



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. General information and registration

The international UNECE workshop *“Increasing capacities to prevent, prepare for and respond to accidental water pollution from tailings facilities”* is hosted by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with Vodohospodárska výstavba company (Water Management Construction Company, state enterprise) and its civic association Water managers. The event consists of a full day workshop on 23 April 2024 and a half-a-day excursion to a tailings management facility in the morning of 24 April 2024. For members of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG), it is also followed by a half-a-day JEG meeting in the afternoon of 24 April 2024.

The workshop is open to representatives of all United Nations Member States and specifically to countries that are Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention).

All participants attending the workshop (irrespective of whether they attend in-person or online) **must register using the registration form** (see attached). Participants are required to send the completed registration form to Ms. Danka Thalmeinerová (email: danka.thalmeinerova@enviro.gov.sk) at their earliest convenience and no later than 10 March 2024

The working languages of the workshop are English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held in the Hotel Tatra, Námestie 1. mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia. Conveniently situated in the heart of the city, the hotel allows for a pleasant walk through the historic downtown area to and from the bus station..

3. Accommodation

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The following hotels are recommended:

Hotel Tatra, Námestie 1. mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava

- The hotel will be offering discounted rates for workshop participants at the following prices:
Single room with breakfast: 90 EUR/night plus local city tax
- Double room with breakfast: 115 EUR/night plus local city tax.

Please note that discounted rate is valid for all bookings made until 10 March 2024. Thereafter, the standard rate will apply. When booking the room, the participant should book the accommodation via email to rezervacie@hoteltatra.sk using this code: **JEG2024**.

Other recommended hotels in Bratislava downtown:

Ibis Bratislava Centrum, Zamocka ulica 38, 81101 Bratislava

Reservations: h3566@accor.com or via accor provider:

https://all.accor.com/hotel/3566/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps#section-rooms

Falkensteiner Hotel Bratislava, Pilárikova 5, 811 03 Bratislava

Reservations: bratislava@reservations.falkensteiner.com

Information about prices and services: <https://www.falkensteiner.com/hotel-bratislava>

Hotel Matyšák, Pražská 15, 81104 Bratislava,

Reservations and information on prices and services: <https://www.hotelmatysak.sk/>

4. Visas

Participants travelling to Slovakia must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. For EU citizens a valid personal ID is sufficient. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa for the entire journey, including countries of transit. If necessary, the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic is prepared to issue an invitation letter to aid in visa application processes. Participants are requested to indicate this on the registration form.

5. How to get to Bratislava

For most participants, the best way to travel to Bratislava is by flying into Vienna, Austria. The Vienna Airport and Bratislava city are conveniently connected by a frequent bus service that runs every 30 minutes, depending on the arrival time. There are several bus providers to choose from, and it is advisable to purchase tickets in advance or online. The bus station at Vienna Airport is conveniently located right outside the exit at platform No. 4. All buses from this platform head to Bratislava. The journey from Vienna Airport to downtown Bratislava takes approximately 60 minutes. It is recommended to get off at the "Bratislava - Most SNP" station, which is located in the heart of Bratislava downtown and provides easy access to the city's main tram and bus lines. Some of the most popular and reasonably priced bus providers (about 10 EUR one way) are:

Slovak Lines: <https://online.slovaklines.sk/>

FlixBus: <https://shop.global.flixbus.com/>

RegioJet: <https://regiojet.sk/>

Alternatively, participants may choose to fly directly into Bratislava Airport (BTS), which, while offering a more limited range of destinations, provides the convenience of closer proximity. Public transportation from Bratislava airport to downtown is readily available. Bus tickets can be conveniently acquired from vending machines at the bus stop or pre-purchased online.

6. Excursion

Participants are invited to attend the excursion to the tailing management facility by the company Slovalco in Žiar nad Hronom on 24 April 2024. The bus to transport participants to and from the tailing facility will be provided. The trip will start early morning (about 7:30) and return around 13:00. Participants interested in joining the excursion are requested to indicate this in the registration form.

7. General information about Bratislava/Slovakia

The Slovak currency is EUR. Slovakia is located in the Central European Time (CET) zone. Electricity is 230 V/50 Hz, standard socket with safety pin. In April, you can expect moderate spring weather with temperatures typically ranging between 15-20 degrees Celsius. Drinking water from the taps is safe. The international country phone code is +421.

Information and correspondence could be received directly from Danka Thalmeinerová, danka.thalmeinerova@enviro.gov.sk, Ministry of Environment, Department of the Strategic Water Planning, Slovakia.

