



AEWA RED-BREASTED GOOSE
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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2nd Meeting of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group

13-15 November 2019 – Bucharest, Romania

INFORMATION FOR FUNDED DELEGATES

Your participation to the 2nd Meeting of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group will be hosted by the Romanian Ministry of Environment with additional funding provided by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds through a LIFE16/NAT/BG000847 project funding. The logistical arrangements for the meeting will be carried out by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria) and the AEWA Secretariat.

The meeting itself will take place on Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th of November 2019 (expected to end at mid-day), preceded by an excursion on Wednesday the 13th of November together with the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group.

Please note that as the meeting is being hosted by the Romanian Ministry of the Environment and organized by BSPB, no daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be paid to funded delegates.

Your costs will be covered as described below.

Travel

Travel to the meeting will be provided by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB). Following your registration for the meeting, you will be contacted by the AEWA Secretariat and BSPB regarding your travel arrangements. The booking will be made by the Travel Agency of BSPB. Please do not proceed with booking your own travel, unless specifically agreed with BSPB and the AEWA Secretariat.

Travel to Bucharest is planned for Tuesday the 12th of November and departure from Bucharest is planned for Friday the 15th of November in the afternoon, directly following the end of the morning session of the meeting, if international flight schedules allow.

Participants also attending the 4th Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group on the 11th and 12th of November 2019, will have their arrival flights booked for the 10th of November 2019, respectively. Note that separate invitations have been issued for participants invited to attend both meetings.

NOTE: If you would like to travel on other dates, you will be requested to cover any possible higher cost of the flight ticket. Please also note, that BSPB will only cover your hotel accommodation for the period 12th – 15th of November (unless, of course, your departure is not possible until the 15th of November due to international flight schedules or if you are participating in the AEWA Red-breasted Goose IWG Steering Group meeting).



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The 2nd Meeting of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group is being hosted by the Romanian Ministry of the Environment with the support of the Romanian Ornithological Society and is organized with funding and logistic support by the Red-breasted Goose EU LIFE Project "LIFE for Safe Flight" coordinated by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB), and co-funded by the EU LIFE Program and Whitley Fund for Nature

For travelling from Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport to the city center and the hotel, you are kindly requested to use public transport. Further details on buses from the airport to the city center are available in the general fact sheet for meeting participants (RbG IWG Inf. 4.3).

On arrival at the airport: in Bucharest there is a special bus line (783) from the airport Henry Coanda to the city center, for which you need special magnetic card. It costs around €2 and can be purchased only from RATB's kiosks at the airport or in the center of town. **Please purchase a return ticket on arrival and ask for a receipt**. You will be reimbursed in cash by BSPB against the receipt of purchase. Note that if you lose the receipt you will not be reimbursed.

Please also note that any other local travel expenses will not be reimbursed – including the use of taxis – unless specifically agreed with BSPB in advance (for example due to late night arrival of a flight). The hotel is located in the city centre within walking distance of the meeting venue and all central sights/points of interest.

Accommodation

Hotel rooms will be booked for all funded delegates by BSPB following your registration and the booking of your travel arrangements. More information on the hotel arrangements and how to get to the hotel will be provided once you have registered.

Meals

Breakfast and dinners will be provided at your hotel. The Romanian Ministry of the Environment will provide lunches for all participants on the meeting days (14th – 15th November). On the 13th of November, the Ministry will provide a packed lunch during the excursion.

Visa applications and expenses

The AEWA Secretariat will assist you with your visa application. Following your registration, we will arrange for a letter of invitation from the Romanian Ministry of the Environment as well as for a diplomatic verbal note from the AEWA Secretariat to support your application.

Please apply for your visas as soon as possible. Depending on your country of origin, there can be a waiting period for an appointment at the respective Romanian embassy. The issuance of the visa can take several weeks. Please check the website of the local Romanian embassy for more information on the visa requirements (valid passport, current photo(s), proof of health insurance etc.). You can find the embassy closest to you here: <https://www.mae.ro/en/romanian-missions#null>.

Your visa costs will be reimbursed in cash against a receipt(s) during the meeting by BSPB. The average cost of obtaining a EC visa lies between 35€ and 60€. **Only costs for which you have a receipt will be covered**.

NOTE: If you expect higher expenses – for example due to national/international travel related to applying for your visa – please contact the AEWA Secretariat to clear these higher costs BEFORE starting the application process. Otherwise, the reimbursement of your visa costs cannot be guaranteed.

Contact

Please contact Nicky at BSPB (nicky.petkov@bspb.org) or Nina at the AEWA Secretariat (nina.mikander@unep-aewa.org) if you have any questions or require any assistance.