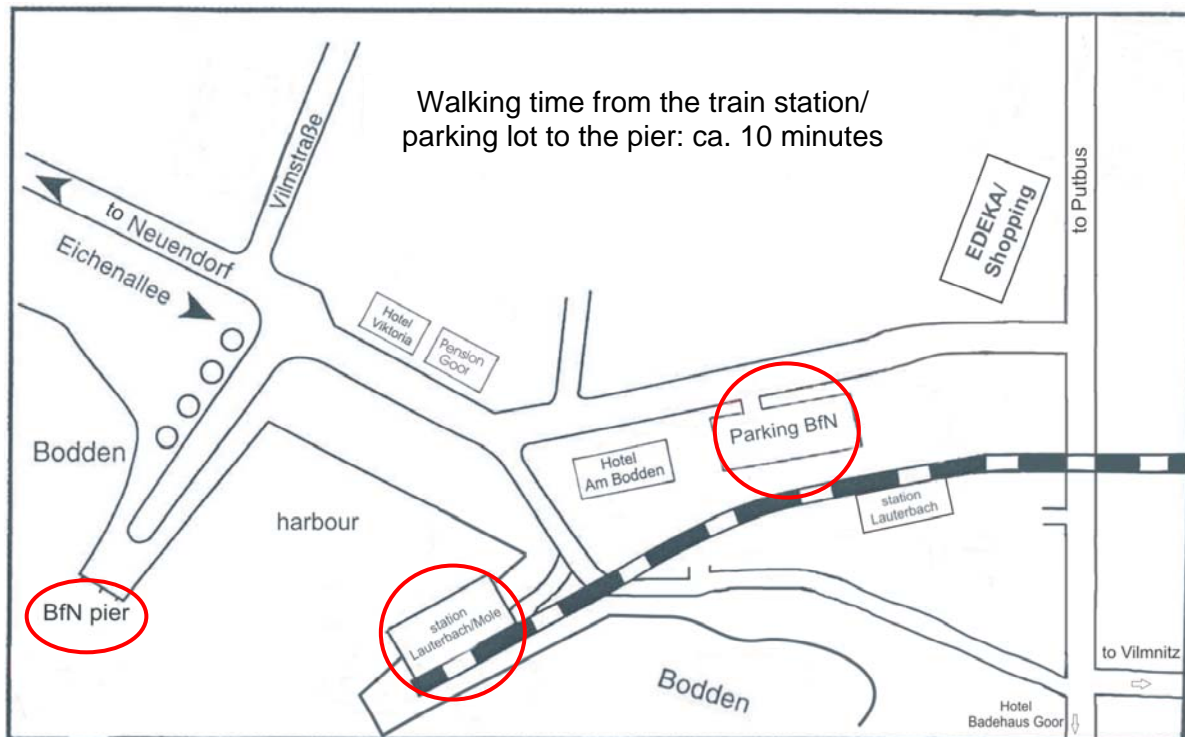
Sassnitz: ++ 49 (0)38392 - 3030

Putbus: ++ 49 (0)38301 - 339

In emergency cases

...you can reach somebody to help you at the reception of the Academy (attended until midnight). Please call: ++ 49 (0)38301-86-0.

Location of the train station, parking lot and pier in Lauterbach/Mole:



Ferry transfer to Vilm:

The ferry trip takes 10 minutes. The ferry is run by the Academy and is free of charge. It operates according to a fixed timetable (see below) which is coordinated with the train timetable.

Ferry Timetable Lauterbach - Vilm/Vilm – Lauterbach:

Monday to Friday:

Departure Lauterbach	Arrival Vilm	Departure Vilm	Arrival Lauterbach
06.40	06.50	07.25	07.35
07.40	07.50	07.55	08.05
08.10	08.20	08.25	08.35
08.40	08.50	09.20	09.30
10.15	10.25	11.00*	11.10
11.15*	11.25	12.05	12.15
12.20**	12.30	13.00**	13.10
13.15	13.25	13.35	13.45
14.15	14.25	14.35***	14.45
15.15***	15.25	15.35	15.45
16.15	16.25	16.35	16.45
17.15	17.25	17.35	17.45
18.10*	18.20	18.35*	18.45
20.10	20.20	20.30	20.40

* runs exclusively on day of arrival and departure

** runs exclusively on day of arrival, if ordered by phone 038301-860 or 0170-5232166 at least 2 hrs in advance

*** runs only on Friday

Saturday and Sunday:

Please find the schedule of the ferry in the programme of the seminar.

We wish you an enjoyable and pleasant journey!

Annex : Train connections within Germany

1. Travel via Berlin

We propose meeting of participants who travel via Berlin, at Berlin Central station. We will organize group tickets for your travel from Berlin to Vilm, and will contact you on the details of this arrangement shortly before the workshop.

a) Arrival: Berlin Tegel Airport - Lauterbach/Mole (2 options)

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Airport / Flughafen Tegel, Berlin	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	13:06		Bus Direction: S+U Alexanderplatz
Berlin Hauptbahnhof	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	13:26		
Berlin Hbf	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	13:38	6	
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	17:05	2	
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	17:40	1	
Lauterbach Mole	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	17:54	1	

[Bus TXL](#)
[IC 2355](#)
[PRE80115](#)

Meet the group of participants for travelling from Berlin to Vilm in Berlin Central Station at 13.15 on platform 6, section "B" of the platform. The group ticket will be provided!

