



## First meeting of the Expert Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

6–7 September 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia

### Useful Information

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

#### REGISTRATION

To register for the meeting please visit the following webpage:

<http://foresteurope.org/event/12057/>

The deadline for registration of participants is **1 September 2017**.

#### MEETING DATES AND TIMING

##### Wednesday, 6 September 2017

08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00 – 13.00	Session
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 17.30	Session
19.00	Reception

##### Thursday, 7 September 2017

09.00 – 13.00	Session
13.30 – 17.00	Field trip [Please see information below]
17.30	End of meeting

#### VENUE

The meeting will take place at the Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel located in the Bratislava city centre (close to the central railway station). The sessions will be held in the conference room Decor on the ground floor. Registration desk and information point will be located near the entrance to the conference hall.

##### Address:

Zabotova 2,  
811 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

For more details on the venue visit <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6840-mercure-bratislava-centrum-hotel/index.shtml>

#### LANGUAGE, DOCUMENTS & ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The meeting will be conducted in English only. The documents for the meeting will be provided in English.

The session will be organized in the form of roundtable discussions with introductory presentations on the issues addressed. Two break-out sessions are planned.

## MEALS

There will be coffee/tea breaks during the meeting and a working lunch will be provided by the organizers on Wednesday 6 September. Participants of the meeting are cordially invited for reception on Wednesday 6 September at 19.00 at the Signature restaurant (Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel). Lunch on Thursday 7 September will be provided in the form of lunch boxes upon departure by bus for the field trip (departure at 13.30 from the Hotel).

## ARRIVAL DETAILS

To travel to Bratislava, you can take a flight to Vienna International Airport, or alternatively you may use the smaller 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/rakusko.pdf](http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/cestovne_poriadky/mal_new/rakusko.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”).

### **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](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.

### **Central Railway Station**

The hotel is situated just 400 m (5 minutes by walk) from the Central Railway Station.

### **Travel by car**

The hotel is situated in Bratislava city centre (for further details see the map <http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6840-mercure-bratislava-centrum-hotel/location.shtml>)

There is a car park and garage available in the hotel building with direct access to the hotel. The fee is 20 EUR/day for Garage parking and 10 EUR/day for outdoor parking.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Liaison Unit Bratislava has arranged a limited number of rooms for FOREST EUROPE participants in Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel.

### **Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel\*\*\*\***

Address: Zabotova 2A, 811 04 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 57 277 000

Web: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6840-mercure-bratislava-centrum-hotel/index.shtml>

There are several other hotels near the meeting venue:

**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](mailto:reservation@lofthotel.sk)

Distance to venue: 600 m

**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](mailto: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](mailto:recepacia@hotelmatysak.sk)

Distance to venue: 500 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 **21 August 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>

## WEATHER FORECAST

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

## **FIELD TRIP**

On Thursday 7 September afternoon, participants of the Expert Group meeting are kindly invited to a field trip. Bus with participants will be leaving directly from the hotel at 13.30 (lunch boxes will be provided). The trip will lead to pine ecosystems on sands in Záhorie, about 40 minutes drive from Bratislava. Scots pine was planted artificially in the natural desert-like, often saline areas north-east of Bratislava about 150 years ago. They now provide a very unique ecosystem with rare species of plants and insects. Participants will see technologies for pine natural regeneration and planting in sand dunes. Return at the hotel (central train station) is expected by 17.30.

The weather in Bratislava region in September is usually dry with intermittent rain. The average temperature is very mild at 17 °C. Casual wear is sufficient for the trip.

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