

**EUROPEAN TOURISM INDICATOR SYSTEM - ETIS - JOINT CONFERENCE ON** 

# MANAGING AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TOURISM DESTINATIONS

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## *PROGRAMME*

RADISSON BLU HOTEL, 47 RUE DU FOSSÉ AUX LOUPS

## Plenary

Plenary	
08:30-09:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE
09:00-09:10	OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS
	Carlo Corazza, Head of the Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries Unit, DG GROW, European Commission
09:10-09:30	KEY NOTE SPEECHES
	Cinzia De Marzo, Policy Officer, Unit "Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries", DG GROW, European Commission - ETIS state of play
	Antonella Correra, Policy officer, Unit "COSME Programme, SME Envoys and Relations with EASME", DG GROW, European Commission - Tourism Accessibility as an enabler of economic growth
09:30-10:15	PANEL I - SUSTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TOURISM: PRINCIPLES, TOOLS AND GOOD PRACTICES
	Moderator: Cecile Rousset - ETIS pool of experts
	Francesc Romagosa/Janez Sirse, ETIS pool of experts - Results of the second ETIS pilot phase and lessons learnt
	Prof. Vasil Marinov, Department Geography of Tourism Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"- The implementation of ETIS in the Danube Region- the example of Bulgarian destinations
	Ignace Schops, President of EUROPARC Federation - The European Charter for sustainable tourism in protected areas
	Marco Pizzio, Italian Association Multiple Sclerosis (AISM) – Presentation of project "Europe without barriers" and lessons learnt
10:15-11:15	PANEL II - SUSTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TOURISM: DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING STRATEGIES
	Moderator: Rachel McCaffey, ETIS pool of experts
	Herbert Hamele, ECOTRANS e.V – "GreenTravelMap Germany". A new approach to help destinations to identify, assess and increase their sustainable tourism offer and to monitor and bring it to the market Prof. Patrizia Modica, Visit South Sardinia - Destinations which have made continuous improvements during the ETIS implementation
	Roberto Vitali, Founder and President "Village4All" – Opportunities for SMEs
	Magnus Berglund, Accessibility Ambassador - SCANDIC Hotels
	Questions and answers
11:15-11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30-13:00	PANEL III – SUSTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TOURISM - COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES AT EUROPEAN AND AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
	Moderator: Pedro Ortùn, Principle advisor task force CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and tourism -
	European Commission
	Dr. Dirk Glaesser, Director Sustainable Development of Tourism – World Tourism Organization – UNWTO
	Luigi Cabrini, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council criteria - GSTC
	Stefano Dominioni, Director of European Institute of Cultural Routes – EICR- Council of Europe
	Ivor Ambrose, European Network for Accessible Tourism – ENAT  Ana Moniche, Indicators task force - Network for Competitive and Sustainable tourism regions – NECSTOUR
	Questions and answers

13:00-14:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

## Technical sessions

#### 14:00-14:50

# SESSION I - DESTINATIONS' EXPERIENCES WITH TESTING ETIS - ORGANISATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES (STEPS 1 TO 4 OF THE TOOLKIT)

Moderator: Silvia Barbone, ETIS pool of experts

Presentation of 3 case studies by ETIS destinations

Michael Dodds, Director Brittany tourist board - Broceliande-France

Any Niewierra, Director South Limburg Tourist Board - South Limburg- Netherlands

Marina Bresciani, Local coordinator - Terrae Anio Iubensanae - Italy

Coordinated approach of ETIS destinations: Sergio Danelluzzi - City of Milano - Great Italian destinations network for sustainable tourism GDITS-

#### 14:50-16:15

# SESSION II - DESTINATIONS' EXPERIENCES WITH TESTING ETIS - IMPLEMENTATION OF INDICATORS AND DATA COLLECTION (STEPS 5 TO 7 OF THE TOOLKIT)

Moderator: Luca Santarossa, ETIS pool of experts

Presentation of 3 case studies by ETIS destinations

Tim Manson, Local coordinator- Birmingham City Region - UK

Josèp Capellà, Local coordinator, L'Estartit-Torroella de Montgri'-Llancà- Spain

Biserka Stamatovic, coordinator of Tourism Board Podgorica- Capital City Podgorica - Montenegro

Coordinated approach of ETIS destinations: Jana Apih, Director Institute factory of Sustainable tourism – Slovenia Green programme and Damià Serrano i Miracle, Chef of Analysis and Training Department – LABturisme - Barcelona

Ouestions and answers

#### 14:00-16:15

#### PARALLEL WORKSHOP "ACCESSIBLE TOURISM WORLD CAFÉ"

Moderators: Katarzyna Balucka- European Commission and Chris Veitch- ENAT member

The "World Café" is a structured conversation, which allows linking ideas within a larger group and gathering collective knowledge and experience from the participants. Participants will be invited to form small groups and move between them following 3 rounds of questions. The overarching question will be: "How can we best fit in accessibility needs and concepts in the overall sustainability framework?"

## 16:15-16:30

#### **COFFEE BREAK**

#### 16:30-17:15

#### SESSION III - THE REVISED ETIS SET AND TOOLKIT IMPROVEMENTS

Peter Lane, ETIS pool of experts- The new set of core and supplementary indicators

Mara Manente, ETIS pool of experts - The improved, simple and useful toolkit

Ovidiu Ene, Policy Officer, Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries Unit, DG GROW, European Commission - Prototype of ETIS, and its possible display in the Virtual Tourism Observatory

Questions and answers

#### 17:15-17:35

# SESSION IV - POTENTIAL SYNERGIES BETWEEN ETIS AND ENVIRONMENT SPECIFIC INITIATIVES OF DG ENV AND THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (EEA)

Sylvie Ludain, Eco-innovation & Circular economy Unit-DG ENV-European Commission –Potential synergies between ETIS and EMAS/EU Ecolabel

Silvia Giulietti, European Environmental Agency - EEA – Tourism Environmental Reporting Mechanism - TOUERM and ETIS

## 17:35-17:50

## MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE PARALLEL SESSIONS ON ETIS AND ACCESSIBLE TOURISM

Apolonia Rodrigues, ETIS pool of experts - Rapporteur of ETIS conference

Chris Veitch, ENAT member - Rapporteur of Accessible Tourism World Café workshop

**Project's experience testimonials:** Stephan Reichelt, Anglia Ruskin University - Dissertation Declaration on Sustainable Tourism Destination Assessment and Certification: Could ETIS contribute to creating new skilled jobs? - Massimo Canalicchio, EU transnational project Accesstour

#### 17:50-18:00

#### CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Iuliana Aluas, Deputy Head of the Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries Unit, DG GROW, European Commission

