



First meeting of the Advisory Group on the preparation of the report “State of Europe’s Forests”

27-28 September 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia

Practical Information

REGISTRATION

There is no online registration form. The Invitation letter was sent by e-mail to the Advisory Group members.

If not already done, the Advisory Group members are kindly asked to confirm their availability to participate in meeting, by an e-mail sent to rastislav.rasi@foresteurope.org, at their earliest convenience.

MEETING DATES AND TIMING

Wednesday, 27 September 2017

10.00 – 18.00 Meeting session

18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

Thursday, 28 September 2017

9.00 – 12.30 Meeting session

More details on the agenda can be found at the meeting web page

<http://foresteurope.org/event/12063/>

VENUE

The venue of the meeting is the Premium Business Hotel, located in Starý Ružinov quarter of Bratislava, close to Štrkovec lake. The closest bus stops of public transport are Drieňová and Bajkalská.

Hotel is situated 5 km to the west from the Bratislava Airport, 2.4 km to the NE from central bus station and 3.5 km to the east from Central railway station.

Address:

Priekopy 20/A,
821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

For more info on hotel facilities visit <http://hotel-premium.sk/en/>

LANGUAGE, DOCUMENTS & ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The meeting will be conducted in English. The documents for the meeting will be at the meeting web page <http://foresteurope.org/event/12063/>

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. Dinner will be provided on Wednesday 27 September 2017. Lunch is not included in the meeting arrangements, however a restaurant is available in the hotel.

ARRIVAL DETAILS

To travel to Bratislava, you can take a flight directly to Bratislava Airport or alternatively you can use Vienna International 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 about 1 hour and buses are available 20 times a day. Timetable and further information on shuttle buses is available at:

http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/cestovne_poriadky/mal_new/rakusko.pdf. The bus ticket price is ~ 5 € and can be bought in advance at <http://www.slovaklines.sk/main-page.html> (from the airport “Wien, Flughafen Wien” to Bratislava bus station “Bratislava AS”).

Bratislava Airport and Bratislava central bus station (Bratislava, AS)

Local bus line No. 61 starts at Bratislava Airport and in 16 minutes can bring you to the bus stop Bajkalská.

Local bus line No. 78 can bring you in 7 minutes from stop Mlynské nivy (next street in front of central bus station Bratislava AS) to the stop Bajkalská.

Local bus line No. 74 can bring you from stop Bajkalská to the next stop Drieňová, the closest one to the venue (press stop button in advance to get out at Drieňová).

The tickets can be bought in automats at stops, price is 1.20 € for connection from/to the airport, 0.70 (0,9) € for 15 (30) minutes within the city; ticket has to be validated in the bus and is valid for all lines within the time limit.

Taxi service is also available. We recommend to call taxi by phone, e.g. [Easy Taxi](http://www.easytaxi.sk) (+421 918 555 555) uses fixed fares 5 EUR within the city center (8 EUR to/from Bratislava airport). If you choose another taxi, we recommend to ask the taxi driver for price in advance – the fare within Bratislava (including airport) should not exceed 10 EUR.

Central railway station (Bratislava, hlavná stanica)

Local bus line No. 61 starts at Bratislava central railway station and in 9 minutes can bring you to the bus stop Bajkalská.

