

7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (CC COP7)

LOGISTIC NOTE

1. DATES AND VENUE

The 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (CC COP7) will take place from **11 to 13 October 2023** at the Palace of Serbia (Serbia Hall) in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia. On 11 October 2023 the Technical Segment of the CC COP7 will take place, while the High-Level Segment will be held on 12 October (full day). On the last day of the CC COP7, 13 October 2023, an excursion to the Đerdap National Park is organized for the participants of the Carpathian Convention COP7. For detailed information about the CC COP7 agenda go to – PROVISIONAL AGENDA COP7.

ADDRESS:

2, Mihajla Pupina Blvd
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Republic of Serbia



2. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Early registration is encouraged for CC COP7 through the online registration tool. Parties and Observers are invited to participate in both the Technical and High-Level Segments of the Conference. During the registration process, please indicate your attendance preference for the specific segments you plan to join. [REGISTRATION](#) has been extended until **5 September 2023**.

Please note that pursuant to rule 35 of the rules of procedures for the Carpathian Convention COP, observers may participate at the COP meetings.

3. REGISTRATION DESK

Registration desk will be located at the entrance to the Palace of Serbia (before the security control/scanner). The registration will be open from 8:00 to 18:00 on October 11, 2023. Moreover, participants of the High-Level Segment will have the opportunity to register starting from 9:00 on October 12, 2023.

4. LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Carpathian Convention working language is English, therefore, CC COP7 will be conducted in English and all relevant documentation and conference materials will be provided exclusively in English.

5. CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Conference documents and resource materials will be posted at [the Carpathian Convention COP7 website](http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html)¹. You will be notified when these are posted. In order to minimize the negative environmental impact of the meetings, the CC COP7 will be held paperless to the extent possible.

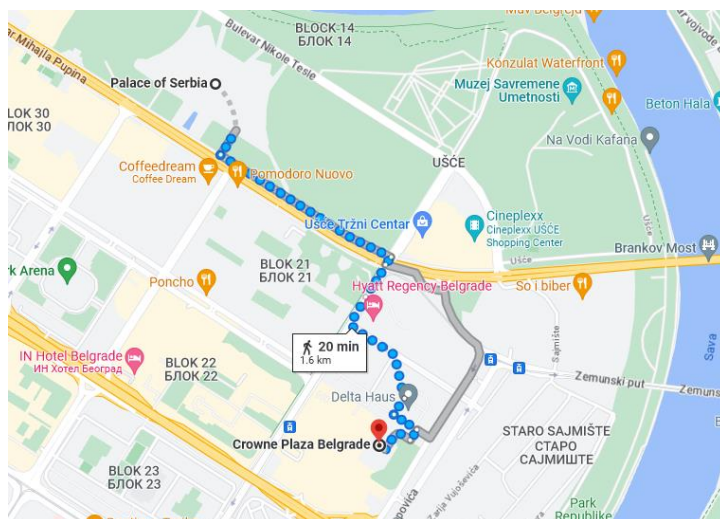
6. ACCOMMODATION

The recommended hotel for the CC COP7 participants is [Crowne Plaza Belgrade](#). Participants should make their individual room reservation via the [BOOKING LINK](#). The Crowne Plaza Belgrade is located in the vicinity of the CC COP7 venue – the Palace of Serbia.

Reservation link will be available until 02 October 2023.

Crowne Plaza Belgrade hotel address:

10, Vladimira Popovića, 11070, Belgrade
Republic of Serbia
Tel: + 381 (11) 2204 004



Cancelling your reservation before Tuesday, 26 September 2023 will result in no charge. Cancelling your reservation between 26 September 2023 and 6:00 PM and 11 October 2023 will result in a charge for 3 nights per room to your credit card or other guaranteed payment method. Cancellation of accommodation bookings made via the link after 26/09/2023 are not refundable.

7. TRANSFER BETWEEN THE NIKOLA TESLA AIRPORT AND THE CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

Nikola Tesla Airport known as Belgrade Airport is the main international gateway to Serbia. Belgrade Airport is located about 20 km of the Palace of Serbia and Crowne Plaza Belgrade Hotel.

Taxi

A public taxi can be found at the arrival section of the airport. Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the departure section outer curb. Please insist that the taxi meter be used. The price of the taxi fare is on average around 2.500 RSD (one way).

¹ <http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html>

Bus

The most economical way to reach the hotel is the public transport link (by bus No. 72, route: Belgrade Airport – Zeleni Venac Center of the City) which can be accessed not far from the entrance to the airport building. This will take you to the bus stop “Šest Kaplara”, which is about 800 meters from the hotel. The fare for the airport link is 150 RSD (one way), which you can buy on the bus. Approximately travel time is 45 minutes.

8. INTERNET

There will be free WIFI internet connection in the conference room.
In the meeting room, the organizers will notify all participants of the username and password.

