




## LOGISTICS NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

<p><b>Pre-Forum Welcome Reception</b></p>	<p><i>Welcome Cocktail – 21 March, 7 PM</i> <b>Reduta</b> Medená 100/3, 811 02 Staré Mesto, Bratislava, Slovakia <a href="http://www.reduta.sk/">http://www.reduta.sk/</a></p>
<p><b>Meeting timing and venue</b></p>	<p>The event will start at 9.00 am on Thursday March 22, 2018. International participants are asked to arrive on Wednesday March 21, 2018. The event will end on Saturday March 24, 2018 at 12.30 pm. Please plan your departure accordingly.</p> <p><b>Historical Building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic</b> Župné námestie 11 Bratislava, Slovakia <a href="http://www.eu2016.sk/sk/dejiska/historicka-budova-narodnej-rady-slovenskej-republiky">http://www.eu2016.sk/sk/dejiska/historicka-budova-narodnej-rady-slovenskej-republiky</a></p>
<p><b>Gala Dinner</b></p>	<p><i>Gala Dinner – 22 March, 7 PM</i> <b>Aucafe</b> <a href="http://www.au-cafe.sk/footer/">http://www.au-cafe.sk/footer/</a> Tyršovo nábrežie, 851 01 Petržalka, Bratislava, Slovakia</p>
<p><b>Field Visit Locations for Saturday, March 24</b></p>	<p><b>The field visit activity is optional.</b> Participants will tour three locations: GA Drilling, Slovakia’s leading geothermal company; Binarium, and the Pilot Factory at TU Vienna. Participants are welcome to remain in Vienna once the tour is over or return to Bratislava.</p> <p><b>More information on field visits will be provided at the forum.</b></p> <p>GA Drilling, Bratislava <a href="https://www.gadrilling.com/">https://www.gadrilling.com/</a></p> <p>Binarium, The Digital Sanctuary, Bratislava <a href="https://www.binarium.sk/">https://www.binarium.sk/</a></p> <p>Pilot Factory Industry 4.0 at the Technical University Vienna <a href="http://pilotfabrik.tuwien.ac.at/en/">http://pilotfabrik.tuwien.ac.at/en/</a></p>
<p><b>Registration</b></p>	<p>Participants are invited to register at the following link: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/hHcJRaSAJamQZtZE3">https://goo.gl/forms/hHcJRaSAJamQZtZE3</a></p> <p>Registration will facilitate booking your hotels and visa support, if needed.</p> <p>Please contact your local WBG contact person with questions regarding participation in this event.</p>

<p><b>Visa Information</b></p>	<p>Slovakia is a member of the Schengen zone.</p> <p><b>To verify your nationality-specific entry requirements, please use this link:</b>  <a href="http://www.slovak-republic.org/visa-embassies/#who-needs">http://www.slovak-republic.org/visa-embassies/#who-needs</a></p> <p>If you need a letter of support from the World Bank to apply for your visa, please fill out the information in the relevant section of the registration link:  <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/hHcJRaSAJamQZtZE3">https://goo.gl/forms/hHcJRaSAJamQZtZE3</a></p>
<p><b>Accommodation for participants</b></p>	<p>Accommodation in Falkensteiner Hotel Bratislava and Hotel Radisson Blu is available for the period March 21 – March 24<sup>th</sup> at a discounted rate. Subsidized participants are expected to cover any costs incurred after the forum ends. <b>If you would like to take advantage of the discounted rate, please register for the forum via the link provided by March 10<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>Hotel Falkensteiner Bratislava</b>  Pilarikova ulica 5, SK-811 03 Bratislava  Tel: +421 259236702  139 EUR per night</p> <p><b>Hotel Radisson Blu</b>  Hviezdoslavovo námestie 185/3, 811 02 Bratislava  Tel: +421 259390500  141.50 EUR per night</p>
<p><b>Meals</b></p>	<p>Breakfast is included in the price of hotel.</p> <p>Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers at the forum location.</p> <p>A welcome reception will be held on the day of arrival, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and a gala dinner will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is a free evening.</p>
<p><b>Transportation to Bratislava</b></p>	<p>Participants are kindly requested to arrange their own travel to the Forum.</p> <p><b><u>Vienna Schwechat Airport (VIE):</u></b> most international flights land at Schwechat, which is about 45 minutes away from Bratislava with convenient bus transportation to Bratislava City Center.</p> <p>Buses leave from Bay 4 outside Terminal 3 at approximately 30-minute intervals. Tickets are up to 7-8 euros, payment in cash only. There is an ATM located just outside arrivals at Terminal 3, left of the exit from the baggage claim.</p> <p>Buses drop passengers off at the main bus station (AS Mlynske Nivy).</p>

