



Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation,
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD

4TH MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES AND SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

12-15 March 2018, Bad Belzig, Germany

Fact Sheet

Meeting dates and venue

The fourth meeting of the Signatories to the **MoU on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard** will be held from Monday **12 March**, until Thursday **15 March 2018**, at Paulinen Hof Seminarhotel, (<https://www.paulinenhof.de/de/hotel/>) Bad Belzig, Germany.

The **Paulinen Hof Seminarhotel**, is located in the village Kuhlowitz, closed to Bad Belzig which is situated approximately 50 km south-east of Berlin. Contact details for the meeting venue are listed below:

PAULINEN HOF SEMINARHOTEL
Kuhlowitzer Dorfstraße 1
D-14806 Bad Belzig, OT Kuhlowitz
Tel: ++49/33841/4408-0
Fax: ++49/33841/4408-25
E-Mail: info@paulinenhof.de
GPS: N 52°08.276' E 012°38.390

Accommodation

The Seminarhotel Paulinen Hof, venue of the meeting, will also provide accommodation for the participants during the conference. Each participant is kindly asked to arrange the stay

directly with the hotel, completing the registration before 1 February 2018. In this regard, the Paulinen Hof Seminarhotel informs us that payments are accepted in cash, EC or Credit Card (Visa, Master, American Express).

Wifi access will be available during the stay and the conference.

In case the number of participants exceeds the availability of the Hotel Paulinen Hof to accommodate guests, the Paulinen Hof will assist in arranging accommodation in other hotels close to the venue. These hotels might be located in Kuhlowitz or in the neighbouring village of Lüsse, which is about 2 km away. In this case, a shuttle service will be provided to transport guests to the meeting venue.

Check-In

Check-in at the Hotel Paulinen Hof will be available on Sunday, 11 March, **from 3:00 p.m.** After 6:00 p.m. the desk will be closed but keys will still be available at the restaurant of the hotel, until about 10:00 p.m.

In case of later arrival, please contact +49/176/21065465.

Guests in the other hotels are kindly asked to clarify their arrival details there.

Arrival and transportation

By car: you can get to Kuhlowitz via the highways A2 or A9 and then via the federal main roads (Bundesstrasse) B246 or B102. For details and maps see the website <https://www.paulinenhof.de/de/hotel/anreise/>.

By train: the nearest railway station is in Bad Belzig, which you can easily reach via Berlin or Dessau. Timetables and ticket fares of the transport system of the Berlin-Brandenburg region are available at: <https://www.vbb.de/en/index.html>

The station is 4.5 km away from the conference hotel. A shuttle service will be provided by the organizers on request. Please contact **torsten.langgemach@lfu.brandenburg.de** at the latest by 9 March 2018. For short-term arrangements (in case of delay), please call the Society für the Protection of Great Bustards++49/176/21065465.

Registration

Online pre-registration:

Please, remember that besides the registration in the hotel, participants are required to fill the formal online pre-registration at the CMS Secretariat, which is available at the following link: https://meetings.cms.eaudeweb.ro/meetings/Great_Bustard_MOS4/registration

On-Site registration

Participants are requested to bring a photo identification document (e.g. passport, ID card,

