

INVITATION

PRO SILVA ANNUAL MEETING 2024

28th to 31st May 2024 in Myjava (Slovakia)

Dear Pro Silva delegate,

Pro Silva Slovakia is delighted to invite you to the Pro Silva AGM from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May, in Myjava, Slovakia.

Pro Silva Slovakia will introduce sustainable forest management in Western edge of West Carpathians, a mountain range with well-preserved biodiversity. We would like to share our achievements in application of close-to nature forestry but also challenges which are ahead of us – mainly in upscaling the best practices among wide forestry community and increasing acceptance of close-to-nature approaches. We believe that sharing experiences at European scale in these issues can add value and bring benefits to our common endeavour. Excursions will bring us to the non-state (municipal) forests and also to state forest district of *Duchonka* where the forest managers apply close-to-nature principles in beech and oak forests as well as in converting artificial spruce forests to more diverse and resilient forest structures. Besides the expert topics, we also offer cultural programme – you will have an opportunity to experience treasures of our history, touch 600 years old oaks and taste local food.

Attached is a draft programme for the event, which will commence with registration of participants 14:00 – 15:00, Tuesday 28th May in [Hotel Štefánik](#), **Nám. M. R. Štefánika 37, 907 01 Myjava, Slovakia**.

Registration

The registration fee for this event is **€ 410** and includes accommodation for three nights (check-in on 28th May, check out on 31st May), transport and meals. Please note this fee is per person sharing a room and an additional fee (full room rates) will be charged for single occupancy.

Please coordinate your registration with your president or administrator (2-3 delegates per member). We have fully booked [hotel Štefánik](#) (meeting venue) and [Pension Rosy](#) (10 minutes walk from hotel Štefánik) for our event. Accommodation consists of mostly two-bed rooms (few three-bed rooms) but extra beds are possible if needed. Please note the number of rooms is limited. We strongly encourage you to share rooms with your colleagues. We will allocate rooms depending on time of registration and ability to share rooms (early registrations and those able to share the rooms will have priority for hotel Štefánik). If you have any issues, please contact us at delegat@prosilvaslovakia.sk.

Registration fee is to be paid to:

Account name: Pro Silva Slovakia
IBAN: SK89 0900 0000 0051 8886 7513
BIC: GIBASKBX

Please ensure **your name and organization** is included on the bank transfer.

Please also complete the [registration form](#) until **Sunday 31 March 2024**. **Deadline for the payment of registration fee is 18 April 2024**. Registration is completed after the payment of registration fee.

Time schedule

- Tuesday 28th May – travel day for arrival and AGM meeting
- Wednesday 29th May to Thursday 30th May – meeting and excursion programme
- Friday 31st May – return trip or individual travel programme.

Arrival

- By car directly to the venue in Myjava
- By air to Bratislava airport or Vienna airport (then by bus to Bratislava, which takes about an hour). In case of larger group arriving to Bratislava around the same time, we can organize a bus for transport to Myjava. Otherwise, we will assist with your travel when we know your flight times.
If you are flying to Vienna, please choose flight which will enable you to take bus from Vienna airport to Bratislava at 11:30 at the latest - there are [two buses departing from Vienna airport](#) 11:25 and 11:30.

We look forward to welcoming you to Slovakia in May.

Kind regards, Michal Tomčík (chair of Pro Silva Slovakia) and Eckart Senitza (Pro Silva president)

You will find all information also on **Pro Silva Website**.



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