

## 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity

22–24 May 2023, Vsetín, Czech Republic

### LOGISTIC NOTE

#### 1. Registration:

Please register as soon as possible, at the latest by **5 May 2023** using this registration link:  
<http://www.carpathianconvention.org/online-registration-wg-biodiversity-14-copy.html>

#### 2. Venue:

##### Hotel Smetanova

[Smetanova 2360](#)

755 01 Vsetín  
Czech Republic

GPS: 49.3357506N, 17.9948864E

[www.hotelsmetanova.cz/en.html](http://www.hotelsmetanova.cz/en.html)



#### 3. Getting there:

##### By plane:

Closest airports are Leoš Janáček Airport Ostrava (OSR), Katowice Airport (KTW), Kraków John Paul II International Airport (KRK), Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) or Vienna International Airport (VIE).



### **By train/bus:**

There is one train station and one bus station in Vsetín, located next to each other. Vsetín is not situated on international train lines. Arriving from abroad, change to local train is needed, e.g. in Břeclav, Hranice na Moravě or Púchov.

Information (in English) on public transport connections and schedule is available at: <https://idos.idnes.cz/en/vlakyautobusymhdvse/spojeni/>.

### **By car:**

Basic information and traffic rules: <https://www.visitczechrepublic.com/en-US/Travel-Info/Transport-in-the-Czech-Republic>

Free underground parking is available at the venue.

### **Public transport in Vsetín:**

Most locations in Vsetín are within walking distance, but public transport is available as well. Tickets can be purchased directly on the bus (payment by cash/card).

Connections and schedule are available at: <https://idos.idnes.cz/en/vsetin/spojeni/>.

## **4. Accommodation:**

Block reservation with special rates is secured at the venue **Hotel Smetanova** (<https://www.hotelsmetanova.cz/en.html>) until **01 May 2023**. Participants are kindly requested to book the hotel individually at [hotel@galerievsetin.cz](mailto:hotel@galerievsetin.cz), indicating they will attend the WG Biodiversity meeting, organised by the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic.

Early reservation is recommended since the capacity of the hotel might not be sufficient for all participants.

There are other accommodation possibilities available in Vsetín.

## **5. Local currency:**

česká koruna (Kč) – Czech Koruna (CZK)

1 EUR ≈ 24 CZK

Up-to-date exchange rates are available at: <https://www.cnb.cz/en>.



## 6. Important phone numbers:

Emergency	112	Fire and Rescue Service	150
Emergency Medical Service	155	Police	158

## 7. About Vsetín:

Vsetín is a town rich in history, sights and beautiful nature, located at the foot of the Vsetínské, Hostýnské and Vizovické hills in the valley of Bečva river. The dominant feature is an early 17<sup>th</sup>-century Renaissance chateau with its observation tower and neighbouring English-style park containing a number of precious woodland plants. Nowadays the chateau is the residence for the Museum of the Wallachian Region.

Together with Valašské Meziříčí and Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Vsetín is situated in the centre of a mountainous pastoralist ethno-region of Moravian Wallachia, where the dialect is still alive, traditions, cuisine and folk architecture preserved.

The area of Vsetín and its region is a much sought-after recreational and tourism area.

## 8. Contacts:

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