

Invitation

Pan European Green Belt Meeting, 18th -21st November 2007 **Bratislava / Stupava • Slovakia**

Networking – for Nature and Development



Dear Green Belt Friends and Partners!

Since the start of the initiative in Bonn/Germany 2003 and the first working group meeting in Sarród/Hungary in 2004, the European Green Belt has developed to a well-known and internationally accepted initiative, linking partners in nature conservation across borders – and across economic sectors. A number of objectives, formulated in the Programme of Work, have been achieved since then, and the community of Green Belt partners is still steadily growing. Numerous activities on the national level were and are integrated into the initiative's enhancement, and the positive media response underlines the necessity to communicate the natural heritage as well as the economic potential of the former East-West-Barrier.

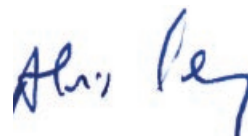
Following a series of regional meetings in 2005 and 2006, we now have the pleasure to invite you to the **pan-European Green Belt Meeting** in Slovakia, which will be held in the **Hotel Stupava** near the city of Bratislava. The programme starts on Sunday evening **18th November** and ends on Wednesday **21st November** at lunchtime.

The Green Belt is an initiative spanning 23 countries. Its objectives range from the local to the global level. The route of the Green Belt is divided into 3 regional sections:

- Fennoscandia and the Baltic States – from the Barents Sea to Poland
- Central Europe – from Poland to Croatia
- South Eastern Europe and the Balkan States – from the Republic of Serbia to the Black Sea

Cross border cooperation in nature conservation and area management is the theme of the Green Belt initiative as well as of the pan-European meeting in November. Sharing our vision and experiences as well as discussing further opportunities for the conservation of biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable regional development along and across all borders along the Green Belt will form the groundwork of our meeting in Bratislava.

Looking forward to seeing you in Bratislava in November,



IUCN Green Belt Coordination Office

Conference Venue and Accommodation

The conference is held and accommodation is booked in the Stupava Hotel, just outside of Bratislava.

Address of the Stupava Hotel:

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Transport

Transport will be arranged from Bratislava (or Vienna) Airport and Bratislava (or Vienna) Train Station according to your dates given in the registration form. The exact time and place for departure will be announced directly to the registered participants, together with other practical information.

Reimbursement of Expenses

The Regional Meeting will be funded by BfN, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation with funds from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment. The budget will cover the costs for accommodation and meals for participants from Green Belt associated partners from new EU member and transition states, where this is necessary. Within the limit of our budget this can be extended to transport allowances helping to cover the non-expensive and convenient ways of travelling.

We urge member organisations from other countries to cover all meeting costs for their participants. If this turns out to be a problem, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Application

Fill in the registration form and send it by mail or fax to Katharina Diehl, Green Belt Coordination Office until October 30th. You will receive a confirmation letter in due time. Email: katharina.diehl@iucn.org

There is no registration fee.

Language

The conference language will be English.

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Location:



We warmly welcome you to Bratislava and the pan European Green Belt Meeting 2007.

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