

Main building closed 1 August - 4 September

Alternative workplaces available for anyone with a business or personal need.

The maintenance work to the main building electrical system will continue through the summer. Due to the scale of the planned works, night and weekend maintenance and testing shifts are not sufficient to carry out this upgrade.

The complete main building will be closed from Tuesday 1 August to Monday 4 September.

Complete building closed  Open 



Where can I work from if my workplace is in one of the closed areas?

Alternative workplaces are available for ECB staff and trainees to work in an office set-up in the city centre buildings or in the ECB recovery site. More information is available [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read the latest information about teleworking during the MB closures.

Can I access the building during the closures? What if I have forgotten something?

No. Nobody, unless involved in the works, will be allowed in the building during the complete building closure. As outlined below, the works will cause intermittent shutdowns of our infrastructure. The building won't be safe, and for this reason, you will not be allowed to enter it.

However, if you have forgotten something, in special cases access can be granted for a defined time slot. You will have to send a request via the [FM Service Desk](#), at least one day in advance. If access is granted, you will be informed about the short time slot during which you are allowed to enter the office, accompanied by a security guard for your safety.

During the complete building closure, staff parking (for cars, motorbikes and bicycles) will not be available. Anyone who has left a vehicle parked onsite will not be able to access it during this time. If you wish to park onsite during the complete building closure, you will need to use visitor parking.

Background information: why are these works necessary?

These works are necessary to upgrade and improve the electric systems across the main building.

These upgrades will increase the resilience of the building's power supply and distribution. The improvements will also strengthen our ability to power the ECB data centre, our emergency and backup power systems, and the power management system.

During the announced building closure from August until early September, stress testing for the overall electrical and life safety systems will take place. During this testing, planned intermittent power cut offs in the building will occur. The interrupted power supply will involve a shutdown of the building's infrastructure system, which includes most non-fire elevators and the cooling and ventilation systems. The shutdowns will protect electronics from damage during the testing sequences. During the testing, functioning of lights, blinds and window control, water supply, electric doors and access control will be interrupted. The safety systems such as the fire extinguishing system and smoke extraction system as well as fire lifts will also be affected.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your flexibility and cooperation during the closures.