



# **WELCOME TO NOVI SAD**

European Youth Capital for the year 2019



University of Novi Sad  
Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment  
Novi Sad, Serbia

## WORKSHOP AGENDA

### WP6 – The Policy Interface

#### A6.1. Overcoming conflicts between conservation and forest management stakeholders within existing policies

**APRIL 16-17, 2019**  
**NOVI SAD**  
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Forest management planning within Mura-Drava-Danube (MDD) Biosphere reserve is regulated by national Forest laws and related programs, all based on forest ecosystem sustainability and multifunctionality. However, for forests in this area other Laws and Directives are complementing forest sector policy, including (national) nature protection regulations and regulations connected to NATURA2000. This mosaic of often overlapping and typically vaguely formulated policy documents usually creates confusion in interpretation and thus implementation, triggering conflicts between various stakeholders (forest sector, nature conservation sector, non-government organizations, civil sector, etc.), who have different attitudes towards priority forest management goals (e.g. market-orientation vs. nature conservation).

Effective communication between stakeholders is therefore necessary for integral resource management aimed to ensure forest stability across ecological corridors in the MDD Biosphere reserve.

As a contribution towards harmonized management of riparian forests, two-day workshop aimed to identification and discussion of relevant policy-related (first day) and stakeholder-related (second day) issues and views concerning riparian forest management and conservation in case study areas will be organized within project REFOCuS in Novi Sad (Serbia).

**VENUE: INSTITUTE OF LOWLAND FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**ANTONA ČEHOVA 13, NOVI SAD, SERBIA**

**TUESDAY**  
**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Arrival, welcome and introduction</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Arrival of participants and coffee break</i>	
10:30 – 10:45	Welcome address	ILFE – S. Orlović
10:45 – 11:00	Introduction	ILFE – S. Stojnić
<b>11:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Policy – related aspects: presentations by country representatives (moderator: ILFE – M. Stevanov)</b>	
11:00 – 11:30	Austria	BFW – K. Lapin and M. Sallmannshofer
11:30 – 12:00	Croatia	CFRI – M. Curman
12:00 – 12:30	Hungary	NARIC – L. Nagy
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 14:00	Slovenia	SFI – H. Kraigher
14:00 – 14:30	Serbia	ILFE – S. Stojnić
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>15:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Discussion and summary</b>	<b>All participants</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Working dinner</b>	

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

<b>09:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Stakeholder – related aspects</b>	<b>Group work</b>
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction into the group work	ILFE – M. Stevanov
09:15 – 11:00	Actors in riparian MDD zone and their interests	Group work (moderators: PP representatives)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Interpretation of results	All participants (moderators: PP representatives)
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Thematic excursion to Special Nature Reserve on Danube River*</b>	<b>All participants</b>

*\*Excursion: "Forest management and conservation in the Special Nature Reserve "Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes (Koviljsko-Petrovaradinski Rit): actors and interests" is held near to Novi Sad, in a complex of forest ecosystems and marshes (4,840 ha) along the inundation area of the middle course of the Danube river, with diverse indigenous orographic and hydrographic forms of marshes (islands, backwaters, ponds, swamps), indigenous plant communities (forests, meadows, reeds, rushes), reach fauna (172 species of birds and 46 species of fish) and rare and endangered species. Area is under management of PE Vojvodinašume (<http://www.vojvodinasume.rs/en/environmental-protection/kovilj-petrovaradin-marshes/>).*



## WELCOME TO NOVI SAD

With the population of nearly 278,000 people, Novi Sad is the second largest city in Serbia and the administrative centre of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (northern part of Republic of Serbia). The city was founded in 1694, while the status of “free royal city” Novi Sad acquired in 1748, by the edict of Maria Theresa. Today, Novi Sad is the city of museums, galleries, and events such as the EXIT Music Festival, which is one of the biggest festivals in Europe.

Novi Sad is European Youth Capital for the year 2019.

Also, Novi Sad was proclaimed the European Capital of Culture for the year 2021, being the first city outside the EU to be awarded that title.

Official languages are Serbian, Croatian, Hungarian, Slovak and Ruthenian.

## UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD

The University of Novi Sad, with more than 50,000 students and 5,000 employees, is one of the largest educational and research centers in Central Europe. It belongs to the group of comprehensive universities, which are characterized by providing nearly all fields of science and higher education.

The University of Novi Sad offers around 400 accredited study programs at the level of Bachelor, Master, Specialist and Doctoral studies, carried out at its Faculties and within its Centers for Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies. The study programs are modern and up-to-date with the latest developments in science and research. Along with the Faculties and Centers, three Scientific Institutes have a significant role in creating a solid scientific base for the process of continuous modernization of the educational offer.



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