



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
The Secretariat**

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**27<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

**SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING**

“Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through energy co-operation, new technologies, good governance and connectivity in the digital era”

**Bratislava, 27 - 28 May 2019**

**Hotel Crowne Plaza**

**UPDATED LOGISTICAL MODALITIES**

(in addition to the preliminary Logistical Modalities/EEF.GAL/7/19)

**VENUE**

The Forum Meeting will take place at the hotel Crowne Plaza, Hodžovo námestie 2, 816 25 Bratislava, Slovakia (<https://cpbratislava.sk/>)

**ONLINE REGISTRATION – Deadline: Friday, 17 May 2019**

*Only registered participants will be granted access to the venue.*

Each participant is requested to **register online** before the **deadline of 17 May 2019** through the link accessible via URL or QR code (for your mobile phone).

<https://events.osce.org/27eef-second/registration>



As registrations are subject to approval, participants have to provide a minimum of compulsory information when they submit their on-line registration, including an email address. A personal password is required as well. One single person may register different participants, with the use of the same password and email address.

Upon registration, participants will receive a first communication but the actual confirmation of their registration will only follow after its approval.

**Please note, that the log-in as well password created for this event will enable participants to also register via “events.osce.org” for other OSCE events in the future.**

Until or after the registration deadline (Friday, 17 May 2019), registered participants may use their password for a second access (or more accesses) to their on-line registration form, in view of updating a number of ‘non-compulsory’, additional fields (i.e. date of arrival, accommodation, participation to reception), until and at latest by Thursday, 23 May 2019.

In addition to the online registration, Delegations should notify the ranking and the title of their members by sending an e-mail to [andrea.gredler@osce.org](mailto:andrea.gredler@osce.org).

## FIELD VISIT - Tuesday, 28 May 2019

The Forum Meeting consists of

- **Monday, 27 May, 09:30 – 19:15: Plenary Sessions taking place at the hotel Crowne Plaza** (Hodžovo námestie 2, 816 25 Bratislava),
- **Tuesday 28 May: Field Visit.** See detailed programme in Annex 1.

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, the second day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Meeting of the 27th EEF in Bratislava, the 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship offers to participants a very interesting field trip programme which starts with an opening panel of the Spring ITAPA Conference. The opening part of ITAPA Conference will be devoted to the topic of digital transformation in the context of the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship (English only).

The organizer will provide the *bus transfer* from Crowne Plaza Hotel (main venue of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting of the 27th EEF) to the Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel where the Spring ITAPA Conference will be held.

The programme continues with a boat trip at the Danube river to Gabčíkovo, buffet lunch on the boat, expert excursions and a visit of a modern art gallery (consecutive interpretation English and Russian provided).

Please note, that it is a fixed programme out of Bratislava and it will be not possible to organize your individual transport during the day back to the hotel. The arrival to Bratislava is expected at 5. p.m.

- **08:00** **Bus transfer from the Crowne Plaza Hotel** (Hodžovo námestie 2) **to the Spring ITAPA Conference ITPA, Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel** (Hviezdoslavovo nam.3)
- 16:30** **Return transfer to Bratislava** – arrival expected by 17:00  
**First stop:** bus station (“*Most SNP bus terminal*”)  
**Second stop:** train station (Main Train Station – Hlavná Stanica or Petržalka Railway Station - upon request)

### Participants leaving Bratislava after the Field Visit:

Participants can take their luggage and leave it in the bus during the entire day programme after the check-out in the morning and use the opportunity of a drop off :

- 1) at the bus station (“*Most SNP bus terminal*”)
  - 2) and train station (*Main Train Station – Hlavná Stanica or Petržalka Railway Station - upon request*) in Bratislava after the end of the field trip.
- **Please confirm your request for the drop off** at the **bus station or railway station** at the Accreditation Desk at the Forum Venue by Monday, 27 May, *at the latest by lunchtime.*

## BOOKING AT THE HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA, BRATISLAVA – Forum venue

Participants are kindly requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, which will not be paid for by the OSCE.

### ACCOMODATION at the HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA – Forum venue: see Annex 2

A limited number of rooms are available at a preferential rate at the Hotel Crowne Plaza (Forum venue) for the overnight 27- 29 May 2019.

