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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Central and Eastern Europe will be held in Belgrade, Serbia from Tuesday, 16 April to Thursday, 18 April 2019.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 April, and registration will take place at the venue at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

National Assembly building

Kralja Milana 14

Belgrade, 11000, Serbia

Tel.: +38111-3026-100

E-mail: protokol@parlament.rs

Website: <http://www.parlament.gov.rs/national-assembly/contact.535.html>

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3. Working language

The consultation will be held in English, with Russian interpretation.

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the consultation and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Documents are available on the following web page:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-04>

5. General information on access to Belgrade, Serbia



Belgrade is serviced by the Nikola Tesla International Airport, which is about 14 km from the city centre. Taxis are available at the arrivals hall, the trip costs between RSD 1,400-1,800 (approx. US \$13 - US \$17) and the journey takes about 20 minutes. Please note that participants should go to the TAKSI INFO counter behind the baggage claim and ask for the voucher for the ride to the selected hotel/part of the city. Some hotels offer shuttle service, so be sure to inquire when making your hotel reservation. More information is available at https://beg.aero/eng/parking_access/transport/taxi_service

There are also busses available to and from the airport. The information is as follows:

https://beg.aero/eng/parking_access/transport/public_transportation

- **Bus line A1, route:**

Direction A Slavija Square - Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport

Direction B Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport - Slavija Square

Route map and timetable can be found at: https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-A1-Belgrade_Beograd-3304-874935-635679-2538832

Ticket price: 300 RSD (tickets can be obtained on the bus)

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes

- **Bus PTC “Belgrade” Line 72, route:**

Direction: Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport - Zeleni venac

Direction: Zeleni venac - Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport

Ticket price: 89 RSD (valid 90 min., if bought in kiosk it should be used together with a refill bus card, which costs 250 RSD), 150 RSD (bought in a bus, also valid 90 min.) Approximate travel time: 30 - 40 minutes.

6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Serbia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Serbian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Serbian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia at: <http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-requirements>.

The visa application form: http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/images/stories/pdf/visaform_lat.pdf

The link Embassies and consular missions abroad is as follows: <http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/embassies/serbian-diplomatic-missions/serbian-embassies>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue invitation letters and visa-assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible.** A hotel list in the vicinity of the venue can be found in Annex A below.

Further information on hotels can be found on the website of the National Tourism Organization of Serbia at the following link: <http://www.serbia.com/>



8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop in the form of a prepaid credit card. For identification purposes, these participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes, which will be photocopied and returned to participants during the workshop. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they are provided with the prepaid credit card from which they will access their DSA.

9. Official language in Serbia

The official language in Serbia is Serbian. English is understood and spoken in majority of hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information



In April, temperatures in Belgrade, Serbia range between a maximum of 18°C in the daytime and a minimum of 7°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:

<http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=198>.

The standard time zone in Serbia in April is CEST (Central European Summer Time) which is equivalent to GMT/ UTC +2 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Serbia are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The plugs are as shown in the illustrations below:



12. Currency



The currency in Serbia is the Serbian Dinar. The current exchange rate, as of 18 March 2019, is US \$1 = RSD 104.38 and € 1 = RSD 118.02 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com, http://www.nbs.rs/export/sites/default/internet/english/scripts/kl_devize.html).

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A – Hotel Listing

Current rate of exchange:
US \$1 = RSD 104.38 and € 1 = RSD 118.02

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES FOR 2019 in EUROS

PRICES EXCLUDE VAT (RESIDENCE TAX FOR HOTELS¹)

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
(In general all hotels offer wi-fi service)

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN EUROS (Rates may vary)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
<p>1. Metropol Palace Hotel 5-star hotel Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000 Belgrade Tel. +381 11 3333100 Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/beglc-metropol-palace-a-luxury-collection-hotel-belgrade/</p>	105 €	15 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • SPA
<p>2. Hilton Belgrade 4-star hotel Kralja Milana 35, Beograd 11000 Tel.+381 11 7555700 Website: https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/serbia/hilton-belgrade-BEGBSHI/index.html</p>	139 €	7 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • SPA
<p>Mercure Belgrade Excelsior 4-star hotel Kneza Milosa 5, Beograd 11000 Tel. +381 11 3231381 Website: https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-B1E1-mercure-belgrade-excelsior/index.shtml</p>	70 €	5 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
<p>Mark Hotel Belgrade 4-star hotel 29 Resavska Belgrade Srbija RS, 11000 Tel. +381 11 3345400 Website: http://www.markhotelbelgrade.com/</p>	60 €	5 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
<p>Marquise Hotel 4-star hotel Misarska 6, Belgrade 11000 Tel. +381 69 1400211 Website: http://www.marquisehotel.rs/home.php</p>	58 € (double room/single use) 67 € (double room/two persons)	10 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast

¹ Approximately 1,3€/per day

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN EUROS (Rates may vary)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
Public House Hotel 4-star hotel Kneza Milosa 14 Beograd RS Belgrade, 11000 Tel. +381 11 4003070 Website: http://public-house.hotels-in-belgrade.com	65 €	5 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
Hotel Helvetia 4-star hotel Resavska 11, Beograd 11000 Tel.+381 11 3348993 Website: http://helvetia.hotels-in-belgrade.com	60 €	7 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
Argo Hotel Belgrade 3-star hotel Kralja Milana 25, Beograd 11000 Tel.: +381 11 3640421 Website: http://www.argohotelbelgrade.com	55 € (double room/single use) 65 € (double room/two persons)	5 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
Hotel "Park" Belgrade 3-star hotel Njegoseva 2/a, 11000 Belgrade Tel. +381 11 4146800 Website: http://www.hotelparkbeograd.rs	50 €	15 minutes	Rates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast
