

**Some important information for NGOs attending  
the Environment for Europe conference in Batumi  
June 8 – 10, 2016**

**Please read it!!!**



<b>Main Conference venue:</b>  Sheraton hotel 28, Rustaveli street Batumi 6000 Georgia	<b>Side events:</b>  Radisson Blu hotel 1 Ninoshvili Street Batumi 6000 Georgia
<b>Parallel Roundtable discussions and Side events:</b>  Hilton hotel 40, Rustaveli Street Batumi 6010 Georgia	<b>European ECO Forum/NGO conference:</b>  Intourist Palace hotel 11 Ninoshvili Street Batumi 6000 Georgia

**The European ECO Forum/NGO meeting** will take place in Batumi Intourist Palace hotel – room “Bethlemi” on 7 June, 2016 from 9.00 to 18.00. Registration will start at 8.15. Second part of the NGO meeting will be on 10 June starting at about 14.30 and finishing at 18.00

**The NGO conference on 7 June will be held in English and Russian.** Meeting on 10 June will not have interpretation – so, we will need to help each other.

There will be many side events organised by different organisations. Five of them are organised by the European ECO Forum and are as follows:

1. **Greening the economy through Sustainable Production and Consumption** – June 8, 13.10 – 14.50, Radisson Blu hotel “Ballroom 3”
2. **PRTR as a tool of air quality monitoring** – June 8, 13.10 – 14.50, Radisson Blu hotel “Meeting room 2”
3. **Green investment for greening economy: perspectives for the state and people** – June 9, 8.15 – 9.45, Hilton hotel “Ballroom”
4. **Master class: Interactive ESD design from “scratch”** – June 9, 18.15 – 20.15, Radisson Blu hotel “Meeting room 2”
5. **Environmental PPPs to implement SDGs in EaP countries: from commitments to achieving targets** – June 9, 18.15 – 20.15, Radisson Blu hotel “Ballroom 3”

**EXHIBITION** – we will have our NGO stand in Hilton hotel starting from 7 June. **PLEASE BRING SOME INTERESTING MATERIALS WITH YOU TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.**

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**The Ministerial conference** will take place from 8 June, 2016 starting at 9.30 and finishing at 13.00 on 10 June, 2016.

**TRANSPORTATION** - transportation will be provided for all participants of the Conference from/to the Batumi International Airport. Please inform the travel details to the host country secretariat in a timely manner. The transportation in the city is not provided but there will be open bus moving at the main Rustaveli Avenue.

**REGISTRATION** - Registration offices will be open in the following Hotels: Sheraton, Radisson, Hilton and Intourist. Participants will be able to pick up their badges upon check in at these four hotels. **Delegates staying in other hotels can pick up their badges at the Sheraton Hotel from June 6 onwards.** The information desk will be available in all above mentioned hotels.

**LUNCH** - Lunch will be provided by the host country at the Sheraton Hotel for all official delegates of the Conference on June 8, 9 and 10, on the first floor at “Sun Flower” restaurant

**OFFICIAL RECEPTION** - The host country is kindly inviting all participants to the official reception at **21:00 on Wednesday, June 8**. The reception will be held in the Batumi Art and Musical Centre. Buses will be departing from the Sheraton Hotel from 20:00 to 20:45 transferring delegates to the Batumi Art and Musical Centre. The reception will include a 55-minute concert followed by a buffet. **The buses will depart back to the hotels** from the Musical Centre starting at 23:00pm. The last bus will depart at midnight. Buses will cross Rustaveli and Khimshiashvili avenues, passing by Radisson, Intourist, Sheraton, Hilton and Colosseum hotels.

## **Good to know**

**The currency in Georgia is Lari (GEL).** The current exchange rate is approximately:

1 EUR = 2.3925 GEL

1 USD = 2.14786 GEL

## **Climate**

The climate is humid subtropical. The low annual range of temperature, with a mild winter and warm summer is a characteristic of the city and of the Georgian coast as well. The average annual temperature is 14.5C. The average temperature in January, the coldest month, is 7.1C and in August, the warmest month, 23.2 C. The annual precipitation is 2560 mm. Showers are frequent. The average annual temperature of the sea is 16.7 C at the shore. So, better take some light warm cloth with you as well as raincoat.

**The number for Batumi city ambulance is: 112/0422 277009**

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