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Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals for the Parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia



Parliamentary cooperation for sustainable development: Combating poverty and promoting health-care

Regional Seminar for Parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia
organized jointly by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and the Inter-Parliamentary Union
24-25 May 2018, Belgrade (Serbia)
House of the National Assembly

GENERAL INFORMATION

SEMINAR VENUE AND DATE

The seminar will be held from 24 to 25 May 2018 at the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia (Parliament). All delegates may access the venue through the Main Entrance of the Parliament, located on Trg Nikole Pašića 13. Badges and seminar documents should be collected at the conference desk near the Main Entrance; delegates will then be able to access the seminar areas.

Address of the National Assembly:

Narodna Skupština (National Assembly)
Trg Nikole Pašića 13, 11000 Beograd (Belgrade), Srbija (Serbia)

PARTICIPATION

The seminar is open to the following parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Those parliaments are invited to send a delegation of up to four members. Delegations should be gender-balanced and reflect the political representation in parliament. It is recommended that delegates should be those working directly on development, combating poverty or health-care issues in their parliaments.

ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with IPU practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. To make the discussions as fruitful and enriching as possible, the following rules will apply:

- (a) There will be no list of speakers on any agenda item. After the resource persons have introduced an agenda item, the floor will be open to participants for questions and comments.
- (b) Experience has shown that this kind of meeting does not lend itself to the reading out of prepared statements. Subject to arrangements that the Chair may make to suit the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.

DOCUMENTS

Participants will receive hard copies of the resource persons' presentations as they become available. As far as possible, the IPU Secretariat will make available for participants any background documentation on the topics discussed.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities and place it on a designated table.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working languages will be **English, French, Russian and Serbian**.

Delegations that wish to use interpretation facilities should inform the organizers no later than 30 March 2018. Only four additional interpretation booths are available and will be distributed to those who apply first.

REGISTRATION

Participants should complete and submit the enclosed registration forms as soon as possible, and **no later than 4 May 2017**, to:

<p>National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Trg Nikole Pašića 13 11000 Belgrade, Serbia</p> <p>Secretariat of the Seminar: Mr. Vladimir Filipović Secretary of the Serbian IPU Group Tel: +381 11 3026 576 Fax: +381 11 3611 384 E-mail: v.filipovic@parlament.rs</p> <p>Mrs. Jasminka Urošević Senior Adviser Protocol Department Tel: +381 11 3026 258 Fax: +381 11 3227 299 E-mail: jasminka.urosevic@parlament.rs</p>	<p>With copy to: Inter-Parliamentary Union Chemin du Pommier 5, C.P. 330, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Tel: +41 22 919 4150 Fax: +41 22 919 4160 E-mail: postbox@ipu.org</p>
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TRAVEL, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All participants should arrange their transport upon arrival and departure between Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Airport (<http://www.beg.aero/en/home>) and their respective hotels. Belgrade airport is about 18 km from Belgrade city center and the National Assembly.

Transport to and from Belgrade airport

Travelling by taxi from the airport to the city center takes approximately 30-45 minutes and costs around RSD 1,400 (±EUR 12), depending on traffic and hotel location. Participants are advised to order a taxi at the official desk located in the arrivals hall and avoid unofficial taxi drivers.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants should meet their own hotel expenses. The Serbian National Assembly has made a block booking at the following three hotels. Participants should complete and return the Hotel Registration Form as soon as possible, and prior to the indicated deadlines.

1. **Metropol Palace Belgrade (****)**

<http://www.metropolpalace.com>

Booking deadline: 20 April 2018

Special Hotel rates:

Type of Room	Single	Double
	Superior room: 110€	Superior room: 130€

Prices include breakfast and VAT

2. **Crowne Plaza Belgrade (****)**

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/belgrade/begcp/hoteldetail>

Booking deadline: 27 April 2017

Special Hotel rates:

Type of Room	Single	Double
	Superior Room: 90€	Superior Room: 110€
	Club Superior Room: 135€	Club Superior Room: 155€
	Junior Suite: 150€	Junior Suite: 170€
	Executive Suite: 290€	Executive Suite: 310€
	Presidential Suite: 890€	Presidential Suite: 910€

Prices include breakfast and VAT.

3. **Mercure Belgrade Excelsior (****)**

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-B1E1-mercure-belgrade-excelsior/index.shtml>

Booking deadline: 18 April 2017

Special Hotel rates:

Type of Room	Single	Double
	Superior Room: 80€	Superior Room: 90€

Prices include breakfast and VAT.

Please note: As room facilities are limited, reservations are on a first-come-first-serve basis. The hotels cannot guarantee prices or room availability after the deadlines indicated above.

VISAS

A valid passport is required to enter Serbia. The Government of the Republic of Serbia adopted the Decision on visa free entry to the Republic of Serbia for holders of foreign passports having a valid Schengen, UK and other Member States' visa, or visa of the United States of America, and for holders of foreign passports having residence permits in the countries of the Schengen area, EU or the United States of America. More information can be obtained from the Serbian government website: <http://mfa.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/entering-serbia-requirements>. To obtain visas or further information on customs regulations, delegation secretaries and participants should contact the Embassy of Serbia in their respective countries.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

The official currency in Serbia is the Serbian Dinar (RSD). The exchange rate is about 1 Euro to 120 RSD.

Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices and hotels. Most major credit cards are widely accepted.

TRANSPORT

Transport will be provided by bus between the Parliament and all conference hotels for the official meetings and the social event during the seminar.

OTHER SERVICES

There is a medical service, cloakroom, wifi and cafeteria (on the ground floor) in the National Assembly.

WEATHER IN BELGRADE

Weather in Belgrade is very pleasant at the end of May with minimum daily temperatures between 12° – 15° C and maximum daily temperatures between 20° -25° C. There is a high risk of rainfall.