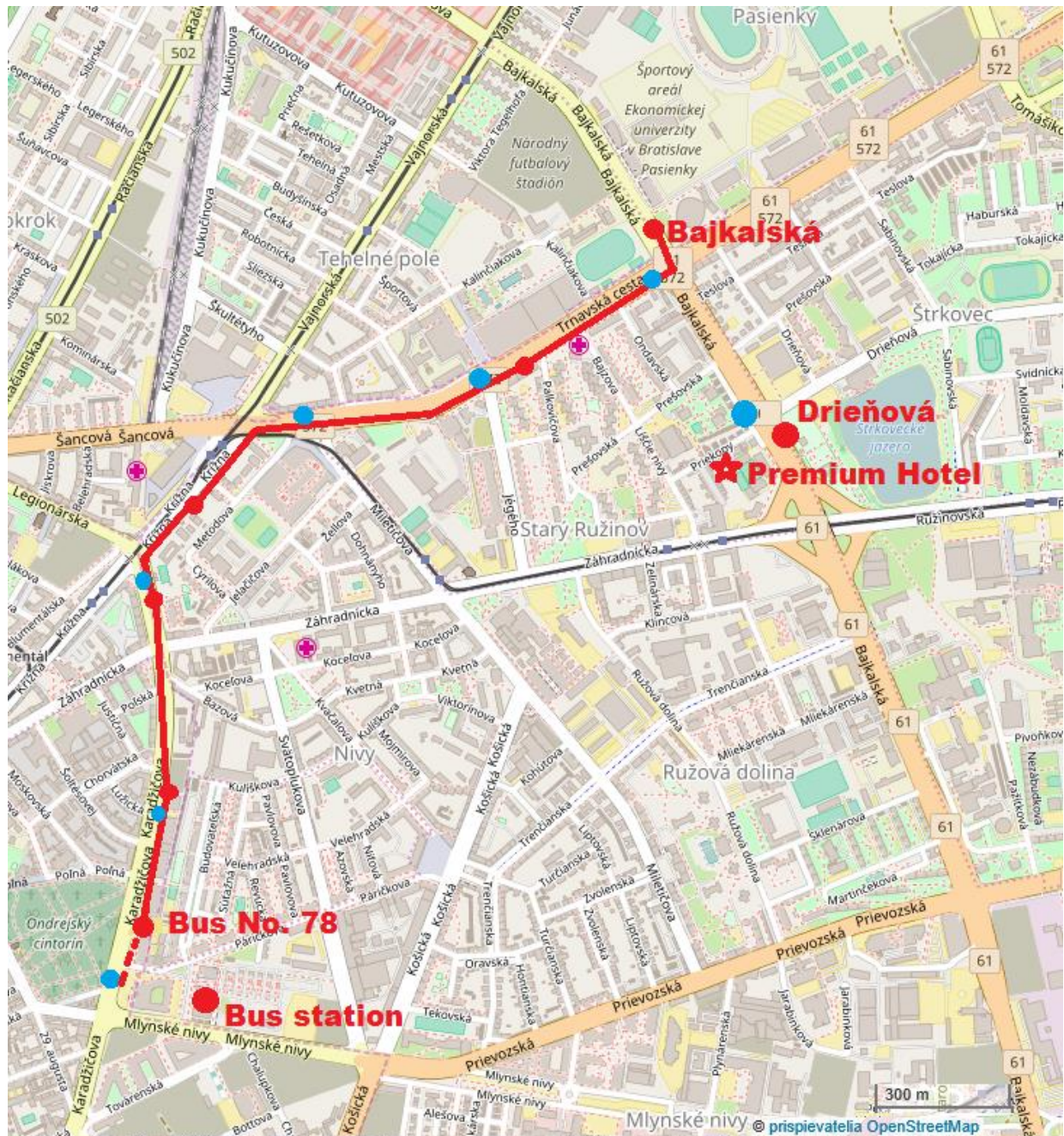
Travel by car

The hotel is situated in central part of Bratislava (for further details see the map <http://hotel-premium.sk/en/location/>). Free parking is possible next to the hotel building.

Local transport

Routes/lines of local public transport can be found at <https://imhd.sk/ba/mapa-schema-fullscreen/1794/Linky-MHD-a-IDS-20170801> and the timetables at <https://imhd.sk/ba/cestovne-poriadky>.

Figure: Route segment of city bus line No. 78 (red circles – stops in direction to Bajkalská, blue circles – stops in direction to Mlynske nivy); city bus No. 74 connects Bajkalská to Drieňová



ACCOMMODATION

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Liaison Unit Bratislava has arranged a limited number of rooms for participants in **Premium Business Hotel Bratislava******

Priekopy 20/A, 821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

Phone: +421 2 4949 1055 (please refer to "FOREST EUROPE Advisory Group")

Web: <http://hotel-premium.sk/en/contact-us/>

Price: pre-paid non-refundable accommodation in a single room starts at ~ 65 €/night, breakfast is included, city tax 1.70 €/night is not included.

The closest alternative hotels are:

Aston Hotel*****

Bajkalska 22, Ružinov, 821 09 Bratislava, Slovensko,

Phone: +421 2 5363 2038

Web: <http://www.hotelaston.sk/kontakt/>

e-mail: hotelaston@hotelaston.sk

Hotel Nivy***

Líščie nivy 3, Ružinov, 82108 Bratislava, Slovensko,

Phone: +421 2 5541 0390 - 95

Web: <http://hotelnivy.sk/en>

e-mail: hotel@hotelnivy.sk

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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