





# 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SIGNATORIES OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD

AND

## SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

## "PROGRESS IN THE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD IN EUROPE"

18-21 September 2023, Bratislava, Slovakia

## Fact Sheet

## **MEETING DATES AND VENUE**

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 18 September, until Thursday 21 September 2023, at LOFT Hotel, (<u>https://www.lofthotel.sk/en</u>) Bratislava, Slovakia.

The LOFT Hotel is located in the center of Bratislava, close to Presidential Palace. Contact details for the meeting venue are listed below:

LOFT Hotel Bratislava \*\*\*\* Štefánikova 4 Bratislava Tel.: +421 2 5751 1000 E-mail: reception@lofthotel.sk https://www.lofthotel.sk



## ACCOMMODATION

LOFT Hotel, 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. The Loft Hotel is reserving accommodations for meeting attendees until July 20, 2023. Please mention "MOS5" when making your reservation. In this regard, payments in LOFT Hotel are accepted in cash or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, JCB). A limited number of single rooms are available and reserved. If single rooms are preferred, we recommend to make a booking as soon as possible.

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

In case the number of participants exceeds the availability of the LOFT Hotel to accommodate guests, participants are kindly asked to book another accommodation located near LOFT Hotel. Highly recommended are Crowne Plaza Bratislava, an IHG Hotel\*\*\*\* (<u>https://cpbratislava.sk</u>) or Clarion Congress Hotel Bratislava\*\*\*\* <u>https://www.clarioncongresshotelbratislava.com</u>, located about 600 m away from the meeting venue.

## Hotel booking and breakfast are in full competence of each participant.

## Снеск-Ім

Check-in at the LOFT Hotel will be available on Sunday, 17 September, from 3:00 p.m.

## Снеск-Оит

Check-out at the LOFT Hotel will be available on Thursday, 22 September or Friday, 23 September. Check out is possible at 11:00 a.m. at the latest.

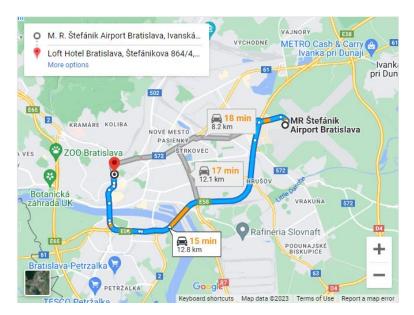
Guests in the other hotels are kindly asked to clarify their arrival details there.

#### **ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTATION**

## FROM AIRPORT M. R. ŠTEFÁNIKA, BRATISLAVA:

**BY BUS:** The nearest bus stop is called Letisko / Airport, where you can easily board on bus number 61 to Main Railway Station (Hlavná stanica). The Loft Hotel is located 800 metres away. For details check see this website.

**BY CAR:** Get on E571/E58/E57 from Ivanská cesta, continue on E571/E58/E75 to Petržalka. Take the rout 61 exit from E571/E58/E57. Take Most SNP (bridge), Staromestská and Štefánikova to Spojná street in Bratislava. For details and online map please <u>see this website</u>.

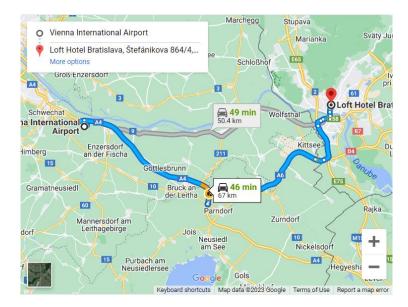


## We highly recommend to use BOLT services.

## FROM SCHWECHAT, VIENNA AIRPORT:

**BY BUS:** The best way is to board Flixbus or Slovak Lines bus, depends on the time of arrival. We recommend to buy tickets in advance (see link to buy Flixbus tickets, see link to buy Slovak Lines tickets). These buses will bring you to bus stop called Bratislava Most SNP (SNP bridge). The Loft Hotel is located 1.5 km away. Again, after arrival to Bratislava we highly recommend to use BOLT services.

**By CAR:** Get on A4. Take A6 and E58/E65/E75 to Panónska cesta in Petržalka, Bratislava, Slovensko. Take the Route 2/Route 61 exit from D1/E571/E58/E75. Continue on Panónska cesta. Take Most SNP, Staromestská and Štefánikova to Spojná in Bratislava. For details and online map please <u>see this</u> <u>website</u>.



#### 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: <u>https://meetings.cms.int/meetings/Great%20Bustard%20MOS5/registration</u>.

Kindly note that, related to meeting policies and logistical capacities, participation is limited to two delegates per organization/institution. The organizers reserve the right to further restrict the number of accredited participants per institution if the number of registrations will reach the logistical limits.

## **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.

#### **FIELD TRIP**

Locations in "CHVÚ Sysľovské polia", protected bird territory, has been chosen as destination of our field trip. Detailed information will be provided later.

The weather for September is warm but 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 optional but strongly recommended as medical costs can be high for foreigners.

#### CURRENCY, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND ATM

The official currency in Slovakia is Euro (EUR).

ATMs are widely spread; there are more than 2000 machines all around Bratislava. <u>See the map</u> of ATMs in Bratislava.

Exchange offices are also widely spread; you can find one in any bigger shopping center, bank branch, or even hotels, at travel agencies, post offices, and on the border crossings. Another possibility is to change money directly by an ATM withdrawal. In both cases you will pay some fee (unless your home bank says elsewise). If you want to avoid paying additional fees issued by banks or exchange, **you should pay by card as much as possible**. However, there can still be some fee issued by your domestic bank.

#### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112 FIRE RESCUE: 150 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: 155

#### **ELECTRICITY**

In Slovakia the power plug sockets are of types C and E with standard voltage between 220 – 240 V:



Slovakia Plug & Power Outlet Type C



Slovakia Plug & Power Outlet Type E