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ModernStats World Workshop 2022

27-29 June 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

# **Information Notice No. 2**

## I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

- 1. The ModernStats World Workshop 2022 will be held in Belgrade, the Republic of Serbia, from 27 to 29 June 2022. The meeting is planned to commence at 09:30 on Monday and to finish at 12:00 on Wednesday.
- 2. The workshop venue is the <u>Grand Hall of the Belgrade City municipality of Stari Grad (Gradska opština Stari grad)</u>, <u>located at No. 42 Makedonska street</u>. The Hall is on the ground floor of the municipality building with a capacity of over 200 seats. A breakaway room is located on the fifth floor. The workshop participants will be met on arrival by representatives of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia at the reception desk. A map of the area is enclosed as Annex I.

## II. MEETING DOCUMENS AND WEBSITES

- 3. The working language of the meeting is English. All documents will be provided in English only. In advance of the meeting, abstracts and draft versions of papers/presentations will be made available via the following wiki site: <a href="https://statswiki.unece.org/x/sYAqF">https://statswiki.unece.org/x/sYAqF</a>. Note that the printed copies of abstracts, papers and presentations will not be distributed in the conference room. A wireless internet connection will be available in the meeting room for you to download relevant files.
- 4. After the meeting, final versions of papers, along with presentation slides will be made available via the UNECE website at the following location: <a href="https://unece.org/statistics/events/MWW2022">https://unece.org/statistics/events/MWW2022</a>.

## III. VISA

5. Participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Serbian Embassy in the country in which the participant resides, with a reference to the UNECE ModernStats World Workshop 2022. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa should be requested by 27 May 2022 from the local contacts in Belgrade (see Section VIII Contact). Further information on visa requirements can be found here: https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime.

#### IV. SOCIAL EVENT

6. Further information about possible social events will be provided nearer to the time of the meeting.

## V. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

7. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements as well as hotel reservations, and are responsible for covering all related costs. Below is a selection of hotels that are within walking distance from the workshop venue (see Annex II for the map):

HOTEL UNION Address: Kosovska 11 Phone: +381 11 322 03 50

Web address: www.hotelunionbelgrade.com

HOTEL BELGRADE ART Address: Knez Mihailova 27 Phone: +381 11 331 20 00

Web address: www.belgradearthotel.com

HOTEL CONSTANTIN THE GREAT

Address: 27. marta 12 Phone: +381 11 414 43 40

Web address: www.constantinethegreatbelgrade.com

GARNI HOTEL CRYSTAL

Address: Internacionalnih brigada 9

Phone: +381 11 715 10 00

Web address: www.crystalhotel.rs

HOTEL COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Address: Vase Čarapića 2-4 Phone: +381 11 400 30 00 Web address: www.marriott.com

HOTEL ENVOY

Address: Čika Ljubina 13 Phone: +381 11 414 46 46 Web address: www.envoyhotel.rs

GARNI HOTEL HELVETIA

Address: Resavska 11 Phone: +381 11 334 89 93

Web address: www.hotelhelvetia.info

HOTEL MERCURE BELGRADE EXCELSIOR

Address: Kneza Miloša 5 Phone: +381 11 323 13 81 Web address: www.mercure.com

HOTEL LIFE DESIGN Address: Balkanska 18 Phone: +381 11 353 43 00

Web address: www.lifedesignhotel.rs

HOTEL KASINA Address: Terazije 25 HOTEL MOSKVA

Address: Balkanska 1 Phone: +381 11 364 20 69

Web address: www.hotelmoskva.rs

HOTEL PRAG

Place: Belgrade

Address: Kraljice Natalije 27 Phone: +381 11 321 44 44 Web address: www.hotelprag.rs

HOTEL CITY SAVOY

Address: Cetinjska 3 Phone: +381 11 324 02 00

Web address: www.hotelcitysavoy.com

GARNI HOTEL ARGO

Address: Kralja Milana 25 Phone: +381 11 3640 42

Web address: www.argohotelbelgrade.com

HOTEL ZEPTER

Address: Terazije 10 Phone: +381 11 306 38 00

GARNI HOTEL BELGRADE INN

Web address: www.hotelzepter.rs

Address: Francuska 11 Phone: +381 11 400 06 60

Web address: www.belgradeinn.com

GARNI HOTEL OPERA

Address: Braće Jugović 16 Phone: +381 11 715 13 20 Web address: www.hotelopera.rs

HOTEL MAMA SHELTER

Address: Knez Mihailova 54a Phone: +381 11 333 30 33

Web address: https://www.mamashelter.com

**GARNI HOTEL CENTAR NO.1** 

Address: Kolarčeva 1 Phone: + 381 11 402 40 00

Web address: https://hotelcentar-nol.com

HOTEL LE PETIT PIAF

Phone: +381 11 323 55 75 Address: Skadarska 34 Web address: www.hotelkasina.rs Phone: +381 11 303 5252

Web address: https://petitpiaf.com

8. Although we anticipate an improved COVID situation by the time of this meeting, participants must ensure they have insurance to cover all associated eventualities, including cancellation of flight and hotels if the public health situation seriously deteriorates. Participants should stay up-to-date with any requirements that may be needed for those who travel to Serbia, including for example any documentation that might be required to demonstrate vaccination against COVID. Further information on COVID-related entry requirements can be found here: https://mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/covid-19-entry-requirements.

