

DRAFT INVITATION

THE PEP PARTNERSHIP SUSTAINABLE TOURISM MOBILITY

5TH PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 25TH/27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

BOHINJ LAKE, SLOVENIA

Dear Madam or Sir,

Following up the adoption of the Vienna declaration in May 2021 by 41 countries of the pan-European region, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy would like to **invite you to participate in the fifth meeting of THE PEP Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility, taking place September 25th/27th, at Bohinj Lake, Slovenia.**

The forthcoming partnership meeting in Vienna will give participants the possibility to get inspired by the great examples from the pan-European region. The workshop allows participants to:

- Review the draft of THE PEP Toolbox Sustainable Tourism Mobility
- Discuss and exchange on the topic of mobility management for more sustainable mobility in tourism including a field trip around Bohinj lake and an excursion to Soca river valley
- Share and discuss questions and challenges in promotion and policy development for sustainable mobility in tourism
- Expand their international network and connect with experts and peers from research, government, companies and NGOs

You can find the agenda including organizational details at the end of this document.

We therefore kindly invite representatives of member states from ministries of climate action, transport and tourism but also intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and other experts to join and participate in this important event and bring in their perspectives and approaches in the development process. They will also benefit from the experiences of the participating countries and institutions in supporting sustainable mobility in tourism. This and all the following meetings will therefore offer a great opportunity to exchange on current challenges and to jointly work on recommendations for strategies and actions regarding the promotion of sustainable mobility in tourism throughout the whole pan-European region and to get inspired by the examples of other countries facing similar challenges.

Please be aware that this meeting of the partnership will be organized as a live meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Slovenia and join our forces to promote sustainable mobility in tourism in Europe!

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ABOUT THE PEP PARTNERSHIP OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM MOBILITY

Supported by the secretariats of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport and Environment Divisions in Geneva and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) in Copenhagen, THE PEP is a unique policy platform that seeks to encourage transport policymakers and urban planners to consider the health and environmental impacts of transport and address them through shared policy approaches. By bringing together the ministries of transport, health and environment, THE PEP acknowledges the importance of linking these different sectors.

At the 5th high-level meeting on Transport Health Environment in Vienna 2021 the ministers decided to initiate a **new THE PEP Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility**. It aims at **bringing together the relevant stakeholders** responsible for **mobility, climate action and tourism** in a European platform in order to further promote the sustainable tourism development of the pan-European region.

Compared to other international initiatives, the partnership focusses in particular on the question **how the national level can integrate the promotion of sustainable mobility in tourism in its strategies and actions as well as improve cross-sectoral cooperation and by doing so support destinations to promote and implement sustainable mobility in tourism.**

DRAFT THE PEP PARTNERSHIP AGENDA SUSTAINABLE TOURISM MOBILITY

25TH-27TH SEPTEMBER 2023, BOHINJ LAKE/SLOVENIA

VENUE: INFORMATION CENTER BOHINJ

STARA FUZINA 37-38, 4265 BOHINJSKO JEZERO (BOHINJ LAKE)

Monday, September 25th

19.00 Welcome dinner at Bohinj Lake (location tbc)

Tuesday, September 26th

Venue: Information center Bohinj, Stara Fuzina 37-38, 4265 Bohinjsko jezero (Bohinj Lake)

Welcome and introduction

Slovenian Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy (speaker tbc)

08.30 Representative from Bohinj (speaker tbc)

Monika Klinger (Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy) &
Alexandra Dörfler (Austrian Feder Ministry of Climate Action, Environment,
Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)

09.00 **Toolbox draft presentation** *Core drafting team*
(6 chapters, each 15-20min)

Discussion, Q&A *All participants*

12:00 **Joint lunch at location**

13:00 **Bohinj lake – presentation of local mobility solutions** *Klemen Langus, Tourism Bohinj*

13:30 **Field visit of mobility solutions around Bohinj lake**
[Bohinj Home - Bohinj - uradna stran destinacije - TNP, Julijske Alpe, Bohinjsko jezero](#)

16:00 **Toolbox draft presentation – chapter mobility management** Stasa Kraljic, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy

Good practices to inspire us and learn from – examples from the (trans-) national level

- Mobility management at destinations in Austria Austria
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Please let us know whether you would like to share an example from your country/your work with the other members of the partnership. We will be happy to add it here!

