European Paediatric Soft Tissue Sarcoma Study Group

EpSSG Winter Meeting

2–4 December 2026 • Padova, Italy

European Paediatric Soft Tissue Sarcoma Study Group

dedicated to the care and treatment of children and young people with soft tissue sarcoma.



Welcome to Padova

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 EpSSG Winter Meeting in Padova, a city with a long academic tradition and a rich cultural heritage.

Over these three days, our community will come together to share new evidence, discuss ongoing and future studies, strengthen international collaborations, and consider the next steps in the care of children and young people with soft tissue sarcomas.

This year's meeting also marks the 15th anniversary of the EpSSG Association. EpSSG itself has developed over more than two decades of collaboration among European professionals committed to improving the treatment of paediatric soft tissue sarcomas. The Association was established in Padova 15 years ago to provide this growing international network with a formal legal framework and to strengthen its clinical, research and educational activities.

Celebrating this anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved and to consider future priorities. Collaboration across disciplines, countries and generations has been central to EpSSG's development and continues to support its shared commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people with soft tissue sarcomas.

We hope that the scientific programme, the exchange of ideas and the city unique setting will provide a productive environment for discussion and future collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming you to Padova.

Prof. Gianni Bisogno and Prof. Andrea Ferrari
on behalf of EpSSG and the Organising Committee

The meeting across Padova

2 DEC

Padova University Hospital

Working Groups and Subcommittees will meet at the University Hospital, close to the clinical and research setting in which many EpSSG collaborations are developed.

3 DEC

Palazzo del Bo

The main scientific programme opens at the historic seat of the University of Padova. The meeting will be hosted in the Aula Magna, a hall closely linked to the University's centuries-old academic life and to Galileo's years in Padova.

4 DEC

Centro Culturale Altinate–San Gaetano

The final day will take place in this restored historic complex in the city centre, now a lively cultural venue for exhibitions, lectures and public events.

General programme

The final programme will be available on the EpSSG website.

Thursday, 3 December — Palazzo del Bo

08:00–10:00	Registration desk open
08:00–09:30	FaR-RMS TMG meeting (closed)
10:00–10:15	**Welcome**
10:15–12:30	RMS EpSSG scientific sessions
11:00–11:30	Coffee break
12:30–13:00	**Keynote lecture**
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Immunotherapy in STS
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–17:30	NRSTS EpSSG scientific session
17:30	Palazzo del Bo guided tour
19:30–22:30	**Social event: Caffe Pedrocchi**

Friday, 4 December — Centro San Gaetano

08:30–10:00	General Assembly + Discipline Panel Committees update (closed)
10:00–10:30	Coffee break
10:30–12:00	Trials update session
12:00–13:00	Box lunch & coffee
13:00–13:30	COG trials update
13:30–14:20	**Young Investigators' Session**
14:15–14:30	**Farewell**

Getting to Padova

Padova is in north-eastern Italy, in the Veneto region, between Venice and Verona.



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BY AIR

Nearest airports Venice Marco Polo 45 km • Treviso Antonio Canova 60 km • Verona Valerio Catullo 90 km

VENICE Airport - Padova
Bus: about every 30 minutes until 22:00.
Train: bus to Venezia-Mestre station (ATVO Fly Bus or ACTV no. 5), then direct train to Padova.

TREVISO Airport- Padova
Bus: services to Padova until 20:30.
Train: ACTT bus no. 6 to Treviso station, then direct train to Padova.

Private transfers are also available.

BY TRAIN

Padova railway station is about a 15-minute walk from the city centre.

Direct services: Venice, Verona, Milan, Bologna, Florence and Rome.

High-speed: Trenitalia and Italo.

BY CAR

Padova is connected to the main motorway network by the **A4 Milan–Venice** corridor and the **A13 from Bologna**.

For the city centre, follow signs for **Padova Centro** and check parking and limited-traffic-zone restrictions before arrival.

Participants are kindly invited to check travel and documentation requirements before departure.

Useful information & Websites — Padova

For a shuttle bus service or a private transfer to Padua, you can also make your reservation with:

