



## **Second meeting of the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE**

**13-14 June 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia**

### **Practical Information**

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

#### **REGISTRATION**

To register for the meeting please visit the following webpage:  
<http://foresteurope.org/event/11730/>

The deadline for registration of participants is **5 June 2017**.

#### **MEETING DATES AND TIMING**

##### **Monday, 12 June 2017**

17.00 – 20.00 Field trip (see detailed information below)

##### **Tuesday, 13 June 2017**

8.30 – 9.00 Registration  
9.00 – 12.00 Session  
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch Break  
13.00 – 19.00 Session  
20.00 Reception

##### **Wednesday, 14 June 2017**

9.00 -13.00 Session

#### **VENUE**

The meeting will take place in Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava located in the city centre at Vysoká 2A, 811 06 Bratislava, in a conference rooms Morava+Dunaj on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Registration desk and information point will be located near the entrance to the conference hall.

For more details visit <https://www.austria-trend.at/en/hotels/bratislava>

#### **LANGUAGE & DOCUMENTS**

The meeting will be held in English only. The background document for the meeting will be provided in English and delivered in due time.

#### **MEALS**

There will be coffee breaks during the meeting and reception on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 20.00 at the same hotel (Hotel Austria Trend) provided by the organizers. Lunch is not included in

the meeting arrangements, however a restaurant is available in the hotel and several other options are available in a walking distance.

## 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 bus from Vienna airport to Bratislava Main Bus Station (Bratislava AS) stops directly in front of the Terminal 2 of the Vienna airport building. The journey takes for about 1 hour and buses are available 23 times a day. Timetable and further information on shuttle buses is available at:

[http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/cestovne\\_poriadky/mal\\_new/wien\\_new.pdf](http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/cestovne_poriadky/mal_new/wien_new.pdf). We recommend to buy the bus ticket in advance at <http://www.slovaklines.sk/main-page.html> (from the airport “Wien, Flughafen Wien” to Bratislava bus Station “Bratislava AS”).

### **Travel from Bratislava Airport and Bratislava Main Bus Station**

To get to the meeting venue participants can take taxi.

We can recommend to call [Easy Taxi](http://www.easytaxi.sk) (+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.

### **Travel by car**

The hotel is situated on the edge of Bratislava’s pedestrianized Old Town (for further detail see the map <https://www.austria-trend.at/en/hotels/bratislava>). A public garage in the hotel building with direct access to the hotel is available with a capacity of 70 parking spaces. The fee is 20 € per day. Alternatively, you can use garage in Tatracentrum Parking located near the hotel. The entrance to both parking garages is from Vysoká street 9.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Liaison Unit Bratislava has arranged a limited number of rooms at special rate for FOREST EUROPE participants in Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava.

### **Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava\*\*\*\***

Address: Vysoká 2A, 811 06 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 52 775 800

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

Price: 99 EUR/room/night (including breakfast) + city tax 1.65 EUR/night

**Reservation: to arrange your reservation use the following web link**

**<https://reservations.travelclick.com/75034?groupID=1778703>**

There are several other hotels near the meeting venue:

### **Hotel Crowne Plaza\*\*\*\***

Address: Hodžovo námestie 2, 816 25 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 593 48 117

E-mail: [reservation@cpbratislava.sk](mailto:reservation@cpbratislava.sk)

Web: <http://cpbratislava.sk/>

Distance to venue: 100 m

**Hotel Tatra\*\*\*\***

Address: Nám. 1.mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 592 72 111

Web: <http://www.hoteltatra.sk/en>

E-mail: rezervacie@hoteltatra.sk

Distance to venue: 230 m

**LOFT Hotel Bratislava\*\*\*\***

Address: Štefánikova 4, 811 05 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 575 11 003

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

E-mail: reservation@lofthotel.sk

Distance to venue: 750 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](mailto:lucia.ambrusova@foresteurope.org)) as soon as possible, but no later than **20 May 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](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>

## FIELD TRIP

Participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group are kindly invited to a field trip with interesting social programme. Field trip will take place in Municipal Forests Bratislava, a day before the meeting, on Monday 12 June 2017 from 17.00 to 20.00.

Municipal Forests Bratislava are on the area of about 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.

## Itinerary

16.50	Meeting of participants at Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava (hotel reception)
17.00 - 17.30	Transfer by bus to Municipal Forests Bratislava
17.30 - 18.00	Presentation of the Municipal Forests Bratislava
18.00 - 20.00	Social programme with dinner
20.00	Transfer to the Hotel

A bus transfer from the Hotel to Municipal Forests will be arranged by the organisers. For those participant who arranged afternoon flight connections, there will be a possibility to pick them up at the Main Bus Station at 17.15 (please contact LUB team in advance if it is relevant to you). During the field trip a dinner will be offered by the organisers.

Please note that in Bratislava region the temperature in June can rise up to 30°C, occasionally even higher. Showers or storms may occur. Casual summer wear is sufficient for the trip.

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