Pressnitztalbahn
Ostsee-Ticket will be accepted, Tickets available on board train

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Airport / Flughafen Tegel, Berlin	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	15:06		Bus Direction: S+U Alexanderplatz
Berlin Hauptbahnhof	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	15:26		
Berlin Hbf	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	15:38	7	
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	18:24	4 a/b	
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	19:04	4 a/b	
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	19:32	2	
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	dep	19:40	1	
Lauterbach Mole	Mo, 08.02.10	arr	19:54	1	

[Bus TXL](#)
[EC 378](#)
[RE 33317](#)
[PRE80119](#)

Eurocity
Regional-Express
Pressnitztalbahn
Ostsee-Ticket will be accepted, Tickets available on board train

Ferry boat to Vilm (February 8th 2010): Departure 16:15, 17:15, 18:10, 20:10

For further connections please visit the website of the German railway company: <http://www.db.de/site/bahn/en/start.html>

b) Departure: Lauterbach/Mole - Berlin Tegel Airport (2 options)

Ferry boat from Vilm (February 11th, 2010): Departure 07:25, 09:20

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Lauterbach Mole	Th, 11.02.10	dep 08:00	1		
Bergen auf Rügen	Th, 11.02.10	arr 08:20	1	PRE80096	Pressnitzalbahn Ostsee-Ticket will be accepted, Tickets available on board train
Bergen auf Rügen	Th, 11.02.10	dep 09:08	3	IC 2356	Intercity
Berlin Hbf (tief)	Th, 11.02.10	arr 12:21	4		
Berlin Hbf (tief)	Th, 11.02.10	dep 12:30	8	RE 38234	Regional-Express
Berlin Jungfernheide	Th, 11.02.10	arr 12:34	4		
Berlin Jungfernheide	Th, 11.02.10			walk	4 min.
Tegeler Weg/S Jungfernheide, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10				
Tegeler Weg/S Jungfernheide, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10	dep 12:40		Bus X9	Bus Direction: Flughafen Tegel Airport
Flughafen/Airport Tegel, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10	arr 12:47			

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Lauterbach Mole	Th, 11.02.10	dep 09:45		Taxi	A group taxi will be organized.
Bergen auf Rügen	Th, 11.02.10	dep 10:56	3	IC 2213	Intercity
Stralsund	Th, 11.02.10	arr 11:19	6 a/b		
Stralsund	Th, 11.02.10	dep 11:38	3 a/b	EC 379	Eurocity
Berlin Hbf (tief)	Th, 11.02.10	arr 14:21	2		
Berlin Hbf (tief)	Th, 11.02.10	dep 14:30	7	RE 38236	Regional-Express
Berlin Jungfernheide	Th, 11.02.10	arr 14:34	4		
Berlin Jungfernheide	Th, 11.02.10			walk	4 min.
Tegeler Weg/S Jungfernheide, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10				
Tegeler Weg/S Jungfernheide, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10	dep 14:38		Bus 109	Bus Direction: Flughafen Tegel Airport
Flughafen/ Airport Tegel, Berlin	Th, 11.02.10	arr 14:46			

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2. Travel via Hamburg

a) Arrival: Hamburg Airport - Lauterbach/Mole (2 options)

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Hamburg Airport	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 13:03			
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 13:28	1	S 1	S-Bahn Direction: Hamburg-Ohlsdorf
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Mo, 08.02.10			walk	8 min.
Hamburg Hbf	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 13:44	8a/b	IC 2376	Intercity
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 16:30	5 a/b		
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 16:42	4 a/b	IC 2355	Intercity
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 17:05	2		
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 17:40	1	PRE80115	Pressnitztalbahn Ostsee-Ticket will be accepted, Tickets available on board train
Lauterbach Mole	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 17:54	1		

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Hamburg Airport	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 14:43			
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 15:08	1	S 1	S-Bahn Direction: Hamburg-Ohlsdorf
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Mo, 08.02.10			walk	8 min.
Hamburg Hbf	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 15:16	11a/b	IC 2116	Intercity
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 18:12	6 a/b		
Stralsund	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 19:04	4 a/b	RE 33317	Regional-Express
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 19:32	2		
Bergen auf Rügen	Mo, 08.02.10	dep 19:40	1	PRE80119	Pressnitztalbahn Ostsee-Ticket will be accepted, Tickets available on board train
Lauterbach Mole	Mo, 08.02.10	arr 19:54	1		

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Bergen auf Rügen	Th, 11.02.10	dep 08:28	3	RE 33308	Regional-Express
Stralsund	Th, 11.02.10	arr 08:57	4 a/b		
Stralsund	Th, 11.02.10	dep 09:27	6 a/b	IC 2373	Intercity
Hamburg Hbf	Th, 11.02.10	arr 12:15	12a/b		
Hamburg Hbf	Th, 11.02.10			walk	8 min.
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Th, 11.02.10				
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Th, 11.02.10	dep 12:24	3	S 1	S-Bahn Direction: Hamburg-Ohlsdorf
Hamburg Airport	Th, 11.02.10	arr 12:48			

Station/Stop	Date	Time	Platform	Products	
Lauterbach Mole	Th, 11.02.10	dep 09:45		Taxi	A group taxi will be organized
Bergen auf Rügen	Th, 11.02.10	dep 10:56	3	IC 2213	Intercity
Hamburg Hbf	Th, 11.02.10	arr 14:30	8a/b		
Hamburg Hbf	Th, 11.02.10			walk	8 min.
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Th, 11.02.10				
Hamburg Hbf (S-Bahn)	Th, 11.02.10	dep 14:44	3	S 1	S-Bahn Direction: Hamburg-Ohlsdorf
Hamburg Airport	Th, 11.02.10	arr 15:08			

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