Air Service reservation@airservicepadova.it – Official website

BUS: fsbusitalia.it/eng.html

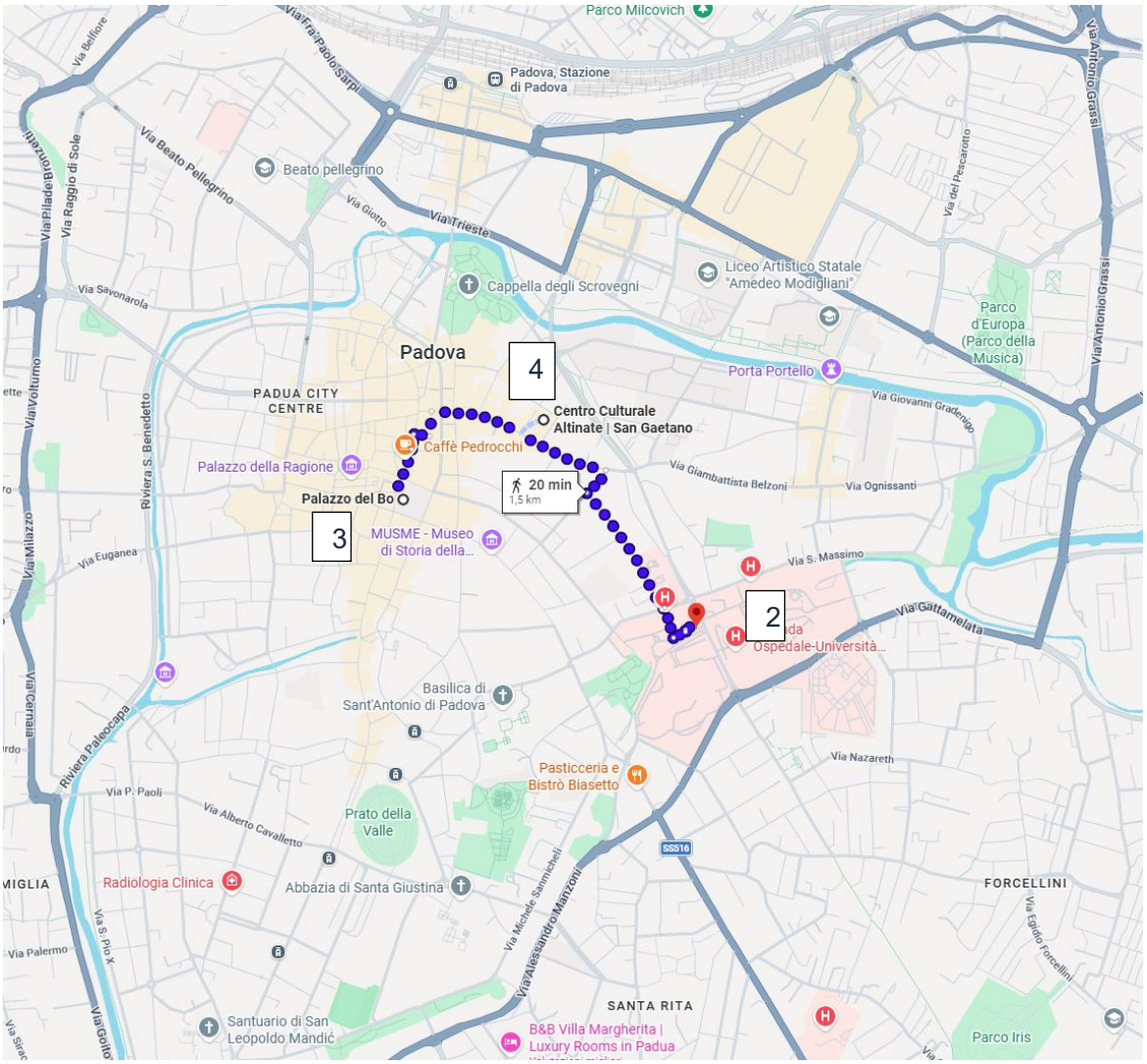
Trenitalia (high speed and local trains)

Italo (high speed trains)

TOURIST Information Office: info@turismopadova.it; http://www.guidepadova.it/en-gb

Meeting venues

The three meeting venues are all within walking distance of Padova city centre.



2	**2 December** **Padova University Hospital**	Via Giustiniani 3 • approx. 25 min on foot from the railway station
3	**3 December** **Palazzo del Bo**	Via 8 Febbraio 2 • approx. 25 min on foot from the railway station
4	**4 December** **Centro Culturale Altinate–San Gaetano**	Via Altinate 71 • approx. 10 min on foot from Palazzo del Bo

Registration, accommodation & contacts

REGISTRATION

Members will receive an email with the registration form and may invite additional participants by forwarding it.

Non-members should be invited by an EpSSG member.

Registration deadline	**1 November 2026**
Fees	**-EpSSG members €150 (in line with annual membership fee)** **- Non-members €200**

Registration will open by mid September, registration after November 1 will not be accepted.

SOCIAL EVENT

Thursday, 3 December • 17:30

Palazzo del Bo guided tour

Thursday, 3 December • 19:30

The Social Dinner will take place at the prestigious **Caffè Pedrocchi**, one of Italy's most renowned historic cafés (since 1831), located in the very heart of Padua. Known as the *"Café without Doors"* because it remained open day and night until 1916, it has long been a landmark of Padua's cultural and intellectual life.

With its elegant neoclassical architecture, richly decorated rooms and fascinating history, Caffè Pedrocchi offers a truly unique setting for an evening of conviviality and networking.

Social dinner contribution: €50 per person.

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ACCOMMODATION

Suggested hotels close to the city centre. EpSSG does not have contractual arrangements with these hotels.

1 **Hotel Canton dell'Orto ****
Via Donatello 21, 35123 Padova

2 **Hotel Donatello *****
Via Del Santo 102, 35123 Padova

3 **Hotel Giotto *****
Piazzale Pontecorvo 33, 35121 Padova

4 **Hilton Garden Inn Padova City Centre ******
Corso Milano 40, 35139 Padova

5 **Le Camp Suite & Spa ******
Via Giovanni Anghinoni 10, 35121 Padova

6 **B&B / Airbnb**
Participants may also choose independent accommodation in Padova city centre.

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