



# **BESTbelt Conference**

1.–4. November 2022

## **Ulcinj**

Montenegro

# **BESTbelt**



More power for the European Green Belt

## Agenda

Tuesday, 1 November 2022	
18:00-20:00	<b>Board meeting of the European Green Belt Association e.V.</b> only EGBA Board members
20:00	<b>Welcome dinner</b> for all conference participants
Wednesday, 2 November 2022	
8:00-9:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:30-10:15	<b>Opening and welcome speeches</b> Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor of Ulcinj, tbc</li> <li>• Minister Ana Novakovic, Ministry of Environment, tbc</li> <li>• Oana-Cristina Popa, Head of EU Delegation to Montenegro</li> <li>• Jutta Paulus, Member of the European Parliament, video message</li> <li>• Tamara Brajović, Director of the Directorate for Nature Protection</li> <li>• Ben Caspar, DG Environment</li> </ul>
10:15-11:45	<b>Session 1: BESTbelt - More power for the European Green Belt</b> Moderation: Liana Geidezis, BUND Department Green Belt, Board of the European Green Belt Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BESTbelt – More power for the European Green Belt: Connecting people and creating sustainable long-term perspectives, EuroNatur</li> <li>• Project Rallye of funded projects of BESTbelt Call 2022 with coffee</li> </ul>
11:45-13:30	<b>Session 2: Potential of green jobs for the European Green Belt</b> Moderation: Karin Ullrich, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential of sustainable jobs along the European Green Belt and its valorisation in the frame of BESTbelt, Pavla Cihlarova, Trinomics</li> <li>• Best Practices from the European Green Belt <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. „Training of guides through the local landscape of the Pilsen Region“, Alexandra Hrušková, REVIS</li> <li>2. “Pasvik-Inari potential for green jobs in the North of Green Belt of Fennoscandia”, Aimo Saano, Metsähallitus</li> <li>3. “Creation of hospitality jobs along the Baltic coastline”, Juris Smalinskis, Latvian Country Tourism association "Lauku celotajs"</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Panel discussion, Moderation Gabriel Schwaderer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oana Forestier, Trinomics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ben Caspar, European Commission</li> <li>○ Petko Tzvetkov, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, Board of European Green Belt Association</li> <li>○ Ksenija Medenica, CZIP, tbc</li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:30-15:45	<p><b>Session 3: Potential of the European Green Belt for Climate Protection and Nature Restoration</b></p> <p>Moderation: Jörg Schmiedel, BUND Friends of the Earth Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “LIFE for MIREs: Trans-boundary mire restoration along the Czech-German Green Belt” and “Cross-Linking Green Belt”, Melanie Kreutz, BUND Department Green Belt</li> <li>• "Large-scale livestock farming in the Baltic Sea region - the scale and challenges", Jakub Skorupski, GAJA Foundation</li> <li>• “Nature restoration measures in Salina Ulcinj”, CZIP, tbc</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	<b>Group picture</b>
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:30-17:30	<p><b>Session 4: Success stories of nature restoration and protection along the European Green Belt</b></p> <p>Moderation: EuroNatur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided poster Session facilitated by BESTbelt Project team</li> </ul>
18:00-19:00	<b>Break</b>
19:00	<p><b>Opening of exhibition “Borderbarriers and Ecocorridors at the Edge of Europe”</b></p> <p>Alex Kemman, Researcher &amp; Photographer</p>
19:00	<p><b>European Green Belt Fair</b></p> <p>Traditional food and drinks from along the European Green Belt</p>
<b>Thursday, 3 November 2022</b>	
8:00-18:00	<p><b>Session 5: Working groups on the road</b></p> <p>Parallel field-trips to visit best practices at Saline Ulcinj and Ada Bojana, and to learn, exchange, and discuss on potential of green jobs, restoration measures, threats and successful strategies</p>
	<b>Dinner</b>
20:00	<b>City tour</b>

Friday, 4 November 2022	
9:00-9:30	<p><b>Session 6: Review of BESTbelt Conference</b></p> <p>Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up of field-trip and main findings of the first conference day</li> </ul>
9:30-11:30	<p><b>Session 7: Sharing of knowledge and experiences - Parallel working groups and presentation of results (including coffee break)</b></p> <p>Moderation: Melanie Kreutz, BUND Department Green Belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of the EGB Days and discussion how to improve the performance; Lead: EuroNatur together with Green Balkans (Bulgaria) and PPNEA (Albania)</li> <li>• Spatial delineation of the EGB: Presentation of methodological approach in Italy and exchange of experiences; Lead: Rete Italiana EGB</li> <li>• Workcamps and youth exchange: Lead: BUND Thuringia</li> <li>• Future Workshop: European Green Belt - Challenges and potential for the next 30 years, Lead: EuroNatur</li> </ul>
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Wrap-up and closing of conference</b></p> <p>Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur and Ben Caspar, European Commission</p>
12:00	<b>First transfer to airport</b>
13:00	<b>Lunch for participants EGBA General Assembly</b>
14:00-17:00	<b>General Assembly of the European Green Belt Association e.V.</b>
19:00	<b>Dinner</b>
Saturday, 5 November 2022	
5:00	<b>First transfer to airport</b>