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ECOLOGICAL URBAN PLANNING TO MANAGEMENT
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN – SUBNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER
Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 15-17 May 2013

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Mediterranean Biodiversity Network: from Ecological Urban Planning to Management in the Mediterranean – Subnational Cooperation and Knowledge Transfer meeting will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 15 to 17 May 2013.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 May 2013, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day at the venue.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Hotel Europe

Vladislava Skarića 5

71000 Sarajevo, BiH

Tel: +387 (0)33 580 400, 580 500

Fax: +387 (0)33 580 580

Web site: <http://www.hoteleurope.ba/>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English with French interpretation.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CLA-MED-02>

5. General information on access to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Sarajevo is serviced by the Sarajevo International Airport which is about 8 kms from the city centre and should take about 20-25 minutes. Taxis are available at the arrivals hall and cost about US 10 – 15.

6. Visa information



Participants entering Bosnia and Herzegovina will need to have a valid passport and required visas. Further information on visa requirements is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at: http://www.mfa.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/Default.aspx.

Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Bosnia and Herzegovina. All other participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest diplomatic or consular mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa

Nationals of the following states may enter into Bosnia and Herzegovina with a passport or a valid identity card proving identity and citizenship of:

- Member State of the European Union
- State signatory to the Schengen Agreement
- Andorra, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, San Marino, Serbia, the Holy See and Switzerland.

The minimum amount of financial resources required for the stay of foreigners on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina is KM 150.00 (or equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency) - for each day of the intended stay.

The location of the Bosnia and Herzegovina embassies and missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina at: http://www.mfa.ba/ambasade_konzulati_misije/ambasade_konzulati_i_stalne_misije_bih/Default.aspx

7. Hotel information



A list of hotels close to the meeting venue is provided below.

Hotel Europe

Vladislava Skarića 5
71000 Sarajevo, BiH
Tel: +387 (0)33 580 400, 580 500
Fax: +387 (0)33 580 580
Reservations: Tel: +387 (0)33 580 570, 580 444
E-mail: reservation@hoteleurope.ba
Web site: <http://www.hoteleurope.ba/>
Single room rate: €70

Hotel Astra

Ul. Zelenih beretki br.9
71000 Sarajevo, BiH
Tel: +387 33 252 100 +387 33 252 200
Fax: +387 33 209 939
E-mail: h.astra@bih.net.ba
Web site: <http://www.hotel-astra.com.ba/eng/>
Single room rate: €50

Hotel ASTRA Garni

Ul. Kundurdžiluk br.2
71000 Sarajevo, BiH
Tel: +387 33 475 100, +387 33 475 200
Fax: +387 33 476 300
E-mail: h.astra.garni@bih.net.ba
Web site: http://www.astra-garni.com.ba/eng/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=19
Single room rate: €50

Further information on hotels and tourism can be found at the following web site:
<http://www.bhtourism.ba/eng/>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to sponsored participants by the Secretariat on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina

There are three official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian.

10. Weather and Time Zone information



In May, temperatures range between a maximum of 20°C and minimum of 8 degrees Celsius. Current weather conditions can be found at:
<http://www.worldweather.org/005/c00013.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC + 2 hours

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Bosnia and Herzegovina are 230 volts, 50 Hertz. The power plugs used in are shown below.



12.



The currency in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Bosnian Convertible Marka (BAM) (KM). The current exchange rate as at 3 May 2013 is US \$1.00 = BAM 1.50 and (Euro) € 1 = SGD \$1.96.

13. Disclaimer

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