

# 9<sup>TH</sup> PAN-EUROPEAN GREEN BELT CONFERENCE



## PROGRAMME

### 9<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Green Belt Conference

31<sup>st</sup> October – 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 in Koli, Finland

**Conference Venue:** Nature Centre Ukko, in the Koli National Park Finland

### Monday, 31.10.2016

Time	Session
18:30-20:00	<b>Side-event</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the European Green Belt Association</b> (Only members and observers of the Board of the European Green Belt Association)
20:00	Welcome reception at the Sokos Hotel Break Koli

**Tuesday, 01.11.2016**

Time	Session
08:45-09:30	Registration at the Nature Centre Ukko
09:30-10:30	<p><b>Session 1</b>  <b>Opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Green Belt Conference</b></p> <p>Chair: Kristiina Niikkonen, Councillor, Ministry of the Environment of Finland</p> <p><b>Video on Koli National Park</b></p> <p><u>Welcome Speeches:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Agriculture and Environment (video)</li> <li>• Risto Poutianen, Regional Mayor, Regional Council of the North Karelia</li> <li>• Timo Tanninen, Executive Director, Parks and Wildlife Finland</li> <li>• Alexander Kryshen, Vice-president, Karelian Research Centre RAS</li> <li>• Bjorn Arne Naess, Norwegian Environment Agency</li> <li>• Gabriel Schwaderer, Executive Director, EuroNatur; Chair of the European Green Belt Association</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session 2</b>  <b>Green Infrastructure and TEN-G</b></p> <p>Chair: Gabriel Schwaderer, Executive Director, EuroNatur; Chair of the European Green Belt Association</p> <p><u>Keynote Speeches:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Green Infrastructure: status and perspectives  <i>Stefan Leiner, Head of Biodiversity Unit, DG Environment, European Commission</i></li> <li>• German national ecological network: legal base, scientific foundation and European context.  <i>Dr. Uwe Riecken, Head of Department, Biotope Protection and Landscape Ecology, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Plenary Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Leiner, European Commission; Dr. Uwe Riecken, BfN</li> </ul>
12:30-12:40	Group picture
12:40-13:20	Press conference for organizers/selected participants
12:40-14:00	Lunch at the Sokos Hotel Break Koli



14:00-16:00	<p><b>Session 3</b>  <b>Insights into the Green Belt of Fennoscandia</b></p> <p>Chair: Mikko Tiira, Parks and Wildlife Finland</p> <p><b>Video on Oulanka-Paanajärvi Twin Park</b></p> <p><u>Key Note Speeches:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and special characteristics  <i>Rustam Sagitov, Director, Baltic Fund for Nature</i></li> <li>• Green Belt Strategy until 2020  <i>Kristiina Niikkonen, Councillor, Ministry of the Environment of Finland</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel on the future and opportunities of the Green Belt in Fennoscandia</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mikko Tiira, Parks and Wildlife Finland</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Balakireva (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Russia)</li> <li>• Kristiina Niikkonen (Ministry of the Environment of Finland)</li> <li>• Tiia Kalske (Finnmark County Governor's Office)</li> <li>• Matti Hovi (Parks and Wildlife Finland)</li> <li>• Timo Hokkanen (Biosphere Reserve of North Karelia)</li> <li>• Päivi Ilves (South East Finland ENI CBC)</li> <li>• Päivi Lundvall (Finnish Nature Conservation Association)</li> <li>• Rustam Sagitov (Baltic Fund for Nature)</li> </ul>
16:00-16:30	Coffee/tea break
16:30-18:30	<p><b>Session 4</b>  <b>Strategic Planning Session I – Further development of the spatial dimension of the European Green Belt</b></p> <p>Chair: Felix Cybulla, Freelance Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the project "European Green Belt as part of Green Infrastructure"  <i>Dr. Liana Geidezis, BUND Project Office Green Belt &amp; Sandra Wigger, EuroNatur</i></li> <li>• Introduction into the working session  <i>Felix Cybulla, Freelance Consultant</i></li> </ul> <p>Parallel working groups</p>
18:30-19:30	<p><b>Session 5</b>  <b>Best Practices – Guided Poster Session</b></p>
19:30	<p><b>European Green Belt Fair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional food and drinks from along the European Green Belt</li> </ul>

Wednesday, 02.11.2016

Time	Session
9:00-11:00	<p><b>Session 6</b>  <b>Presentations of Best Practices</b></p> <p>Chair: Aino Rekola, Finnish Environment Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organization in the frame of the European Green Belt Initiative, <i>Melanie Kreutz (BUND Project Office Green Belt), Sandra Wigger (EuroNatur)</i></li> <li>• Best practices from Transboundary Park in Pasvik-Inari area and trilateral cooperation (nature tourism perspective) <i>Tiia Kalske (Finnmark County), Riina Tervo (Parks &amp; Wildlife Finland), Marina Trusova (Pasvik Zapovednik)</i></li> <li>• Tourism, health, well-being and nature <i>Matti Tapaninen (Parks &amp; Wildlife Finland)</i></li> <li>• SuoMaa: Safeguarding a large-scale taiga corridor between Finland and Russian Karelia <i>Virpi Sahi (Finnish Nature Conservation Association)</i></li> <li>• BPAN – Barents Protected Area Network <i>Anna Kuhmonen (Finnish Environment Institute)</i></li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break
11:30-13:30	<p><b>Session 7</b>  <b>Strategic Planning Session II a - Development of a work programme 2017-1018 for the European Green Belt Association</b></p> <p>Chair: Felix Cybulla, Freelance Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Function and role of the European Green Belt Association <i>Gabriel Schwaderer, Executive Director, EuroNatur; Chair of the European Green Belt Association</i></li> <li>• Result of the 8<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference in Slavonice 2014 <i>Felix Cybulla, Freelance Consultant &amp; Sandra Wigger, EuroNatur</i></li> <li>• Introduction of working session <i>Felix Cybulla, Freelance Consultant</i></li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	Lunch at the Sokos Hotel Break Koli
14:30-16:30	<p><b>Session 8</b>  <b>Strategic Planning Session II b - Development of a work programme 2017-1018 for the European Green Belt Association</b></p> <p>Parallel working group session</p>



16:30-17:00	Coffee/tea break
17:00-18:30	<p><b>Session 9</b>  <b>Wrap-up and Closing</b></p> <p>Closing of Session 8: Presentation of results</p> <p><u>Closing discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristiina Niikkonen, Councillor, Ministry of the Environment Finland</li> <li>• Gabriel Schwaderer, Executive Director, EuroNatur; Chair of the European Green Belt Association</li> </ul>
19:00	Evening programme at the Sokos Hotel Break Koli

### Thursday, 03.11.2016 - Excursions

Time	Events
09:00-13:00	<p><b>Excursion I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long nature excursion to the Koli National Park</li> </ul>
09:00-11:00	<p><b>Excursion II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short nature excursion to the Koli National Park</li> <li>• Ending point is Koli village</li> </ul>
13:00	Bus transfer from the Sokos Hotel Break Koli to Koli Village
11:00– 14:30	Lunch at Ryynänen
12:00-14:00	<p><b>Excursion III</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural tour in the Koli area</li> </ul>
14:00 and 14:30	Bus transfer from Koli Village to the Sokos Hotel Kimmel in Joensuu
15:30-19:00	<p><b>Side-event:</b>  <b>General Assembly of the European Green Belt Association</b>  at the Sokos Hotel Kimmel in Joensuu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory for members of the European Green Belt Association</li> </ul>
19:30	Joint Dinner at the Sokos Hotel Kimmel Joensuu

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