



## ANNEX III

**REGIONAL TRAINING ON LONG-RANGE  
FORECASTS, CLIMATE WATCH RELATED ASPECTS  
AND CLIMATE SCENARIOS  
13 – 16 November 2013, Belgrade**

**THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CLIMATE OUTLOOK  
FORUM FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES  
18 –19 November 2013, Belgrade**

**THE TENTH SESSION OF THE SOUTH-EAST  
EUROPEAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM  
20-21 November 2013, Belgrade**

### INFORMATION NOTE

#### 1. BACKGROUND

South-East European Climate Outlook Forum was established in 2008 and has been conducted nine times in cooperation with the South East European Virtual Climate Change Centre (SEEVCCC), hosted by the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia. It has developed as a regular event conducted twice a year to produce climate outlooks for the summer and winter seasons. SEECOF sessions are conducted either as meetings or as electronic collaboration. Further details of SEECOF and links to climate outlook are available at: <http://www.seevccc.rs>.

Under the leadership of the Spanish Meteorological Agency, a new inter-regional climate outlook forum was established for the Mediterranean Region. Development and dissemination of a consensus-based seasonal climate outlook, along with an estimate of its associated uncertainty, will be the flagship product of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF), who aims to provide a clear user-relevant message through the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of the participating countries.

This collaborative initiative will contribute to the capacity building and will build trust among climate information providers as well as user communities. However, as some participants in MedCOF are still in an incipient status of developing the seasonal forecasting both in operations and research domains, MedCOF will also facilitate the periodic organization of courses, workshops and other activities aiming to strengthen the existing capabilities in seasonal forecasting and other working areas. A Concept Note on MedCOF is attached for information.

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

## **2. MEETINGS FORMAT**

The SEECOF session will this year be jointly organized with the first session of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF).

A regional training in the use and interpretation of long-range forecasts, climate watch related aspects, and climate scenarios in application to various user sectors will be organized before the MedCOF/ SEECOF sessions.

The three events are planned in a consecutive way for a more optimal exploitation of all available sources for the delivery of the seasonal outlook. Thus, the large-scale signals of MedCOF can be appropriately taken into account for SEECOF.

While MedCOF-1 will discuss and agree on its mode of operation such as working areas of responsibility, frequency of fora, basic material to be prepared by the coordinating agencies, format of the output products, administrative and financial aspects, web page content, etc., the main objective of both SEECOF and MedCOF sessions is the collaborative production of a consensus statement on the regional climate outlook for the coming winter season 2013/2014.

A dedicated session for the interaction with the end-users is planned for 21 November at the South-East European Climate Outlook Forum.

## **2. DATES AND VENUE**

The three events are planned in a consecutive way as follows:

- 13–16 November 2013 - Regional training on long-range forecasts,
- 18–19 November - MedCOF-1, and
- 20-21 November 2013 - SEECOF-10.

All meetings will be hosted by the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia at the premises of the Best Western Hotel Sumadija, Sumadijski trg 8, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia. More details are available on the following web site: [www.hidmet.gov.rs](http://www.hidmet.gov.rs).

## **3. PARTICIPANTS**

The climate experts, who participate in the preparation of long-range forecasts through the regional cooperative mechanism of the climate outlook forums, are invited to attend the training and the climate outlook forums for the Mediterranean sub-region and for the South-East European sub-region.

The climate experts are invited to provide inputs to the production of the climate outlook for winter 2013/2014 and, in this connection, to deliver power point presentations of 10 to 15 minutes duration.

The user representatives of the economy sectors are invited to attend the Climate Outlook Forum for the South-East European sub-region and deliver presentations during the Session dedicated for the interaction with the end-users.

For practical reasons, all participants are kindly requested to bring their own laptops.

#### 4. LANGUAGE

The working language of the events is **English**.

#### 5. ACCOMMODATION

A number of rooms have been provisionally reserved for the participants at the Best Western Hotel Sumadija, situated in an attractive, quiet residential neighborhood in Belgrade, nearby the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia and one of Belgrade's most beautiful parks – the Kosutnjak Park. It is also within walking distance of the Belgrade Hippodrome and the Ada Ciganlija Lake and recreational center.



