

Dear all,

here the topics we had on Wednesday (09.04.2025) at the first meeting of "How to MPIK".

1) **VBL** - This was an important topic and we would like to give a short presentation on it during our next meeting **on 5th of May** in the Lobby area in front of the Library. Please find here attached a flyer with some basic information.

2) **IT-Problems** - this was a very good and intense exchange of typical problems during your digital onboarding and we will try to have an IT-Guy on every meeting in future!!!

3) **MAX-Site and your personnel number** - your login into the MPG intranet: After a HR co-worker has typed your data into the SAP payment software (some days after you have signed your contract), you automatically receive an email from the MPG with access number (your personnel number, later visible on the payslips) and a password. Once you activate this access, you should be able [to see this webpage](#) /max.mpg.de and use the most of the MPG-Services, including the SAP-Portal with your payslips, travel and holiday requests etc. Please find here the PDF with the exact instruction on how to log into the MAX-Site and use the SAP-portal.

4) **Eduroam instruction** [here!!!](#)

5) **German courses** - We talked about having more options for German classes at different hours of the day - this will be checked with the responsible college and we will come back to you with more information. Very likely is that you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire online to see what is the best time for most people.

6) **Solidaritätszuschlag /Solidarity surcharge** - the question was: **why do we still pay it, if it has been cancelled**. In general - we don't pay it anymore, but some people who earn more than a certain amount per year ([s. here for more details](#)) are still paying it.

7) **The MPG-insurance is BG RCI** - <https://www.bgrci.de/> - this information is needed at the Hospital or doctors office in case of health problem or incident caused at work or on the way to work. More information will follow in a separate mail!

8) **General information about the life in Germany** - working and living, social insurance, child care, taxes etc. - please check this site of [EURAXESS](#) or of course the new [IO_Website:](#)

Next **HOW TO MPIK** meetings will be on the 5th of May and on the 23d of June - Lobby area in front of the Library(red armchairs).

Have a nice weekend!

Best,

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