## LOGISTICS NOTE FOR BANK STAFF

| Pre-Forum Welcome Reception | Welcome Cocktail – 21 March, 7 PM  
Reduta  
Medená 100/3, 811 02 Staré Mesto, Bratislava, Slovakia  
http://www.reduta.sk/ |
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| Meeting timing and venue | The event will start at 9.00 am on Thursday March 22, 2018. The event will end on Saturday March 24, 2018 at 12.30 pm. Please plan your departure accordingly.  
Historical Building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic  
Župné námestie 11  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
| Gala Dinner | Gala Dinner – 22 March, 7 PM  
Aucafe  
http://www.au-cafe.sk/footer/  
Tyršovo nábrežie, 851 01 Petržalka, Bratislava, Slovakia |
| Field Visit Locations for Saturday, March 24 | The field visit activity is optional. Participants will tour three locations: GA Drilling, Slovakia’s leading geothermal company; Binarium, and the Pilot Factory at TU Vienna. Participants are welcome to remain in Vienna once the tour is over or return to Bratislava.  
More information on field visits will be provided at the forum.  
GA Drilling, Bratislava  
https://www.gadrilling.com/  
Binarium, The Digital Sanctuary, Bratislava  
https://www.binarium.sk/  
Pilot Factory Industry 4.0 at the Technical University Vienna  
http://pilotfabrik.tuwien.ac.at/en/ |
| Registration | Staff are invited to register at the following link:  
https://goo.gl/forms/YrjBFqznaH5RK8JW2  
Registration will facilitate booking your hotels and visa support, if needed. |
### Visa Information

Slovakia is a member of the Schengen zone. To verify your nationality-specific entry requirements, please use this link: [http://www.slovak-republic.org/visa-embassies/#who-needs](http://www.slovak-republic.org/visa-embassies/#who-needs)

We expect staff to travel on their UN passport. If, however, you need a letter of support from the World Bank to apply for your visa, please fill out the information in the relevant section of the registration link: [https://goo.gl/forms/hHeJRaSAJamQZtZE3](https://goo.gl/forms/hHeJRaSAJamQZtZE3)

### Accommodation

Staff will reside in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hotel Falkensteiner, and Hotel Radisson Blu at the Bank-negotiated rate. We will contact you with your accommodation details. **Please be advised that staff are responsible for covering their travel and accommodation costs.**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
Hodžovo námestie 568/2, 816 25 Bratislava, Slovakia  
Tel: +421 2/593 481 11  
EUR 129 per night

**Hotel Falkensteiner Bratislava**  
Pilarikova ulica 5, SK-811 03 Bratislava  
Tel: +421 259236702  
EUR 139 per night

**Hotel Radisson Blu**  
Hviezdoslavovo námestie 185/3, 811 02 Bratislava  
Tel: +421 259390500  
141.50 EUR per night

### Meals

Breakfast is provided at the hotels. Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers at the forum location. A welcome reception will be held on the day of arrival, March 21st, and a gala dinner will be held on March 22nd. March 23rd is a free evening.

### Transportation to Bratislava

Staff are kindly requested to arrange their own travel to the Forum. **Vienna Schwechat Airport (VIE):** most international flights land at Schwechat, which is about 45 minutes away from Bratislava with convenient bus transportation to Bratislava City Center.
Buses leave from Bay 4 outside Terminal 3 at approximately 30-minute intervals. Tickets are up to 7-8 euros, payment in cash only. There is an ATM located just outside arrivals at Terminal 3, left of the exit from the baggage claim. Buses drop passengers off at the main bus station (AS Mlynske Nivy).

Taxi: please use one of the numbers below to call a taxi rather than picking one up at the station – prices are not fixed, and there have been multiple cases of English-speaking passengers getting overcharged.

**Bratislava Airport (BTS):** low-cost flights and some international flights land at Bratislava Airport, located approximately 20-30 minutes from the city center. Participants can use either taxi (we recommend to call the company directly) or bus to get to the city center.

**Bus 61** will drop passengers off at the Main Railway Station (stop Hlavná stanica), which is walking distance to the event venue and the hotels.

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<th>Public Transport in Bratislava</th>
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<td><strong>Link to public transportation routes:</strong> <a href="http://www.dpb.sk">www.dpb.sk</a></td>
<td>Participants can either search for bus routes or insert an origin and destination to get the most convenient itinerary. Bus tickets cost 90 cents and can be purchased at news kiosks and bus stop ticket machines (coins only).</td>
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<td><strong>By taxi:</strong> We recommend installing either the Hop In (local) or Uber applications.</td>
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<th>Currency</th>
<th>Slovakia uses the Euro. Banks and ATMs are widely available in Bratislava, but we recommend that travelers carry small cash bills with them in order to pay for public transport and small purchases.</th>
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<th>Sightseeing</th>
<th>The Forum will be held in the historic old town, where participants may visit Bratislava Castle or St. Martin’s Cathedral, which overlook the Danube, as well as many churches, markets, and historic buildings. Devin Castle is a 20 minute bus ride outside of the old town. Please see the link below for more information.</th>
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We look forward to seeing you in Bratislava!