Address: Hodžovo námestie 2, 816 25 Bratislava, Slovakia. (<https://cpbratislava.sk/>)

- Room rate 109 EUR/single room, incl. breakfast and taxes
- Please use the below booking link:

[https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/bratislava/btsha/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=BTSHA&qGrpCd=OBS&setPMCookies=true&qDest=Hodzovo%20Namestie%202,%20Bratislava,%20SK&srb\\_u=1](https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/bratislava/btsha/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=BTSHA&qGrpCd=OBS&setPMCookies=true&qDest=Hodzovo%20Namestie%202,%20Bratislava,%20SK&srb_u=1)

- Technical guidance for the online booking can be found in Annex 2
- Booking deadline: Wednesday, 15 May 2019.

## **FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION** (with reference to the preliminary Logistical Modalities (EEF.GAL/7/19))

VISA: In case assistance is required for visa applications, please fill in the visa application form and send it together with a passport copy, information on who will be funding travel and accommodation as well as the date when the visa interview at the Embassy has been arranged not later than 28 April 2019 to [michal.homza@mzv.sk](mailto:michal.homza@mzv.sk).

If an invitation letter is required, please contact the Office of the Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities by e-mail ([andrea.gredler@osce.org](mailto:andrea.gredler@osce.org)).

INTERPRETATION: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Russian during the plenary sessions. Please note that side events will be conducted in English only.

FORUM WEBSITE: All documents and presentations of the Forum Meeting will be published on the Forum Website: [https://www.osce.org/event/27th\\_eef\\_prep2](https://www.osce.org/event/27th_eef_prep2).

Requests for document distributions should be submitted to

SPEAKERS are kindly requested to send a short bio (with photo), an electronic copy of their presentation, and requests for technical support, in advance to the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities no later than 10 May 2019 (Ms. Brigitte Krech, E-mail: [brigitte.krech@osce.org](mailto:brigitte.krech@osce.org), tel. + 43 1 514 36 6619) and to take an electronic copy of their presentation (on a USB stick) *as back-up* to the Meeting.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE VIENNA AIRPORT AND BRATISLAVA, as well as directions to the Forum venue, Hotel Crowne Plaza can be found in Annex 3.

### Liability - insurance:

To the full extent permitted under applicable law, neither the OSCE or any of its officials, employees or other representatives shall be liable for loss or damage, however caused, arising out of or in connection with the participation in this conference. This is a comprehensive limitation of liability that applies to damages of any kind, including, without limitation, personal injury, loss of, or damage to, property and claims of third parties.

Please be aware that photographs and video/audio-recording of this event may be taken and used by the OSCE for publication purposes.

Additional information can be found in the initial “preliminary Logistical Modalities” (EEF.GAL/7/19).

### CONTACT

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**FIELD TRIP PROGRAMME, Tuesday 28. 05. 2019**

<b>08:00</b>	Bus Departure from Crowne Plaza Hotel
<b>08:30</b>	Opening pannel of the Spring ITAPA Conference 2019 (Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel – address: <i>Hviezdoslavovo námestie 3, 811 02 Bratislava</i> )
<b>10:30</b>	Bus departure from the Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel to Čunovo
<b>11:00</b>	Arrival in Čunovo, embarking
<b>11:10 – 13:00</b>	Boat trip to Gabčíkovo with buffet lunch Cruise through the lock chamber Disembarking at the Gabčíkovo Port
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b><u>Group 1:</u></b> Inspection of the Ministry of Interior Crisis Management equipment <b><u>Group 2:</u></b> Hydroelectric power station guided Tour <i>Short bus transfer of the Group no. 2 to the Hydroelectric power station</i>
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b><u>Group 1:</u></b> Hydroelectric power station guided Tour <i>Short bus transfer of the Group no. 1 to the Hydroelectric power station</i> <b><u>Group 2:</u></b> Inspection of the Ministry of Interior Crisis Management equipment
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	Transfer to Danubiana Modern Art Gallery, Čunovo
<b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	Danubiana Modern Art Gallery Tour (Guided upon request)
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	Return transfer to Bratislava

## BOOKING a room at the HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA (Venue of the FORUM)

Click on the below link:

[https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/bratislava/btsha/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=BTSHA&qGrpCd=OBS&setPMCookies=true&qDest=Hodzovo%20Namestie%202,%20Bratislava,%20SK&srb\\_u=1](https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/bratislava/btsha/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=BTSHA&qGrpCd=OBS&setPMCookies=true&qDest=Hodzovo%20Namestie%202,%20Bratislava,%20SK&srb_u=1)

New page will open in your default internet browser:

In case your stay preferences (dates of stay, Nr. of rooms, Nr. of guests) do not match the default data, click the “Change Search” button.

