

10th Pan-European Green Belt Conference



15.-19. October 2018

World Heritage Site Wartburg
Eisenach, Germany

Programme

Conference venue on 16. & 17. October 2018:

World Heritage Site Wartburg, Auf der Wartburg 2, 99817 Eisenach, Germany

**Venue for registration, joint welcome dinner and side events
on 15. & 18. October 2018:**

Steigenberger Hotel Thüringer Hof, Karlsplatz 11, 99817 Eisenach, Germany

Mon, 15 Oct 18	Venue: Steigenberger Hotel Thüringer Hof
15.30-19.30	Main registration
16.00-19.00	Side event Board meeting of the European Green Belt Association e.V.
19.00	Joint welcome dinner (complimentary courtesy of the European Green Belt Association)
Tue, 16 Oct 18	Venue: Wartburg
08.00	Bus shuttle (at Karlsplatz) to the premises of the Wartburg
08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.30	Opening of the 10th Pan-European Green Belt Conference <i>Moderation: Liana Geidezis (BUND Department Green Belt)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming by Katja Wolf, Mayor of city of Eisenach Introduction by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uwe Riecken, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)• Hubert Weiger, Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND) and EuroNatur

Tue, 16 Oct
09.30-11.00

1st session

Update from the four regions of the European Green Belt

Moderation: Felix Cybulla (Independent Consultant - Conservation Planning & Adaptive Management)

Fennoscandia:

- Short story of Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (short-film), Norway
- Aimo Saano, Metsähallitus, Parks and Wildlife Finland
- Olga Bakhmet, Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Baltic:

- Jörg Schmiedel, Regional Coordinator, BUND Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany
- Ekaterina Uspenskaya, Friends of the Baltic, Russia
- Jānis Matulis, Latvian Green Movement, Latvia

Central:

- Liana Geidezis, Regional Coordinator, BUND Department Green Belt, Germany
Premiere of short-film "Bely and the secrets of the Green Belt"
- Giuseppe Oriolo, Rete Italiana European Green Belt, Italy
- Stanislava Dešnik, Nature Park Goričko, Slovenia

Balkan:

- Anne Katrin Heinrichs, Regional Coordinator, EuroNatur, Germany
- Despina Kitanova, Macedonian Ecological Society, FYR Macedonia
- Adhurim Kasapi, Environmentally Responsible Action Group (ERA), Kosovo* (short-film in context of European Green Belt Days 2018)

*In accordance with UNSCR 1244 and Opinion of ICJ

11.00-11.30

Coffee and tea break

11.30-13.00

Multivision show – live feature

"From Death Strip to Lifeline" by Mario Goldstein

His journey along the Green Belt Thuringia live narrated and accompanied by impressions in pictures and sounds

Moderation: Liana Geidezis (BUND Department Green Belt) and Karin Kowol (BUND Thuringia)

13.00-14.30

Lunch

13.00-13.30

Registration

13.00-14.00

Press conference - for selected participants

Moderation: Jeffrey Ludwig (Thuringian Environmental Ministry)

Tue, 16 Oct
14.30-15.15

Welcome speeches

Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer (EuroNatur)

- Anja Siegesmund, Thuringian Environmental Minister
- Svenja Schulze, German Federal Environmental Minister (video message)
- Stefan Leiner, Directorate-General Environment, EU Commission
- Michael Cramer, Member of European Parliament

15.15-16.15

2nd session

European Green Belt as model for EU-level Green Infrastructure

Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer (EuroNatur)

- **Definition of a spatial reference area of the European Green Belt**, Petko Tzvetkov, Board of the European Green Belt Association and Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation
- **Contribution of the European Green Belt to the implementation of EU-level Green Infrastructure**, Werner Rolf, Landwärts

16.15-16.30

Group picture

16.30-17.00

Coffee and tea break

17.00-18.30

3rd session – panel discussion

The European Green Belt as Green Infrastructure: challenges, strategies and partnerships

Moderation: Martin Geilhufe (BUND Bavaria)

- Anja Siegesmund, Thuringian Environmental Minister
- Stefan Leiner, Directorate-General Environment, EU Commission
- Gabriel Schwaderer, European Green Belt Association
- Joachim-Felix Leonhard, German UNESCO Commission (DUK), former State secretary

“Eisenach Resolution”: Presentation and Decision

Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer

18.30-19.00

Preparation of the Green Belt Fair

19.00

European Green Belt Fair - Traditional food and drinks from along the European Green Belt

Musical accompaniment “Sanduhr Sextett”

22.30

Bus shuttle to hotels

Wed, 17 Oct 18

Venue: Wartburg

08.00

Bus shuttle (at Karlsplatz) to the premises of the Wartburg

09.00-11.00

4th session

Instruments to secure and improve the functionality of the European Green Belt

Moderation: Uwe Riecken (BfN)

- **The Green Belt on the way to a National Nature Monument – BUND Thuringia’s campaign for local acceptance**
Karin Kowol, BUND Thuringia
- **The European Green Belt Factor – Dare to Connect**
Melanie Kreutz, BUND Department Green Belt
- **Stakeholder involvement in activities of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM): lessons and prospects**
Mikhail Durkin, HELCOM
- **Feasibility study: Green Belt Region Upper Palatinate (Bavaria) - Czech Republic**
Peter Blum, Planning office Dipl.-Ing. Blum, landscape and spatial development
- **The Prespa-Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT) – Financing transboundary conservation in Southeast Europe**
Vasiliki Roumeliotou, Society for the Protection of Prespa, Greece
- **Spectrum of actions along the Fennoscandian Greenbelt - examples of implemented, ongoing and planned projects**
Mikko Tiira, Metsähallitus, Parks and Wildlife Finland

11.00-11.30

Coffee and tea break

11.30-12.30

**5th session – poster session
Sharing best practice examples**

12.30-14.00

Lunch

14.00-16.30

6th session – parallel working groups

The European Green Belt – today, tomorrow and beyond

Moderation: Felix Cybulla (Independent Consultant - Conservation Planning & Adaptive Management)

16.30-17.00

Coffee and tea break

Wed, 17 Oct 17.00-17.30	6th session continued – presentation of results Presented by participants of the working groups
17.30-18.00	Wrap-up and closing of conference Uwe Riecken (BfN) and Gabriel Schwaderer (EuroNatur)
19.00	Joint evening reception at the premises of the Wartburg (complimentary courtesy of the Thuringian Environment Ministry and BfN)
22.00	Bus shuttle to hotels
Thu, 18 Oct 18	
07.30	Gathering at the meeting point in front of the Steigenberger Hotel Thüringer Hof for participants of the excursion
07.45-13.00	Excursion Borderland Museum Teistungen, Eichsfeld: Experiencing nature, culture and history of the German Green Belt
13.00	Bus transfer to Steigenberger Hotel Thüringer Hof and bus transfer to railway station Göttingen and departure
	Venue: Steigenberger Hotel Thüringer Hof
16.00-19.00	Side event General Assembly of the European Green Belt Association e.V.
19.00	Dinner
Fri, 19 Oct 2018	Departure