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## INTERNATIONAL ECOVAST CONFERENCE 2006 EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE AND SMALL TOWN

“RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOCIETY”  
BRATISLAVA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, 15-17 OCT 2006

**ECOVAST**  
**EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE AND SMALL TOWN**  
General Assembly 2006



The ECOVAST Biennial General Assembly will take place at Hotel Suza, Bratislava, Slovak Republic on Sunday October 15, 2006, from 10am – 5pm. The International Committee will meet on Saturday 14 October from 2pm – 8pm and the Working Groups from 5pm – 7pm (Rural Architecture) and 8pm – 10pm (Landscape).

To complement the Assembly, there will be an International Conference at Hotel Suza, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, on Monday October 16, 2006 – a night. Detailed programme will be provided later. Interpretation will be provided in Slovakian, English, German and French.

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Themes for the plenary session will include strategies and initiatives for rural development and the current and future role of rural areas, the impact of renewable energy on villages and small towns, and the ASSET small towns’ project.

“Specific problems of rural development” - Four workshops are planned:

- The future of agriculture in rural development
- New technologies and rural development
- Specific issues for rural areas
- Sustainability preconditions for rural development

There will be a study tour to Western Slovakia, Northern Austria, Eastern Czech Republic, and Northern Hungary, on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. One day excursion for all participants by bus(es) to close rural regions in Slovakia, Hungary and/or Austria and/or Czech Republic to such localities in which the topics of the workshops can be documented and discussed.

The excursion will combine visits to nearby historically interesting and important sites representing Slovakian folk architecture as well as dominant historical monuments of visited rural regions, as well as seeing some examples of how renewable energy sources and/or low energy architecture have been already successfully installed / built.

**Organizing Institutions:**  
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ECOVAST - National Section Slovakia  
Faculty of Architecture of Slovak University of Technology Bratislava, Slovakia  
Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava  
Institute of Physics of SAS, Bratislava, Slovakia  
ICOMOS Slovakia

**COSTS**  
Accommodation expenses and meals should be covered by participants themselves and paid reception of Hotel SUZA (see prices below)  
Total conference and excursion fees: 25 EUR (to be paid on arrival)  
The prices of hotel rooms and meals:  
Double room (with two beds): 1400 SK (both beds) - approx. 36 EUR.  
Single room: 900 SK - approx. 24 EUR. The hotel has double rooms and only a few single rooms. It is possible to book a double room for single occupation for price of 900 SK - approx. 24 EUR if there are not enough single rooms available.  
The hotel is on a hill above the town, with very nice views of surrounding central parts of Bratislava. The hotel can be reached by bus from the railway station in 15 minutes (last stop of bus No. 41 starting at railway station). Then it is approx. 8 minutes walk (up the hill) from the last bus stop on the right side of the street. Taxi price from railway station to Hotel Suza: approx. 200 SK (5 EUR).

Conference venue and accommodation address:  
Hotel Suza, Džurinská 46, Bratislava  
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The ECOVAST Biennial General Assembly took place at the Suza Hotel in Bratislava, Slovak Republic on Sunday October 15, 2006. The conference was attended by 80 participants.

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