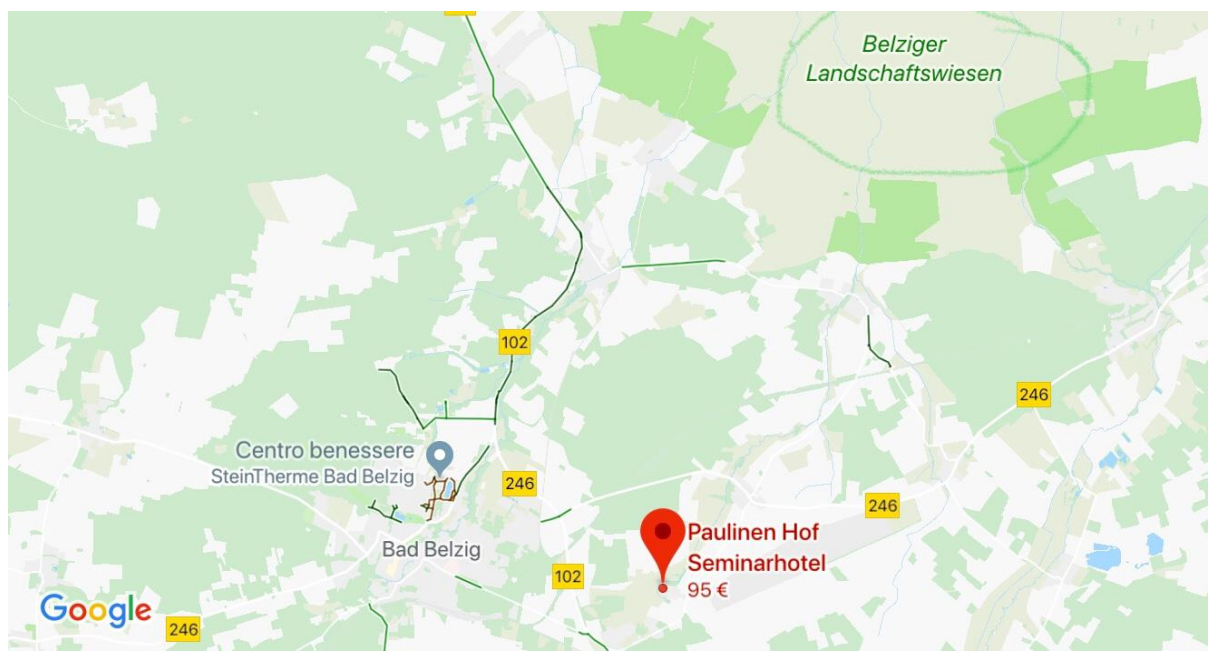
driving licence) which should be shown at registration at the venue.

Visa requirements

Participants from countries outside the Schengen area travelling with an ordinary passport may need to apply for a visa. In that case, please enquire your passport and visa requirements at the German Embassy or Consulate in your country. Please visit: http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm

Location

Bad Belzig and Kuhlowitz are located in the High Flaming Nature Park (Naturpark Hoher Fläming) which is with an area of 827 km² one of the largest nature parks in the State of Brandenburg. The High Flaming Nature Park is spread over the higher parts of the Flaming hill chain and it covers the highest elevation of the State of Brandenburg which reaches 201 metres above sea level. This unique Nature Park offers a succession of various landscapes and it is distinguished by several streams that descend from the hills. The area features old-century castles and the old town centre of Bad Belzig represents a cultural landmark too. The High Flaming Nature Park is also the setting of the “Belziger Landschaftswiesen”, or Belzig landscape meadows, which is one of the three remaining German Great Bustard areas. For further information on Bad Belzig visit: http://www.bad-belzig.de/instanz_1/index.htm



Documents and hard copies

All documents available can be found online at the CMS Meeting Webpage. We recommend

that all participants access the documentary material through electronic devices during the conference, or to bring their own hard copies. Please note that hard paper copies of the documents will not be printed or distributed during the event. New documents will be accessible on the CMS Meeting Website as they are developed

Field trip

The “Belziger Landschaftswiesen” SPA being a refuge for Great Bustard, has been chosen as destination of our field trip. The area is close to Kuhlowitz and it is managed by the Brandenburg State Bird Conservation Centre with its field station in the village of Baitz. More information on the Great Bustard population can be found at the website of the Society for the Protection of Great Bustard e.V.: www.grosstrappe.de

The weather for March is difficult to predict and highly changeable. We recommend that you bring appropriate clothing and shoes to wear during field trip.

Meals

If you have special dietary needs, please state this in your online registration form and we will forward your request to the venue.

Travel and health insurance

All participants are responsible for their own Travel and Health Insurance. It is recommended that all participants take out comprehensive policies before travelling to Germany.

Currency, foreign exchange and ATM

The official currency in Germany is Euro (EUR). Cashpoints/ATMs are available in the town of Bad Belzig at the following banks: Sparkasse, Commerzbank, Raiffeisen Bank.

Emergency telephone numbers

Dial **112** free of charge (valid throughout Germany).

Electricity

In Germany, the power sockets are of type F (see picture below). The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



Agenda

The agenda of both the Scientific Symposium and the Meeting of the Signatories will be made available on the CMS Meeting website by the end of 2017: <http://www.cms.int/en/meeting/fourth-meeting-signatories-mos4-memorandum-understanding-conservation-and-management-middle>.

Conference organization

The conference will be jointly prepared by the CMS Secretariat and the Brandenburg State Office for Environment (Landesamt für Umwelt, LfU), Bird Conservation Centre, assisted by the German Society for the Protection of the Great Bustard (Förderverein Großtrappenschutz e. V.).

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