



KICK-OFF MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

23-24 January 2018, Bratislava, Slovakia

Practical Information

Bellow you can find information on the meeting, venue, accommodation and other practical information.

MEETING DATES AND TIMING

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

12.30–14.30 Session
14.30–15.00 Coffee break
15.00–18.00 Session
18.30–20.00 Dinner

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

9.00 – 11.00 Session
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00 Session

VENUE

The venue of the meeting is the LOFT Hotel Bratislava located near the historical city centre of Bratislava. The session will take place in a conference room Wilson I on the first floor. Registration desk and information point will be located near the entrance to the conference room.

Address:

Štefánikova 4
811 05 Bratislava

For more details visit <https://www.lofthotel.sk/en>

LANGUAGE & DOCUMENTS

The meeting will be conducted in English only. The documents for the meeting will be provided in English and delivered in due time.

The Session will be organized in the form of roundtable discussions with introductory presentations on the issues addressed.

MEALS

There will be coffee breaks during the meeting and dinner will be provided by the organizers on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 18:30 in Bratislava UFO bridge tower. Snacks and drinks will be prepared on Tuesday 23 January before the meeting in the foyer area on the first floor, near the entrance to the conference room.

ARRIVAL DETAILS

To travel to Bratislava, you can take a flight to Vienna International Airport, alternatively you may use Bratislava Airport.

Vienna International Airport

Vienna airport is located 63 km from Bratislava. Shuttle service from Vienna airport to Bratislava Main Bus Station (Bratislava AS) is provided by Slovak Lines Bus or Regio Jet. Bus stops are located in front of the Terminal 2 of the Vienna airport building. The journey takes for about 1 hour. The buses stop at Bratislava Bus Station “Bratislava – Autobusová Stanica Nivy”. Timetable and further information on shuttle buses is available at:

http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/cestovne_poriadky/mal_new/rakusko.pdf or <https://www.regiojet.com/en>.

Bratislava Airport and Bratislava Main Bus Station

The hotel is situated ca. 7 km from Bratislava Airport and ca. 3 km from Main Bus Station. To get to the meeting venue participants can take taxi.

We can recommend to call [Easy Taxi](#) (+421 918 555 555), which uses fixed fares 5 EUR within the city centre (8 EUR to/from Bratislava airport). If you choose another taxi, we recommend to ask the taxi driver for their fares in advance – the fare from the bus station/Bratislava Airport to the hotel should not exceed 10 EUR.

Central Railway Station

The hotel is situated just 750 m (10 minutes by walk) from the Central Railway Station.

Travel by car

There is a garage available in the hotel building with direct access to the hotel. The fee is 18 EUR/day.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

LOFT Hotel Bratislava ****

Address: Štefánikova 4, 811 05 Bratislava

Phone: + 421 2 5751 1003

Web: <https://www.lofthotel.sk/en>

Average Price: 75-100 EUR/room – single use /night + city tax 1,70 EUR /night

There are several other hotels near the meeting venue:

Hotel Saffron****

Address: Radlinského 27, 811 07 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 212 99 301

Web: <http://www.hotelsaffron.sk/uvodna-stranka/language/en>

E-mail: rezervacia@hotelsaffron.sk

Distance to venue: 1 km

Hotel Matyšák***

Address: Pražská 15, 811 04 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 206 34 001

Web: <http://www.hotelmatysak.sk/hotel-2/>

E-mail: recepacia@hotelmatysak.sk

Distance to venue: 650 m

Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava****

Address: Vysoká 2A, 811 06 Bratislava

Phone: +421 02/527 758 00

Web: <https://www.austria-trend.at/de/hotels/bratislava>

E-mail: reservations.bratislava@austria-trend.at

Distance to venue: 650 m

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Eligible participants from signatory countries with economies in transition may apply for financial support for their travel to the meeting. Please note that financial support is provided for one participant per eligible signatory country.

Request for financial support should be submitted to Liaison Unit Bratislava (e-mail: lucia.ambrusova@foresteurope.org) as soon as possible, but no later than **13 January 2017**. No application will be accepted after this deadline.

VISA INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure, including visa for transit or stopover. For further information regarding to visa requirements please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic:

http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/consular_info.

CURRENCY

The official currency in Slovakia is the Euro. Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks or exchange offices. Credit and debit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Eurocard/Mastercard, Maestro, American Express, Diners Club) are widely accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For general information about the city and the country, please visit the following webpages:

<http://www.visitbratislava.com/> <http://slovakia.travel/en>

WEATHER FORECAST

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/sk/bratislava/297345/weather-forecast/297345>

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FIELD TRIP

Tuesday, 23 January 2018 from 10.00 to 12.00, all participants are welcome to visit Bratislava forest park and gain good energy for the rest of the meeting. Transport from the venue to the park will be provided by organizer. Please identify your participation when registering for the meeting!

The Municipal Forests of Bratislava are on the extend over an area of approx. 3 000 ha, bordered by the Small Carpathians. In accordance with the forest classification and based on long-term needs of the population, 98% of the forests belongs to the category of special purpose forests with significant health and recreational functions. Its purpose is to provide pleasant environment for recreation, tourism and sport activities for the general public. The forest park consists mainly of forest complexes and valuable meadows additionally with some dominant elements such as streams, ponds, small water reservoirs and recreational areas with standard forest park equipment. More about the forest park: <https://www.visitbratislava.com/places/bratislava-forest-park/>

Itinerary

09.45	Meeting of participants at LOFT Hotel Bratislava (at reception)
10.00 – 10.15	Transfer by bus to the Municipal Forests of Bratislava
10.15 - 11.30	Presentation of the Municipal Forests of Bratislava
11.30 – 12.00	Transfer to the Hotel