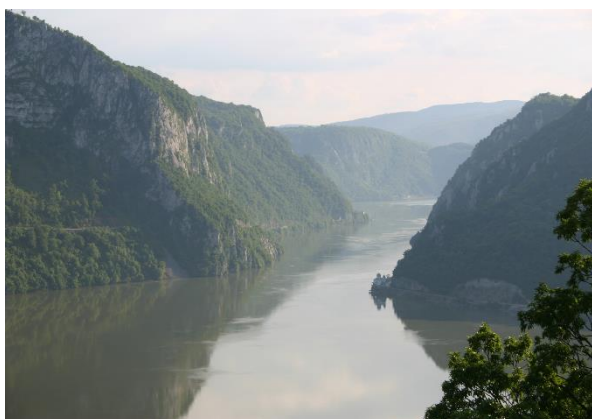
9. INSURANCE

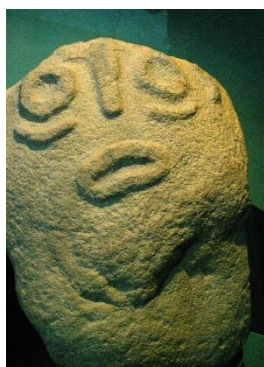
Conference organizers and the hotel will not be responsible for any incident such as death, sickness, injury, or any other liabilities suffered during the participants travel to and from their home country, in Belgrade and during the workshop days. Participants are therefore encouraged to purchase their own travel insurance.

10. EXCURSION TO ĐERDAP NATIONAL PARK

The main feature and attraction of Djerdap National Park's natural beauty is the Djerdap gorge - the famous Iron Gate - the grandiose gateway through the southern slopes of the Carpathian mountains where the longest and biggest river accumulation in Serbia is located. The Djerdap gorge, which is about 100 km long, is a compound river valley made up of four gorges separated from each other by ravines. In this gorge one of the greatest river depths in the world has been measured (82 m). The cliffs of the deepest gorge are about 300 m high while the riverbed in this part is narrowed down to 150 m.

Numerous natural values and other features can also be seen on the territory of the national park: abundant monuments, wild animal and especially plant life, attractive surroundings and landscapes, cultural and historical monuments and other anthropogenic tourist attractions, including a 253 km² artificial Lake Djerdap, formed by the construction of an Iron Gate I Hydroelectric Power Station. The wider area of the national park is designated as the UNESCO global geopark.





Lepenski Vir, an archaeological site with remains of a culture dated to between 6500 and 5500 BCE, is situated on the right bank of the Danube, in the Iron Gate gorge. Dubbed “the cradle of civilization”, it boasts some of the oldest known artefacts, tools, weapons, and sculptures, as well as traces of one of the oldest settlements in Europe.

Tabula Traiana, an inscription carved in a rock on the bank of the Danube, is one of the many building feats of Roman Emperor Trajan built in 105 AD. It is situated in the Djerdap Gorge, at the least accessible spot of the Roman road Via Militaris carved by Emperor Trajan in the rocks above the Danube. This was the road the Emperor and his warriors travelled in their campaign against the Dacians.



Golubac Fortress was built in the 14th Century on an inaccessible cliff at the entrance of the Iron Gate gorge, a place where the Danube's widest stream flows into a pass of the Carpathian Mountains. The Fortress represented an important military border stronghold, built purposely in response to the military and strategic significance of the area. Fortress was the site of many clashes between the Serbian state and Ottoman Turkey.

Throughout history, it has been ruled by Serbs, Hungarians and Ottoman Turks, who stayed the longest inside its walls. Golubac Fortress is a cultural property of exceptional importance, and at the same time represents the entry point into Djerdap National Park. In 2011 the Republic of Serbia declared it the “Golubac Fortress” Tourist Area, when the reconstruction of this fortress began.

10. VISITING BELGRADE

Belgrade is the capital city of Serbia. It is known locally as Beograd, which means “white city” or “white fortress”. The city has a long history, dating back to the 4th century BC and after WWII it grew to become an industrial city, Serbia's largest commercial centre today. It lies on the confluence of the two major European rivers, Sava and Danube.

The most famous and most important Serbian architectural monuments are located in Belgrade: Kalemegdan Fortress, numerous cultural monuments, lush parks, impressive squares, and city

fountains. Belgrade is one of the greenest capitals of Europe, graced with large, beautiful parks and the Sava and Danube rivers flowing into the center of some city districts (<https://www.tob.rs/en>).



11. WEATHER

In Belgrade, in October, *the average high-temperature is 18°C* and the average low-temperature is 9.3°C. More information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/rs/forecasts/airport-forecast/central-serbia/belgrade>

12. CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Serbia is the dinar (RSD) / 1 € equals 118.5 RSD.

13. ELECTRIC VOLTAGE

220-230 Volts with a frequency of 50Hz.

14. TIME ZONE

GMT/UTC +2 CEST

15. PHONE COUNTRY CODE

The international code for Serbia is + 381. To call abroad from Serbia/Belgrade, please dial 00 followed by your country code.

16. IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance: 194

Police: 192

Fire service: 193

Single European emergency number: 112

17. CONTACT TO THE ORGANIZERS:

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