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Payments for Ecosystem Services (Forests for Water)



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National Forest Centre, Slovakia
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Vienna, Austria



Partners

Nationalpark Donauauen – Danube Floodplains National Park, Austria
Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development, Slovakia

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Keynotes

Dr. Pernille Holtedahl
Blue Maia Ltd.
London, United Kingdom
*Green bonds and other
private financing vehicles
for investing in woodland
creation*



Prof. Dr. Shingo Shibata
Sophia University
Tokyo, Japan
*Development of
Woodlands for Water
PES Schemes
in Japan*

Talks on the national context:

Prof. Dr. Jaroslav Šálka, Technical University in Zvolen
Dr. Ivan Barka, National Forest Centre, Zvolen



Venue: **Bratislava** (Crown Plaza Hotel)

Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia, with more than 400 thousand inhabitants. It is located on the international borders to Austria and Hungary, and on one of the largest rivers in Europe – the Danube. The river Morava/March flows into the Danube at the border of the city and the border to Austria. The venue is centrally located, within walking distance to the most important landmarks of the historical urban landscape, including the urban riverfront of Danube.



Field Visit I **BROZ – Karlova Ves and Devín** -
revitalised arms of the Danube

Field Visit II **Nationalpark Donauauen**

The field visits will focus on floodplain forests and water quality issues within and around Bratislava and different PES schemes applied by our partners – BROZ and Nationalpark Donauauen who have kindly agreed to organise professional guided tour for our participants on site, in Bratislava (SK) and Orth an der Donau (AT).

About COST

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About COST PESFOR-W

The PESFOR-W COST Action aims at consolidating learning from existing woodlands for water PES schemes in Europe and helping standardise approaches to evaluating the environmental effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of woodland measures. One of its objectives is to create a European network through which PES schemes can be facilitated, extended and improved, for example by incorporating other ecosystem services linking with aims of the wider forests-carbon policy nexus. For more information visit: www.forestresearch.gov.uk/research/pesforw

We are looking for environmentally conscious and socially responsible sponsors and partners who want to support a pan-European vision of enhancing water quality through forests and trees. Help us meet the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals!

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