

## BESTbelt Conference 2024

### Draft Agenda

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Day of Arrival	
Time	Topic
16:00-18:00	<b>Board meeting of the European Green Belt Association e.V.</b> only EGBA Board members
16:00-19:00	<b>Registration</b>
19:00	<b>Welcome dinner</b> for all conference participants
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Conference Day 1	
Time	Topic
8:00-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-9:30	<b>Opening and welcome</b>
9:30-12:00	<b>Session 1: BESTbelt - More power for the European Green Belt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: BESTbelt – More power for the European Green Belt</li> <li>• Interactive presentation of funded BESTbelt projects</li> </ul>
12:00-13:00	<b>Session 2: Potential of the Nature Restoration Law for the European Green Belt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Caspar and H�el�ene Perrier, European Commission</li> </ul>
13:00-13:15	<b>Group picture</b>
13:15-14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:30-16:15	<b>Session 3: Experiencing the European Green Belt – tourism opportunities and green jobs</b>
16:15-16:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:45-17:30	<b>Session 4: Local involvement and communication along the European Green Belt</b>
17:30-18:30	<b>Session 5: Best practices - Poster Session</b>

18:30-20:00	<b>Dinner</b>
19:00- 20:00	<b>Reimbursement of travel grants</b>
20:00	<b>European Green Belt Fair</b> Traditional food and drinks from along the European Green Belt
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Conference Day 2 (Field trip)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00-20:00	<b>Field trip</b> Visit of BESTbelt projects and other points of interest in the region (including lunch, coffee breaks and dinner)
20:00 – 21:00	<b>Open space for video presentations by projects</b>
<b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Conference Day 3 / Day of Departure</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00-9:30	<b>Session 6: Review of BESTbelt Conference</b> Wrap-up of field trip and main findings of the first conference day
9:30-13:00	<b>Session 7: Tools and next steps to further develop the European Green Belt as pan-European ecological network</b> Presentations and working groups on different topics
13:00-13:30	<b>Wrap-up and closing of conference</b> Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur and Ben Caspar, European Commission
Approx. 13:45	<b>First transfer to airport (lunch bag) (public transport or shuttle, tbd)</b>
14:00	<b>Lunch for participants EGBA General Assembly</b>
15:00-18:00	<b>General Assembly of the European Green Belt Association e.V.</b>
19:00	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Day of Departure</b>	
tbd	<b>Transfer to airport for EGBA members</b>