

## 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Tbilisi, Georgia, 4 – 6 April 2011

### Information Fact Sheet



The **EUROBATS Meeting Secretariat** will be operational from 1 to 6 April 2011 and can be reached at:

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Hotel Old Tbilisi will be the venue for AC16. There will also be the delegate's office with internet connection for sending and receiving e-mails. The participants can be reached under the same phone and fax numbers as the Secretariat and the following e-mail address if you do not have your own web-mail account: [eurobats@eurobats.org](mailto:eurobats@eurobats.org) .

#### **Transfer Airport / Hotel:**

A shuttle service will bring you from Tbilisi International Airport to your hotel. Please look out for a person with a **EUROBATS** sign in the arrival hall of the airport or outside in front. If the driver is not present at a given moment, please wait until his arrival. In case of any problems, please call the Secretariat at the number provided above.

At your hotel you will receive last minute information on when and where to register and on any other relevant matters that might emerge.

#### **Accommodation:**

As there are only very few single rooms available in **Hotel Old Tbilisi**, it will be mainly used for those who are accommodated in double rooms.

Most other participants will be accommodated in:

**Hotel Kopala**, 8/10 Chekhov str., Tbilisi 0103  
**www.kopala.ge**  
Phone: +995 32 77 55 20  
Fax: +995 32 77 55 90

Hotel Kopala is at about 900 metres away from Hotel Old Tbilisi and a shuttle will be available for transport to the AC16 venue.

**Restaurants:**

Lunch will be taken at Hotel Old Tbilisi at the own expenses of each participant. A nice variety of dishes, salads and cheese etc. will be available at the rate of 13 Euro per day including soft drinks and water.

**Please note that you will be requested to register for lunch beforehand!** Further information on the procedure will follow.

**Currency:**

The currency in Georgia is Lari (GEL). 10 Lari correspond to approx. 4,20 Euro.

**Mobile phones:**

The mobile phone network in Georgia is well developed.

**Time Zone:** The time in Georgia is GMT +4.

**Electricity and sockets:**

220 Volt, 50 Hertz. Please bring an adaptor as appropriate.

**Climate:**

We are hoping for sunny and warm spring weather. However, please also prepare for appropriate clothing in case it gets chilly or rainy. Solid shoes are advisable for the excursion.

**Security:**

There are no particular security threats in Tbilisi. Nevertheless please always bear the Certificate with you, which identifies you as UN delegate. Please contact the Secretariat immediately in case of any problem.

**Insurance:**

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

**General Information about Georgia**

Georgia is situated in the Caucasus region at the juncture of Western Asia and Eastern Europe. It borders the Black Sea on the west, Russia on the North, Turkey and Armenia on the South, and Azerbaijan on the East. Georgia occupies the territory of 69,700 km<sup>2</sup> with the population 4, 7 million. Being a part of the Caucasian eco-region, Georgia is recognized as one of the “Hot Spots” of biodiversity. The Caucasus is distinguished by WWF among the 200 global eco-regions. The topographical complexity and climatic differences condition the diversity of landscapes and ecosystems of Eastern and Western Georgia.

Georgia has very rich history reflected in its cultural heritage. There are 12 000 historical monuments in Georgia, 5 000 of which are protected by the Government. Four historical monuments are on the list of UNESCO World Heritage: Mtskheta - ancient capital of Georgia, Gelati - architectural complex and Bagrati - cathedral in Kutaisi (West Georgia), and village Ushguli in Svaneti.

Please visit the following web-sites to find more information on Georgia:

<http://www.georgia.travel/>

Here is also the web site of the Georgian Tourism National Agency:

<http://www.gnta.ge>

The official language in Georgia is Georgian; other languages spoken in Georgia are English and Russian.

### **Pre- and post-conference excursions**

The Government of Georgia is planning to organize the pre-conference excursion to one of the wonderful Protected Areas of Georgia, Lagodekhi Protected Areas in Kakheti (East Georgia). Information on Protected Areas of Georgia, including Lagodekhi Protected Areas, can be found on: <http://www.apa.gov.ge/?site-lang=en>

Participants can also organize post-conference tours in Georgia themselves. Please find information about Georgian Tourism Agency on <http://www.gnta.ge/>

The web sites of several tour-operators are given below:

<http://www.ecotours.ge>

[www.ekoturi.ge](http://www.ekoturi.ge)

[www.jomardi.ge](http://www.jomardi.ge)

[www.caucasustravel.com](http://www.caucasustravel.com)

<http://www.concordtravel.ge/>

<http://www.exotour.ge/>

<http://www.visitgeorgia.ge/>

<http://www.mytours.ge/>

<http://www.intertour.travel/>

To rent a car, please visit the following web sites:

[www.avis.ge](http://www.avis.ge)

<http://rentcarstbilisi.com>

<http://www.sixt.com>

<http://car-rent.ge>

<http://rokomotors.ge>