



**WMO RA VI  
RCC Network**

**WMO RA VI Workshop on RCC Implementation and  
The second Coordination meeting of RA VI RCC Network,  
11-14 October 2016, Belgrade, Serbia**

**INFORMATION NOTE  
ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Background**

WMO RA VI Regional Climate Centres Network was formally designated in 2013, and since then it has been providing climate services and products to NMHSs in the countries of RA VI, according to mandatory functions and as defined in the Implementation Plan (IP) adopted by RA VI at its Fifteenth session (September 2009). There have been major achievements during last several years of operation of the RA VI RCC Network. As part of a rolling review process, however, the requirements, products and arrangements as well as the context have to be reviewed to facilitate a smooth and future-oriented, sustained further development of the RA VI RCC Network.

It is, therefore, proposed to organize a Workshop on RCC implementation in RA VI from 11 to 13 October 2016 that would bring together representatives from all Member Countries of the region, focal points of the consortium members, representatives from Copernicus Climate Change Service, EU funded projects, etc. to discuss inter alia, the recent achievements and constraints, possibilities of further improving the services and products, as well as the role of the RCC Network in the wider European context.

The Workshop will be followed by a Coordination meeting of RA VI RCC Network on 14 October with participation of consortium representatives / focal points to discuss and review the Implementation Plan exploring the possibility of including new products and services in the portfolio to meet the requirements of users, as well as to discuss issues related to the coordination of the RCC Network and other issues.

The events will be co-sponsored by the German Meteorological Service (DWD) and by the World Meteorological Organization, and hosted by Serbia in Belgrade with the in-kind contribution of the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia.

## **MEETING ORGANIZATION**

### **Venue**

WMO RA VI Workshop on Regional Climate Centers Implementation and the Second Coordination meeting of RA VI Network of Regional Climate Centers (WMO RA VI RCC Network) will be held at the Conference Center, Gospodar Jevremova Str. 47, Belgrade, Serbia, from 11 to 14 October 2016.

### **Registration of participants**

An Information and Registration Desk will be set up at the entrance of the Conference Room. The Registration will start at 08:30 on 11 October 2016.

### **Working Language**

The working language of the meetings will be English.

### **Computer and Internet access**

Each participant is strongly recommended to bring its own laptop. The Envoy Hotel offers free Wireless internet access at the venue and in hotel rooms.

### **Requirements to the participants**

All participants are invited to deliver presentations.

The Leads of RCC Nodes and the respective members of the consortium in their role as the providers of the services and products (Leads are invited to coordinate), to report on the activities.

The Member countries, as the users of the RCC services and products, to highlight the needs and expectations.

Representatives from European RCOFs are invited to elaborate on the role of the RCC Network in respective RCOFs, from WMO RA VI Training Centre to discuss options for support to the RCC Network to discharge its training functions, and representatives from invited European institutions are invited to share their view on the role of and interfaces with the RA VI RCC Network.

## ACCOMMODATION

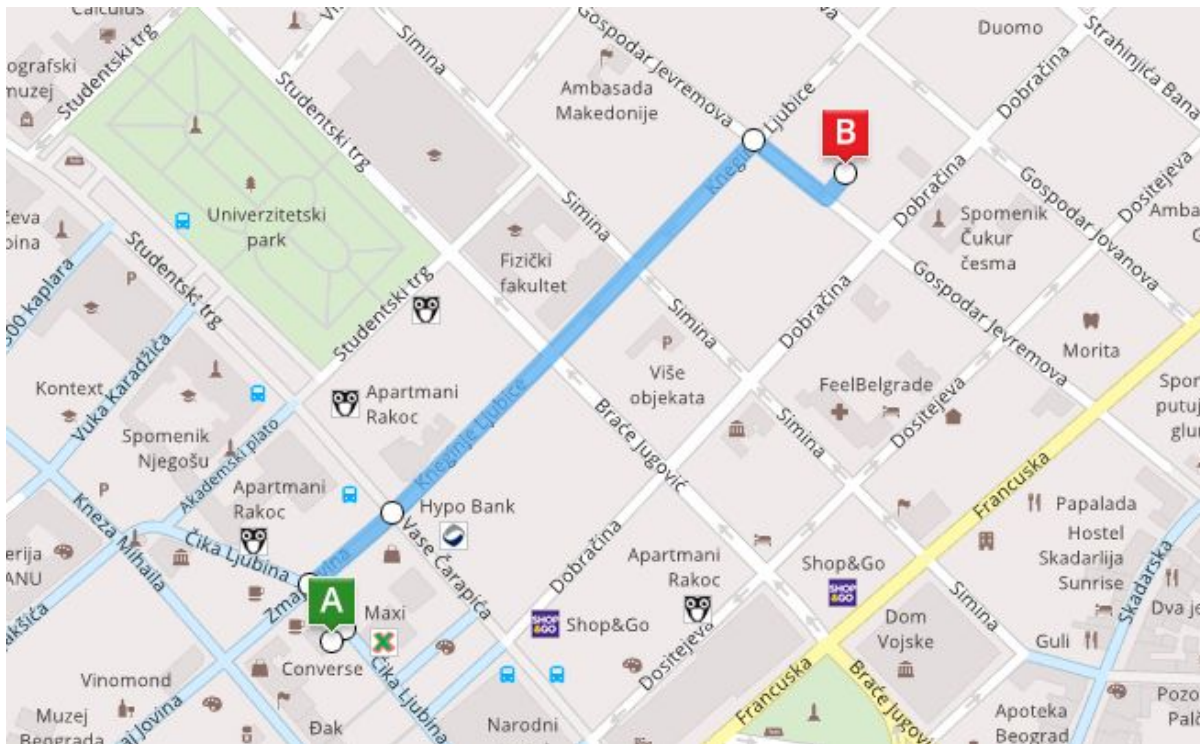
Preliminary block reservations have been made at the Envoy Hotel for all the participants with a special rate of €101.3 for half board accommodation (hotel room, breakfast and lunch) and €116.3 for full board accommodation (hotel room, breakfast, lunch and dinner).