Then you can amend the details

- Check-in and check-out date

- Nr. of guests and Nr. of rooms

- Do NOT add “Corporate ID”

- Do NOT change the “Rate preference” field

- Do NOT change the “Group Code” field as is entered automatically. (When you do not see a code inserted try to use the link through other internet browser.)

Then click “Search” button.

(In case you cannot proceed to next step or following error message appears,

 The Group Code you provided does not exist at this hotel. Check the code and try again. If it still does not work, please [click here for assistance](#).

most probably you entered incorrect dates of stay or the rooms are not available in selected dates anymore. In both cases please contact the organizer or the hotel directly.)

Next page shows with available room types and rates. And on next pages to proceed with the actual booking.

Click on the price next to room type you chose. A next page will open: Click once again on the price to proceed with booking. Fill in all required contact details and also credit card details.

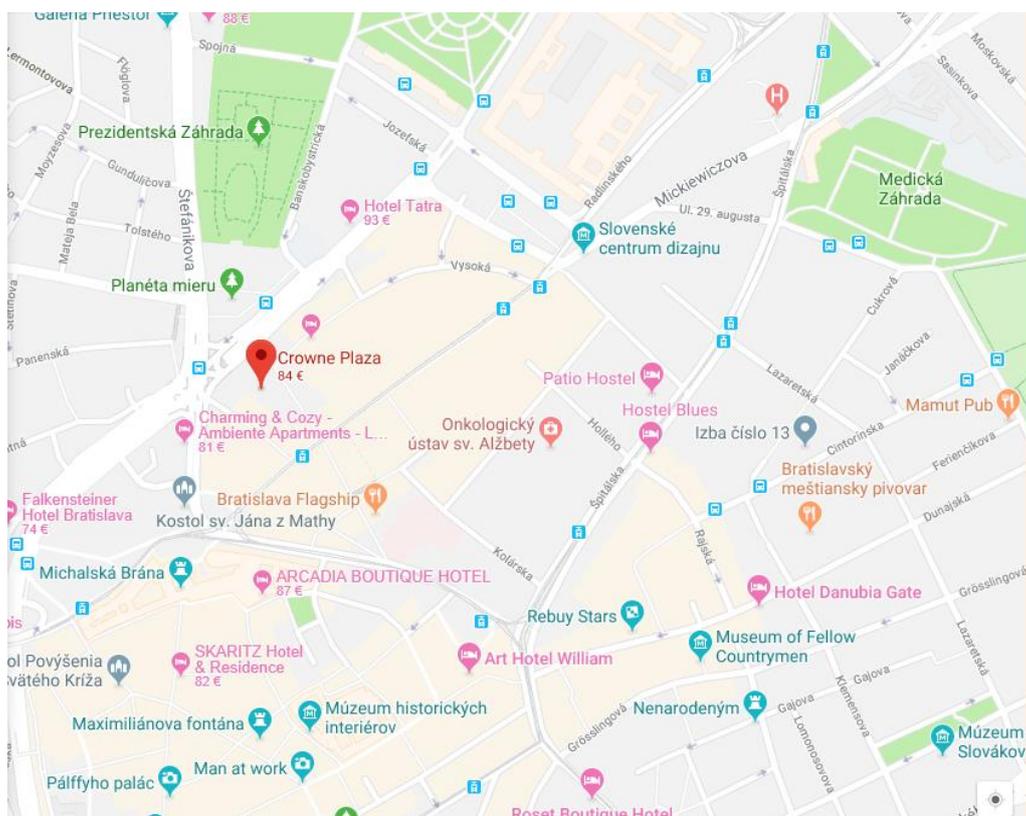
Booking is finalized by clicking on “BOOK RESERVATION” button.

Booking confirmation will be sent to you automatically to e-mail address provided.

Please contact the hotel directly in case of problems.

## Reaching the Forum venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel Bratislava \*\*\*\*

Location of the „Crowne Plaza Bratislava“ in the city centre



### From Bratislava Airport to the city center, near the hotel Crown Plaza:

The Bratislava Airport is connected with Bratislava City Centre by public transportation.

At the airport take the **bus No. 61** (Direction “Hlavná stanica” – Main Station).

A *change of bus* is required after 13 bus stops, at the stop: “**Zimný štadión**” (“**Ice Hockey stadium**”).

