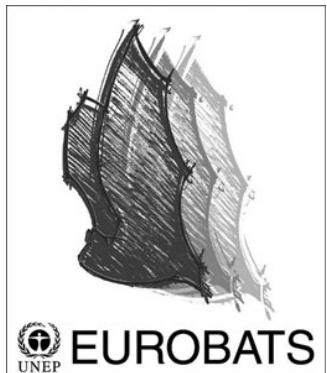


4th Session of the Meeting of Parties

Sofia, Bulgaria, 22 – 24 September 2003

Information Fact Sheet



The **EUROBATS Meeting Secretariat** will be operational from 20 to 24 September 2003 and can be reached by:

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During the meeting the delegates will be able to receive fax at the above number. They will also be able to send and receive e-mails. The delegates can be reached under the same phone and fax numbers as the Secretariat and the following e-mail address: **delegates@eurobats.org** .

Transfer Airport/Hotel:

A shuttle bus will bring you from and to the airport. We shall inform you about the departure times of the shuttle bus as soon as possible.

If you prefer to take a taxi, please go to the taxi office **inside** the airport hall. This is much cheaper than just taking one of the taxis waiting outside.

Hotel Facilities (www.rodina.bg):

The hotel has an indoor swimming pool and a fitness centre available free of charge. If this is interesting for you, please don't forget to bring your swimsuit.

Restaurants:

Lunch will usually be taken at the conference restaurant. The average price is 8-9 EUR per person and will be added to your room bill. Dinner will be available in several other restaurants inside the hotel. Nice restaurants can of course also be found in the city.

Mobile phones:

The mobile phone network in Sofia is well developed. But be careful with international calls. The rates are relatively high.

Climate:

In September weather can be expected to be very sunny and warm. Nevertheless you should be prepared for rainy weather too.

Field trip:

No special equipment is needed for the field trip on Sunday 21 September.

Security:

Sofia is a very safe city. Like in all big cities there is a certain risk of pickpockets. You are advised to always bear the Certificate with you, which identifies you as UN delegate. Please contact the Secretariat immediately in case of any problem.

Currency:

The currency is the Bulgarian Leva (BGL). 1 Leva corresponds to approximately 0,514 EURO. A cash exchange counter is available inside the hotel. Banks and cash dispensers are located nearby the hotel.

Insurance:

You are yourself responsible for any kind of health and travel insurance.