

## 67<sup>TH</sup> FTP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

& JOINT WORKSHOP (FIELD TRIP) "DIGITALIZATION OF THE FOREST-BASED SECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN WOOD AND PAPER PROCESSING AND WASTE UTILIZATION PROCESSES"

**24-25 September 2024, Slovakia**

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### Practical Information

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Bellow you can find information on the meeting, venue, accommodation and other practical information.

#### REGISTRATION

To register for the meeting please visit the following webpage:

<https://forms.gle/veLGyec57LHMEh5M7>

We will appreciate the registration at your earliest convenience. The deadline for registration of participants is **01 September 2024**.

#### MEETING DATES AND TIMING

##### Tuesday, 24 September 2024

- 13:00 – 17:00 67th FTP Advisory Committee meeting
- 17:00 – 19:30 Shared transfer to Zvolen by bus
- 19:30 Accommodation in Zvolen

##### Wednesday, 25 September 2024

- 8:30 – 10:00 Visit of the biotechnology park of the National Forest Centre
- 10:00 – 13:00 Shared bus transfer to the Gabčíkovo
- 13:00 – 15:00 Visit to Gabčíkovo Research station
- 15:00 – 17:00 Shared transfer by bus to Bratislava/Vienna airport

#### VENUE

##### Pulp and Paper Research Institute

Dúbravská cesta 14,  
84104, Bratislava 4

For more details visit <http://www.vupc.sk/index.php/en>

## **LANGUAGE & DOCUMENTS**

The meeting will be conducted in English. The documents for the meeting will be provided in English only and delivered in due time.

## **MEALS**

There will be coffee breaks during the meeting and workshop (field trip) provided by the organizers.

Dinner in Zvolen is on individual basis of each participant, however restaurants are available in the hotels and several other options are available in a walking distance.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

### **Hotel FRANKO\*\*\***

Address: Ľ. Štúra 11, 960 01 Zvolen

Phone: +421 45 533 09 28

Web: <https://www.frankohotel.sk/index.html>

### **Hotel ACADEMIC\*\*\***

Hviezdoslavova 13, 960 01 Zvolen

Phone: +421 915 888 966

Web: <https://hotel.hotel-academic.sk/book-online/>

### **Hotel POL'ANA\*\*\***

Address: Námestie SNP 64/2, 960 01, Zvolen

Phone: +421 915 889 592

Web: <https://www.hotelpolana.sk>

### **Hotel TENIS\*\*\*\***

Address: Neresnícka cesta 13, 960 01 Zvolen

Phone: +421 915 988 811

Web: <https://www.hoteltenis.sk/en/>

## **FIELD TRIP**

The field trip will be organized as a joint workshop of the Centre of Excellence LignoSilva and the Forest-based sector Technology Platform (FTP) *"Digitalization of the forest-based sector and the implementation of new technologies in wood and paper processing and waste utilization processes"*.

The field trip will start on 25th September at 08:30 with the visit of the biotechnology park of the National Forest Centre - 3D CT scanner pilot line and splitting line for the making barrel splits and experiments with recycling of cellulose sludge and wood ash, using it as fertilizers in forest nurseries, forest soils, impact on seed, seedling, plant growth and environmental safety. Refreshment will be provided.

Afterwards, shared bus transfer to the Gabčíkovo joint research workplace of the National Forest Centre and the Pulp and Paper Research Institute will be provided. In Gabčíkovo Research station will be presented the experimental line for testing paper production and processing technology: The most significant part of the testing technology is the paper machine itself, which is approximately 40 m long and located partly on two floors. It is equipped with the other machines, such as a supercalender, a paper cutter, and an automatic die-cutting packaging machine, the online integrated-size press for the surface treatment of packaging paper. Also, presentation of ongoing projects aimed at the lowland Danube Forest (preservation of natural tree species, extensive wood production, including the plantation of poplar cultivars) will take place. Lunch will be provided for participants.

At the end, shared transfer by bus to Bratislava airport (arrival at 16:00) and Vienna airport (arrival at 17:00) will be arranged.

## **ARRIVAL DETAILS**

To travel to Bratislava, you can take a flight to Vienna International Airport, alternatively you may use Bratislava Airport.

### **Vienna International Airport**

Vienna airport is located 63 km from Bratislava. Shuttle service from Vienna airport to Bratislava Main Bus Station (Bratislava AS) is provided by the Slovak Lines Bus or Regio Jet. Bus stops are located in front of the Arrivals Hall. The journey takes for about 1 hour. The buses stop at Bratislava Bus Station "Bratislava – Autobusová Stanica Nivy". Timetable and further information on shuttle buses is available at:

[Slovak Lines](#)

[RegioJet](#)

## **Bratislava Airport**

Bratislava airport is located in the eastern part of Bratislava. To get to the meeting venue participants can take taxi or use public transport. We can recommend to call [Easy Taxi](#) (+421 918 555 555), which uses fixed fares (9 EUR to/from Bratislava airport). If you choose another taxi, we recommend to ask the taxi driver for their fares in advance – the fare from Bratislava Airport to the meeting venue should not exceed 10 EUR. The journey takes approx. 20 minutes.

You can use also [public transport](#) – take bus number 61 from airport to “Račianske mýto” than change to the bus number 63 to the stop named “Patrónka”. From there, the meeting venue is in less than 10 min. walking distance. There is an orange ticket machine for coins at all public transport stops. You need to validate ticket in the bus.

## **Bratislava Main Bus Station**

To get to the meeting venue participants can take taxi or use public transport. We can recommend to call [Easy Taxi](#) (+421 918 555 555), which uses fixed fares. If you choose another taxi, we recommend to ask the taxi driver for their fares in advance – the fare from Main Bus Station to the meeting venue should not exceed 10 EUR. The journey takes approx. 10 minutes.

You can use also [public transport](#) – take the bus number 21 from the bus station „Mlynské nivy“ and go to the stop named “Patrónka”. From there, the meeting venue is in less than 10 min. walking distance. There is an orange ticket machine for coins at all public transport stops. You need to validate ticket in the bus.



## **Travel by car**

There is a car park and underground garage available with direct access to the meeting venue.

## VISA INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure, including visa for transit or stopover. For further information regarding to visa requirements please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic:

[http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/consular\\_info](http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/consular_info).

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Slovakia is the Euro. Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks or exchange offices. Credit and debit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Eurocard/Mastercard, Maestro, American Express, Diners Club) are widely accepted.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

For general information about the city and the country, please visit the following webpages:

<http://www.visitbratislava.com/>

<http://slovakia.travel/en>

## WEATHER FORECAST

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/sk/bratislava/297345/weather-forecast/297345>

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