Please get off and change at that bus stop to **bus No. 207** (Direction “Železná studienka”). After 6 stops, you can get off at the **stop „Hodzovo namestie“**, which is situated just in front of the Hotel Crowne Plaza Bratislava.



### Bus connection from Vienna International Airport to Bratislava city centre:

Due to excellent connection possibility and convenient distance, Vienna International Airport is often used as landing airport when travelling to Bratislava. Bus connections from Bratislava to Vienna city centre or Vienna airport are available as well.

There excellent direct bus connections from the Vienna airport to Bratislava city centre:

- Departures app. every 30 minutes.
- from the bus stop situated right in front of arrivals hall in Vienna airport.
- The journey depending on traffic takes app. 1,5 hour and the costs vary according to time and company from 1 to 10 €. Tickets can be purchased on the bus, but it is highly recommended to purchase the tickets online well ahead of the travel dates.

### Options:

1) **Bus RegioJet** (Highly recommended by the organizer): <https://www.regiojet.com/>

The travel takes 1,5 h and the ticket fee is rd. 5€. There are 3 stops in Bratislave, the last one is at the Bratislava main bus station (“Mlynské Nivy”),

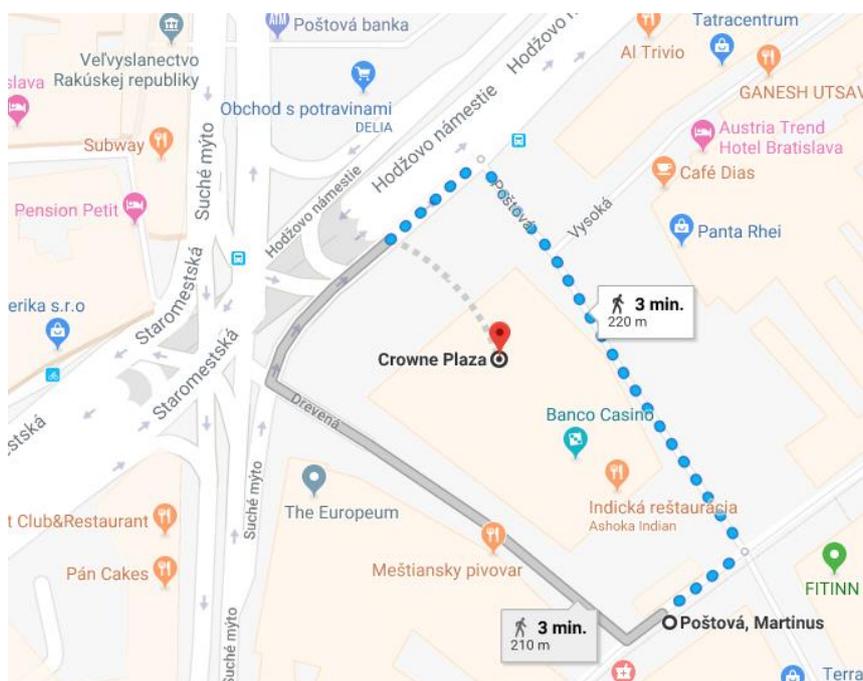
At your arrival in Bratislava, the organizers recommend to;

- get off at the 1st stop “Most SNP” (The SNP bridge), due to easier connection to the hotel Crowne Plaza Bratislava.
- From there take tram No. 4 direction „Zlate Piesky“,
- after 1 tram stop get off and change at the same tram station to tram No. 1 direction „Hlavna stanica“, which takes you close to the Crowne Plaza Bratislava hotel.
- After 2 stops get off at the tram station „Postova, Martinus“.
- Please see further directions for reaching the Hotel Crown Plaza on the below map.
- Tram tickets must be purchased prior to boarding the vehicle at the ticket vending machines available at most of the stops, newspapers kiosks or public transport operator's sales points.

2) **Flixbus**: <https://www.flixbus.co.uk/bus-timetable-stop/bratislava>

The travel takes 1,5 hour and costs rd. 5€.

At your arrival in Bratislave, the organizers recommend you to proceed as indicated above: to get off at “Most SNP” (The SNP bridge) bus stop and take the above described same tram connections.



### Connections from Vienna city to Bratislava by bus or train

The above listed bus companies also provide transfers to/from Vienna city.

**Train connections** are available as well between both cities, from Vienna main railway station “Hauptbahnhof” and from the central train station “AS Mlynské Nivy” in Bratislava. Tickets can be purchased online e.g. from the Austrian Railways: <https://www.oebb.at/en/> or directly at the respective railway station.