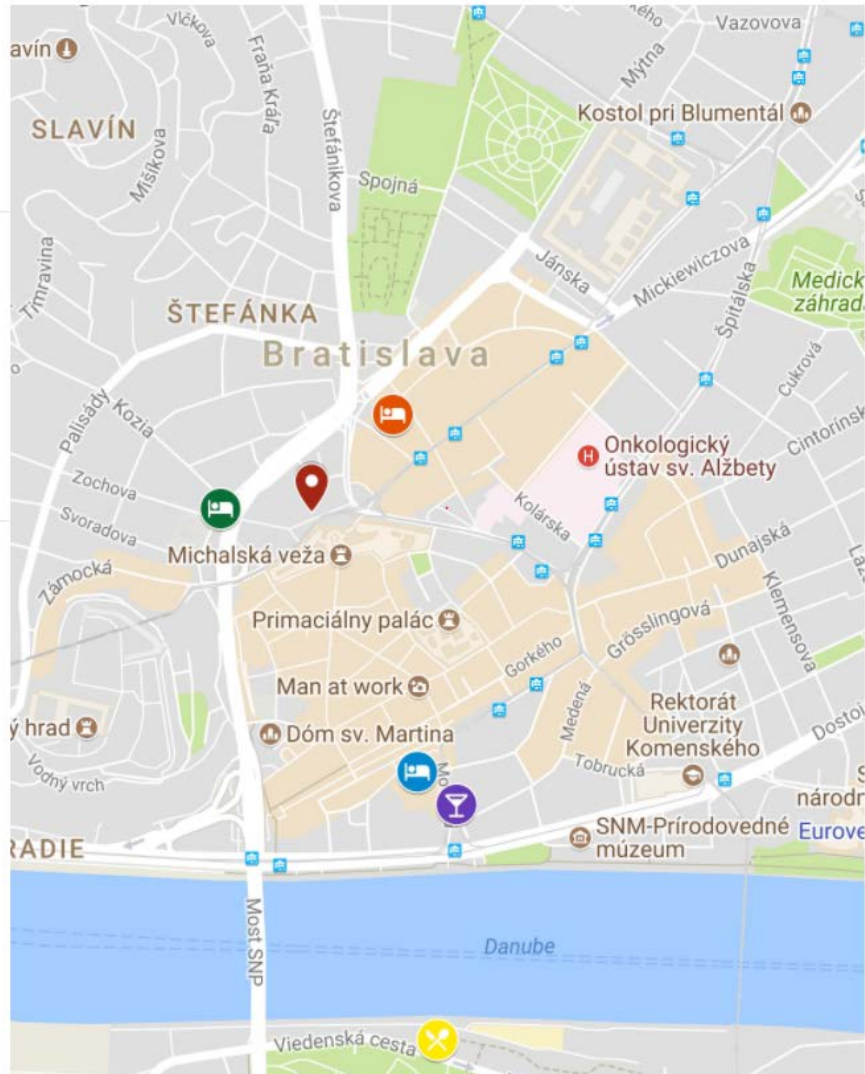
	<p>Taxi: please use one of the numbers below to call a taxi rather than picking one up at the station – prices are not fixed, and there have been multiple cases of English-speaking passengers getting overcharged.</p> <p><b>Bratislava Airport (BTS):</b> low-cost flights and some international flights land at Bratislava Airport, located approximately 20-30 minutes from the city center. Participants can use either taxi (we recommend to call the company directly) or bus to get to the city center.</p> <p><b>Bus 61</b> will drop participants off at the Main Railway Station (stop <u>Hlavná stanica</u>), which is walking distance to the event venue and the hotels.</p>
<p><b>Public Transport in Bratislava</b></p>	<p>If participants stay in one of the recommended hotels, the event venue as well as the city center will be within walking distance.</p> <p><b>Link to the city center map:</b> <a href="https://www.bratislavaguide.com/map">https://www.bratislavaguide.com/map</a></p> <p><b>Link to public transportation routes:</b> <a href="http://www.dpb.sk">www.dpb.sk</a>. Participants can either search for bus routes or insert an origin and destination to get the most convenient itinerary. Bus tickets cost 90 cents and can be purchased at news kiosks and bus stop ticket machines (coins only).</p> <p><b>Link to public transportation map:</b> <a href="http://www.dpb.sk/media/file/Mapa_MHD_01_2017_NEW.pdf">http://www.dpb.sk/media/file/Mapa_MHD_01_2017_NEW.pdf</a></p> <p><b>By taxi:</b> We recommend installing either the Hop In (local) or Uber applications.</p> <p>Taxi Taxi: +421 2 16 077 Fun Taxi: +421 2 16 016 Please make sure the taxi meter is on.</p>
<p><b>Currency</b></p>	<p>Slovakia uses the Euro. Banks and ATMs are widely available in Bratislava, but we recommend that travelers carry small cash bills with them in order to pay for public transport and small purchases.</p>
<p><b>Sightseeing</b></p>	<p>The Forum will be held in the historic old town, where participants may visit Bratislava Castle or St. Martin’s Cathedral, which overlook the Danube, as well as many churches, markets, and historic buildings. Devin Castle is a 20 minute bus ride outside of the old town. Please see the link below for more information.</p> <p><a href="https://www.visitbratislava.com/">https://www.visitbratislava.com/</a></p>
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Forum Location

-  Forum Location
-  Reception (Reduta)
-  Gala Dinner (Au Cafe)

Hotels

-  Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, Bratislava
-  Falkensteiner Hotel Bratislava
-  Crowne Plaza Bratislava



Link to interactive map:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1znE1tkkX1Mup2kffocxEK3AFJWeN7fj-&usp=sharing>

**We look forward to seeing you in Bratislava!**