For WMO supported participants the half board accommodation will be provided free of charge for the duration of the events to be attended. The deadline for confirming reservations to the Hotel is **September 15, 2016**. Reservations should be made by participants directly with the hotel. **With this purpose they have to contact the Hotel contact person, Ms Ana Jovičević ([info@envoyhotel.rs](mailto:info@envoyhotel.rs)), providing their itinerary details as soon as tickets are issued.**

The Envoy Hotel is located in the very heart of Belgrade. In the vicinity of the Hotel there are many local bus stops. The distance from the Nikola Tesla Airport is about 20 km; a taxi drive from the airport should last for about 30 min.

The main city attractions are only several meters away from the hotel: Knez Mihailova shopping street, the medieval fortress Kalemegdan, and the old bohemian quarter of Skadarlija.

More detailed information regarding the Hotel is available on the following link: <http://www.envoyhotel.rs/>



## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL**

Transportation from the airport to the hotel:

Taxi transportation will be organised by the Envoy Hotel upon demand, at the price of 20 € per ride for 1-2 passengers.

Public transportation

1) Mini bus line A1 goes from the airport to Slavija Square (30 min). The ticket price is 300 RSD  $\approx$  2.5 € (tickets are available on the bus). Get off the bus at Slavija Square, and take a trolleybus number 19, 21 or 29, or a bus number 31 (in the direction of Studentski Trg (Students' Square)). Get off the trolleybus/bus at the last stop. The hotel is located nearby, around 5 minutes walking distance from the Students' Square. The ticket price (for a trolleybus/bus) is 150 RSD  $\approx$  1.3 € (tickets are available on the trolleybuses/buses). Mini bus line A1 goes every 20 minutes (00, 20, 40).

2) Public bus line 72 is also available, and it goes from the airport to the Zeleni Venac bus terminal, which is 500 m away from the hotel (around 10 minutes walking distance). The ticket price is 150 RSD  $\approx$  1.3 € (tickets are available on the bus).

A walk (5 minutes) from the Envoy Hotel (A) to the Conference Center (B)

## **PARKING**

A garage is available upon request in the Hotel reservation form. There is also a public parking garage available, located in Kraljice Natalije St. 13, nearby the hotel. Parking in the public garage is charged RSD 90  $\approx$  0.75 € per hour (18 € / day).

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

For the participants requiring a visa for Serbia, Republic Hydrological and Meteorological Service of Serbia (RHMSS), as the host, will provide, upon demand, an official invitation letter for the visa application procedure. 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).

## **TELEPHONE CONNECTION**

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

## **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. The electrical outlets are standard European. Tap water in Belgrade is safe to drink.

## **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>

## **WEATHER IN BELGRADE IN THE PERIOD 10-15 OCTOBER**

Daily mean temperature: 12.0 – 15.3 °C  
Mean max temperature: 16.8 – 21.7 °C  
Mean min. temperature: 8.0 – 10.9 °C  
Average precipitation amount: 0.0 – 7.5 mm

## **LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

Life/major health insurance for each of the delegates is necessary and is the responsibility of the participant or his/her institution or Government. The organizers will not assume any responsibility for life and major health insurance, nor for the expenses related to medical treatment or accidents.

### **Social event**

RHMSS, as a host, is planning to organize a guided walking tour of the city center and the Kalemegdan fortress, followed by a short concert of Serbian spiritual music (around 2 hours in total), which will be followed by the official dinner at the Kalemegdanska Terasa restaurant on 11 October. Tips: you may wish to wear comfortable walking shoes.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

RHMSS will assist you with any special requirements related to your attendance at the meeting. Should you need any further information regarding the event, please contact the following persons:

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