## VI. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

## **Arriving from the Airport**

- 9. The Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport in Surčin is located 18 km from the centre of Belgrade. Flight information can be obtained by telephone, at +381 11 20 94 444 or through the www.beg.aero website. Tourist Information Center at the Airport (tel. +381 11 20 97 828) works from 09:00-21:30. Transfers to the City Centre can be done by either taxi or public transportation.
- 10. Secretariat for Public Transport of the City of Belgrade, in cooperation with Belgrade Airport, has again put into operation a counter for issuing certificates of fixed price (vouchers)<sup>1</sup> for taxi transport, which is located in the international arrivals area. Passengers on arrival have fixed prices of taxi services at their disposal according to 6 zone destinations within the city of Belgrade. Please note that all destination in down-town Belgrade belong to either 1st or 2nd zone meaning that the fare from the airport to your destination should not exceed 2500 Serbian dinars (RSD), around Euro 20 (for more information about currency, see Section VII General Information). For the use of taxi services from Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport to any destination in Belgrade area and further, please contact the city service TAXI INFO desk, located in the baggage claim area. Please take a taxi receipt at the information desk which contains the name of your destination and appropriate price for the taxi service.
- 11. You can also use public transportation (called "GSP"), i.e., number 72 bus line which terminates at Zeleni Venac Square. The ticket price on the bus is 150 RSD and the trip duration is about 40 minutes. Another line "A1" is operated by a mini-bus service. The ticket costs 300 RSD and the line terminates at Slavija Square. Trip duration is about 25 minutes.

# **Getting Around**

- 12. Belgrade city public transport is provided through a network of bus, trolleybus and tram routes run by a public operator GSP "Beograd" and bus services operated by private bus companies, on around 130 routes.
- 13. Single tickets can be bought:
  - in public transport vehicles, from the driver or conductor;
  - at newsagents/kiosks marked with a ticket sales sticker;
  - at GSP points-of-sale.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This scheme has been put into practice in order to crack down on rogue taxi drivers who are waiting for passengers immediately in the arrival zone and offer their "services" for extremely high prices. You are advised to be aware of them.

14. If you are not a frequent user, you should buy a paper card which costs 89 RSD and is valid for a ride lasting maximum 90 minutes on all lines (for 1st or 2nd public transportation zone). Other paper cards which you can use are:

• 1 day for 1st or 2nd public transportation zone - 250 RSD;

• 3 days for 1st or 2nd public transportation zone – 700 RSD;

• 5 days for 1st or 2nd public transportation zone - 1000 RSD.

15. If you buy a ticket on the bus, a single ticket costs 150 RSD. Map of the public transport lines is enclosed at Annex I.

#### VII. GENERAL INFORMATION

# **Currency and Time Zone**

16. The official tender in Serbia is dinar, abbreviated RSD. Money may be exchanged in all banks and post offices, as well as in authorized exchange offices. Credit cards are widely accepted and cash dispensers (for obtaining local currency) are numerous. Dinar is issued in denominations of 10/20/50/100/200/500/1000/5000. The official exchange rate may be checked on the website of the National Bank of Serbia (www.nbs.rs). Currently (April 2022), one Euro € exchanges for around 118 RSD, while one US dollar \$ for around 108 RSD.

17. Belgrade and Serbia are located in the Central European time zone region (GMT +2 in June).

## **Electricity and Water**

18. As in most cities of Continental Europe, the electricity voltage in Belgrade is 220V. Electrical outlets (sockets) are standard European.

19. Tap water in Belgrade is safe to drink.

## **Tourism**

20. General tourist information is available here: <a href="https://tob.rs/en">https://tob.rs/en</a>

## VIII. CONTACT

21. For further information, please contact the following meeting organisers:

## Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

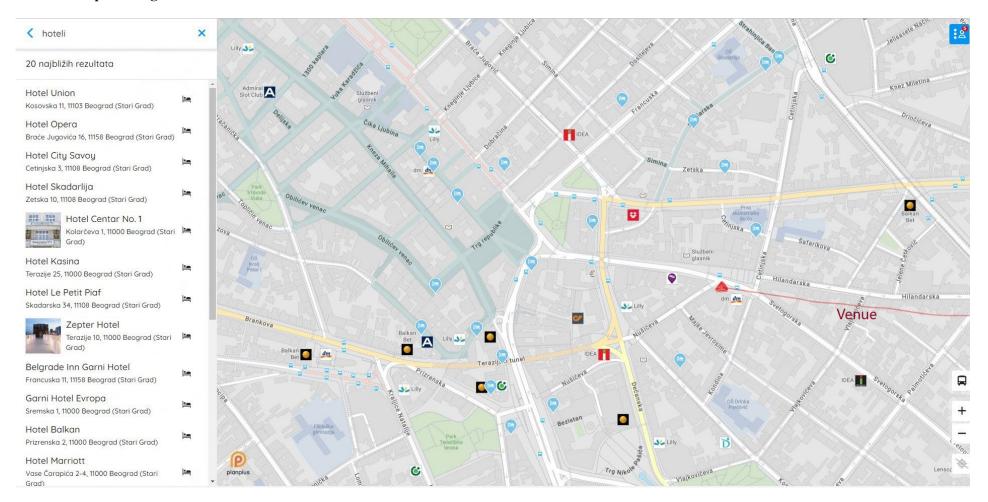
Ms. InKyung Choi Mr. Christopher Jones E-mail: choii@un.org E-mail: jonesc@un.org

# Local contact of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

Mr. Dragan Ignjatovic

E-mail: dragan.ignjatovic@stat.gov.rs

# Annex I. Map Meeting Venue and Hotels



**Annex II. Transport Map of Belgrade** 

