

ENSA 2017@Bratislava

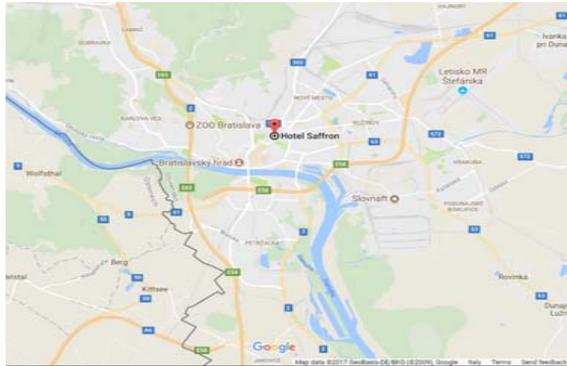
Giving soils a voice!

European Network on Soil Awareness
2017 Meeting

Venue

- 28/09: Hotel Saffron, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 29/09: Hotel Saffron, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 29/09 19:00-midnight: Optional public outreach event as part of European Researchers Night

Bratislava is easily accessible by road, rail and air (Vienna or Bratislava Airports – see 'Things to know').



Accommodation

Accommodation is possible at the Hotel Saffron in Bratislava, just 15 minutes walk from historic Old Town.

Reservation is possible via Ms. Fajnorova
fajnorova@hotelsaffron.sk

Reference **European Network of Soil Awareness Conference**.

Rooms rates: 69€/single or 79€/double
Participants are liable for their accommodation costs.

Prices are valid until **13th September 2017**.

www.hotelsaffron.sk
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Radlinského 27
811 07 Bratislava

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The fifth ENSA-JRC meeting aims to bring together people who have a common aim of raising awareness of the importance of soil. The meeting is a forum to exchange best practices and learn about what is happening across Europe. A key aspect will be the implementation of the European Soil Partnership Plan of Action on education and soil awareness.

Proposals for short interventions are welcome.

The evening of September 29th is the **European Researchers Night**. The JRC is planning to contribute to the event in Bratislava and invites workshop participants to join them to highlight soil issues.

For further details about any aspect of the meeting and for contributions, please contact any of the following people:

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Registration

Online registration is required via:

<http://web.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rem/>
The scroll to find:
JRC-ENSA Soil Awareness 2017 (Bratislava)

Deadline for online registration is **20th September**

Payment

No fee is requested to participate in the workshop.

The European Commission will offer refreshments (both dates), lunch and workshop dinner on 28/09. Lunch on the 29/09 will be available at the Hotel Saffron but on a self-pay basis.

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The European Soil Partnership (ESP) reflects the regional implementation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), an initiative of FAO supported by the EU, for increased governance of soil. Specifically, the ESP facilitates cooperation and knowledge sharing within the broader European region.

Pillar 2 of the ESP addresses policy, awareness, education, extension and investment. Pillar 2 is wide ranging in scope and that its core issues underpin many of the actions of the other pillars. In particular, the need to address the lack of societal awareness of the importance of soil, combined with a lack of education, is partly responsible for unsustainable land management, an overall lack of investment in soil and a political reluctance to meaningfully adopt and ensure soil protection and enhancement measures.

At a recent meeting in FAO, the ESP Implementation Plan 2017-2020 was approved.
http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/public_path/u891/2017-ESP-PA/20170608_ESP2017-2020_Implementation_Plan_final.pdf

The ENSA-JRC meeting in Bratislava will address key actions, physical outcomes, possible contributors, timeline and budgetary requirements for the ESP Pillar 2 Action Plan as well as topics such as communication channels, World Soil Day, support to EU and national soil policy development, engagement with extension services, scientific and technical cooperation and the need to demonstrate a positive return on soil investment.

Wednesday 27 September

Travel to Bratislava

Thursday 28 September

Hotel Saffron, Bratislava

09:00-12:00 Internal meeting JRC Working Group on Soil Awareness and Education

12:00-14:00 Workshop Registration & Buffet lunch

12:30 Buffet lunch (offered by European Commission) and networking opportunities

14:00 Formal start of meeting

Welcome
Scope of the meeting
Scene setting

- Recent developments in soil policy: EU and global perspectives
- European Soil Partnership and Pillar 2
- Key note presentations
- Presentations of soil communication, awareness raising and educational activities.
- Networking opportunities

18:00 End of day 1

19:00 Workshop dinner at Hotel Saffron (offered by European Commission) and networking opportunities

Friday 29 September

Hotel Saffron, Bratislava

09:00 Start of Day 2

- Discussion on implementation of ESP Pillar 2 goals

10:30 Coffee break and networking opportunities

- Implementation of ESP Pillar 2 (continued)
- World Soil Day 2017, Year of Pollution, etc.

12:30 Buffet lunch and networking opportunities

13:30 Start of afternoon session

- Next steps
- Conclusions

15:00 End of meeting & Refreshments

Friday 29 September
Evening
(optional)

European Researchers' Nights are dedicated to popular science and fun learning. They are a unique opportunity to meet researchers, talk to them, and find out what they really do for society, in interactive and engaging ways. This can be through hands-on experiments, science shows, learning activities for children, guided visits of research labs, science quizzes, games, competitions with researchers and more.

The European Researchers' Night takes place every year all over Europe and in neighbouring countries the last Friday of September.

This year's event will take place on Friday 29 September in over 300 cities.

The JRC is organising a space in for the event in Bratislava. Participants to the workshop who are interested in using the opportunity to engage with the people of Bratislava on the subject of soil are invited to contact arwyn.jones@ece.europa.eu

Things to know!

Please note that **transport** from Bratislava or Vienna Airports **will not be provided**.

The Hotel Saffron can arrange airport shuttles at the rate of 15€ (Bratislava airport) or 69€ (Vienna airport). In addition, Hotel Saffron can arrange to collect you from the main train (5€) and bus station (7€) in Bratislava. For reservations and further information, please contact Hotel Saffron rezervacia@hotelsaffron.sk

Alternatively from Vienna Airport: several companies offer express coach connections between Vienna Airport or Vienna City Centre and Bratislava. The following link provides a good overview:

<http://www.checkmybus.com/bratislava/vienna-airport>

Full travel options will be supplied to registered participants.

Alternatively from Bratislava Airport: Take Bus no 61 to the bus stop 'Račianské mýto', change to the tram 3 or 5 and get off at 'Blumentál'. Hotel Saffron is approximately 30m on the right. You need to buy a 60 minute ticket at bus stop in front of arrival hall of the airport - there is an orange ticket machine for coins.

If **travelling by car:** the Hotel Saffron has ample private parking on site (reservation is not needed) and costs EUR 8 per day.

If **travelling by bus or train:** the Hotel Saffron is approximately 1.5 km from Bratislava Hlavná stanica Railway Station and the central bus station. It is possible to reach the Hotel by Public Transport. Alternatively, please contact the Hotel Saffron directly if you would like to arrange a shuttle to meet you by email to: rezervacia@hotelsaffron.sk