Tour de table – what challenges are you facing in your country? All participants

18.00 **Conclusions and next steps**

18:30/ **Dinner (location tbc)**

19:00

Wednesday, September 27th

Venue: Soca development center, Trg tigrovcev 1, 5220 Tolmin (Soca Valley)

Departure from Bohinj Lake/Stara Fuzina to Bohinjska Bistrica train station

08.00

By bike sharing (good weather option) – flat, 8km
By local bus (bad weather option) – 20 min

08:57-
09:32

Bohinj railway to Soca Valley (& bus to Tolmin gorge)

10:00

Visit of Tolmin gorge (2h, 1,5 km, some elevation, possible wet steps/terrain)

[Tolmin Gorge | Soča Valley - Slovenia \(soca-valley.com\)](https://www.soca-valley.com)

12:00

Presentation of mobility solutions in Soca Valley

Miro Kristan

13:00

Farewell lunch (location tbc) (& bus to train station in Soca Valley)

14:43-
15:29

Bohinj railway to Bohinjska Bistrica

**Onward
travel
options**

From Bohinjska Bistrica you can either return to Bohinj lake (by bike – *let us know*, or local bus) or continue your travels in directions of Jesenice train station (at 16:04), Bled lake (by train or local bus), Ljubljana city (by train at 16:04 or local bus at 15:55) or Ljubljana airport - Brnik (by bus at 15:55 to Bled lake and from there a different bus at 17:00 to Brnik – Ljubljana airport)

Practical information

General information about Slovenia, Bohinj Lake, Soca Valley, Julian Alps and the surrounding area (useful for pre/post stay in Slovenia)

[The official travel guide to Slovenia | I feel Slovenia](#)

[Bohinj Home - Bohinj - uradna stran destinacije - TNP, Julijske Alpe, Bohinjsko jezero](#)

[Soča Valley Slovenia Official Site - Paradise for Active Vacation in Nature \(soca-valley.com\)](#)

Registration

To register for the meeting please send an email to a.friedwagner@verracon.at

Accommodation

We recommend to stay at one of the following hotels at Bohinj lake (near to the venue location):

[Hotel Majerca, Stara Fužina](#)

[Apartmaji Triglav, Stara Fužina](#)

[Hotel Bohinj, Ribčev Laz](#)

[Hotel, Jezero, Ribčev Laz](#)

[Home - Residence Bohinj \(residence-bohinj.com\)](#)

Arrival & Departure

[How to get to Bohinj? - Bohinj - uradna stran destinacije - TNP, Julijske Alpe, Bohinjsko jezero](#)

To Bohinjska Bistrica:

Train:

Arrival to train station Jesenice, train to Bohinjska Bistrica:

[Plan your journey - Slovenian railways \(sz.si\)](#)

Tickets can be bought at the ticket office, ticket machine, online or on board (cash only, have change, a few EUR more expensive in this case).

Bus:

From Ljubljana city, Bled lake

[Timetable - Ljubljana Bus Station \(ap-ljubljana.si\)](#)

[Timetable | Arriva Slovenija](#)

Tickets can be bought at the ticket office or on board (cash only, have change).

Plane:

Arrival to Brnik/Ljubljana airport – take a local bus to Bled lake and and there change to a different bus to Stara Fuzina)

[Timetable | Arriva Slovenija](#)

Tickets can be bought at the ticket office or on board (cash only, have change).

From Bohinjska Bistrica to Stara Fuzina take a local bus:

[Timetable | Arriva Slovenija](#)

Direct one from Bled lake: [Timetable | Arriva Slovenija](#)

Costs

All partners need to cover costs for travel expenses to and from Bohinj lake, Slovenia, daily allowances and accommodation. The costs for coffee breaks, lunch and dinner and costs related to field trips around Bohinj lake and in Soca valley (local transportation, bike rental, entrance fees) are covered by the host.

Weather & rain gear

At the end of September, the weather in Slovenian Alps can be nice and sunny, but generally it is rainy and can also already be quite cold. Please be aware that part of the program is outside, with potentially slippery roots in nature (field trip around Bohinj lake and to Tolmin gorge in Soca Valley), so a rain jacket and good walking shoes (with a firm sole) is highly recommended. In case of bad weather we will not be riding bikes, nor will we be visiting the gorge should the conditions not allow that (agenda might consequently change).

For any other question concerning THE PEP Partnership, please contact:

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