#### **Best Western Hotel Sumadija**

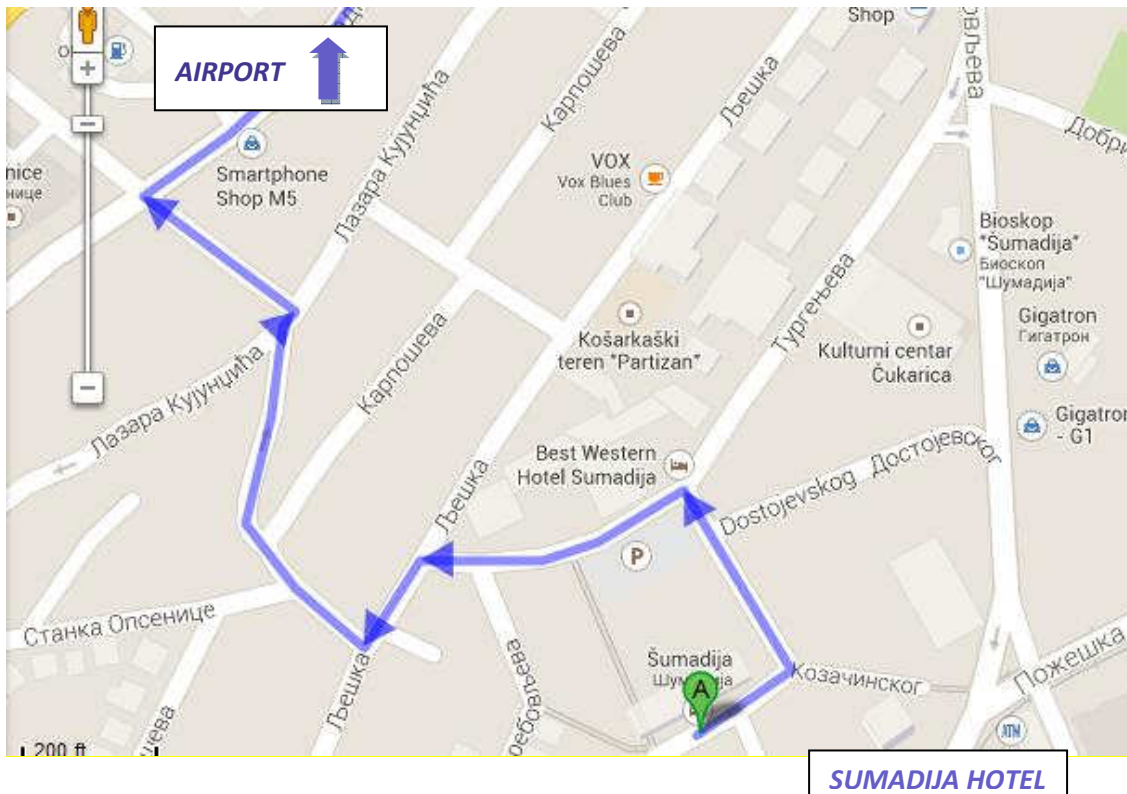
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Room choice	Night + breakfast	Half Board (HB)	Full Board (FB)
Single room	65 €	76 €	87 €
Double room	75 €	97 €	119 €

All taxes are included in the price.

The participants are requested to fill in the Hotel Reservation Form, attached as Annex II, and e-mail it to RHMSS to the following e-mail addresses: [rhms.intdep@hidmet.gov.rs](mailto:rhms.intdep@hidmet.gov.rs).

Please note that the special hotel rate will only be available until **28 October**.



Belgrade's Nikola Tesla International Airport is 15 km away from the hotel.

In case you wish to stay in another hotel, here are a few links to the web pages of the hotels located in the vicinity of the BW Hotel Sumadija:

1. **Hotel TRIM**, Kneza Viseslava 72, [www.trimhotel.rs](http://www.trimhotel.rs)
2. **HOTEL PRESTIGE**, Bulevar vojvode Misica 24, [www.hotelprestige.rs](http://www.hotelprestige.rs)
3. **BALKAN GARNI Hotel**, Pozeska 67A, [www.balkangarni.rs](http://www.balkangarni.rs)

## 6. TRANSPORTATION

Transfer from the airport to the hotel and back to the airport by taxi will be organized upon your request. If you wish to have the taxi organized, please make sure to fill in your flight number and the time of your arrival in the hotel Registration Form, so that you could be met at the airport.

Another option is to use the public transportation.

From the airport you should take the bus 72 (leaving every 40 minutes) to its last stop "Zeleni venac". From there take the bus number 52 or 53 to the "Osnovna skola Josif Pancic" bus stop, which is 100 m away from the BW Hotel Sumadija.

The best option is to purchase bus tickets in the newsstands/kiosks, because it is cheaper that way. You should buy a non-personalized paper BUS PLUS card which costs 40 RSD (around 0.3 €), which can be charged multiple times (the price of a single ride ticket is 72 RSD, approx. 0.6 EUR, and the price of a time-limited ticket (75 minutes) is 100 RSD, approx. 0.8 EUR). The card must be validated upon every entry into the vehicle. The card reader will register and charge it for the amount of a single ride unless selected differently. You can also buy regular paper tickets directly from bus drivers, but the price of those tickets is higher – 150 RSD (1.3 EUR).

Of course, you can get all information, including a map of Belgrade, at the Information desk at the airport.

## **7. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

For the participants requiring visa for Serbia, RHMSS will provide, upon demand, an official invitation letter for the visa application. Invitation letters for processing your visa will be issued upon receipt of your nomination for participation in the meeting.

You can find all the necessary information concerning the Serbian visa, as well as the visa application form, on the following website: [www.mfa.rs](http://www.mfa.rs).

## **8. INTERNET AND TELEPHONE CONNECTION:**

The BW Hotel Sumadija offers free Wi-Fi connection to hotel guests.

The Belgrade area code for domestic calls is **011** and for international calls **+381 11**.

## **9. TIME, ELECTRICITY AND WATER**

Belgrade is in the Central European Time (CET) zone (GMT+1 hour). Summer time (GMT+2 hours) lasts from the end of March until the end of October.

As in most cities of Continental Europe, the electricity voltage in Belgrade is 220V. Electrical outlets are standard European.

Tap water in Belgrade is safe to drink.

## **10. CURRENCY AND BANKS**

The currency in Serbia is Dinar - RSD. All major currencies may be exchanged for the local currency at local banks. Please find the latest exchange rates at:

<http://www.nbs.rs/internet/english/scripts/ondate.html>

## **11. WEATHER IN BELGRADE IN NOVEMBER**

Daily mean temperature: 6.8<sup>0</sup>C  
Mean max temperature: 6-10<sup>0</sup>C  
Mean min. temperature: 0-3<sup>0</sup>C  
Average precipitation amount: 56.4mm

## **12. LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

Life/major health insurance for each of the selected participants is necessary and is the responsibility of the candidate or his/her institution or Government. The organizers will not

assume any responsibility for life and major health insurance, nor for expenses related to medical treatment or accidents.

### **13. LOCAL ORGANIZERS AND CONTACT DETAILS:**

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