



BESTbelt Conference

1.–4. November 2022

Ulcinj

Montenegro

BESTbelt



More power for the European Green Belt

Final Agenda

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oana Forestier, Trinomics ○ Ben Caspar, European Commission ○ Petko Tzvetkov, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, Board of European Green Belt Association ○ Ksenija Medenica, CZIP
13:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:45	<p>Session 3: Potential of the European Green Belt for Climate Protection and Nature Restoration</p> <p>Moderation: Jörg Schmiedel, BUND Friends of the Earth Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “LIFE for MIREs: Trans-boundary mire restoration along the Czech-German Green Belt” and “Cross-Linking Green Belt”, Melanie Kreutz, BUND Department Green Belt ● "Large-scale livestock farming in the Baltic Sea region - the scale and challenges", Jakub Skorupski, GAJA Foundation ● “Nature restoration measures in Salina Ulcinj”, Ksenija Medenica, CZIP ● Discussion
15:45-16:00	Group picture
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	<p>Session 4: Success stories of nature restoration and protection along the European Green Belt</p> <p>Moderation: Florian Hofmann, EuroNatur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided poster Session facilitated by BESTbelt Project team
18:00-19:00	Break and dinner
19:00	<p>Opening of exhibition “Borderbarriers and Ecocorridors at the Edge of Europe”</p> <p>Alex Kemman, Researcher & Photographer</p>
19:30	<p>European Green Belt Fair</p> <p>Traditional food and drinks from along the European Green Belt</p>
Thursday, 3 November 2022	
8:45-17:00	<p>Session 5: Working groups on the road</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>
18:00	Dinner

20:00	City tour
Friday, 4 November 2022	
9:00-9:30	<p>Session 6: Review of BESTbelt Conference</p> <p>Moderation: Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap-up of field-trip and main findings of the first conference day
9:30-11:30	<p>Session 7: Sharing of knowledge and experiences</p> <p>Two rounds of parallel working groups and presentation of results (including coffee break)</p> <p>Moderation: Melanie Kreutz, BUND Department Green Belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the EGB Days and discussion how to improve the performance; Lead: EuroNatur together with Green Balkans (Bulgaria) and PPNEA (Albania) • Spatial delineation of the EGB: Presentation of methodological approach in Italy and exchange of experiences; Lead: Rete Italiana EGB • Workcamps and youth exchange: Lead: BUND Thuringia • Future Workshop: European Green Belt - Challenges and potential for the next 30 years, Lead: EuroNatur
11:30-12:00	<p>Wrap-up and closing of conference</p> <p>Gabriel Schwaderer, EuroNatur and Ben Caspar, European Commission</p>
12:00	First transfer to airport
13:00	Lunch for participants EGBA General Assembly
14:00-17:00	General Assembly of the European Green Belt Association e.V.
19:00	Dinner
Saturday, 5 November 2022	
3:30	First transfer to airport