

1ST EUROPEAN RIVERS SUMMIT

Where European river fighters meet

JOIN THIS UNIQUE EVENT

3 DAYS FOR ACTIVISTS, NGOS, EXPERTS, FISHERMEN AND OTHER RIVER LOVERS.

September
27-29, 2018

Sarajevo,
Bosnia-Herzegovina

Special event on 29th:
open-air concert
for the Blue Heart of Europe.



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Program schedule

Location: [Hotel Saraj](#), Nevjestina 5, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH

Thursday, Sep 27 **The situation of European rivers**

14:00 – 14:25 Welcome by moderator Enes Cerimagic and introduction to the situation of rivers in the host country by Natasa Crnkovic / *Center for Environment*

14:25 – 14:55 The Situation of Balkan Rivers: Save the Blue Heart of Europe - *Ulrich Eichelmann/Riverwatch, Gabriel Schwaderer/EuroNatur Foundation*

15:00 – 16:00 Your River – your fight: Participants present their struggles or success stories (1/2)

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE and NETWORKING BREAK

16:30 – 18:00 Your River – your fight: Participants present their struggles or success stories (2/2)

BREAK

18:30 – 20:00 DINNER

20:00 Film Screening „[Blue Heart](#)“ (Patagonia) & Discussion

Friday, Sep 28 Driving forces for the dam craze and how to counteract

Each presentation is followed by 10 minutes of Q&A

09:00 – 09:30 Follow the money: Who is financing the dam boom? Banks and state subsidies – *Pippa Gallop and Igor Vejnovic/ CEE Bankwatch Network*

09:40 – 10:10 Small isn't beautiful: about small dams in the Balkans – *Mato Gotovac/ WWF Adria*

10:20 – 10:50 Hydropower Projects in Western Balkans - possible legal actions– *Malgorzata Smolak/ Client Earth*

11:00 – 11:30 Water Framework Directive: What's going on in Brussels regarding river policies? – *Eef Silver/Wetlands International*

11:40 – 13:00 LUNCH

13:00 – 14:00 Ideas Corner: Participants present their ideas for free rivers (1/2)

14:00 – 15:45 Workshops on the topics of the day

15:45 – 16:30 COFFEE and NETWORKING BREAK

16:30 – 17:30 De-growth economy: How to stop climate change without destroying our nature? – *Prof. Dr. Niko Paech/environmental economist – Video conference + Discussion*

BREAK

18:30 – 20:00 DINNER

20:00 DRINKS IN THE CITY at the [Pivnica HS](#) (Franjevačka 15, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH)

Saturday, Sep 29 Alternatives to Hydropower and Visions

Each presentation is followed by 10 minutes of Q&A

- 09:00 -09:40 Dam Removal Europe and AMBER: reconnecting European Rivers – *Jeroen van Herk/Dam Removal Europe and Ruedi Bösiger/WWF Switzerland*
- 09:50 – 10:20 The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Vision for protection of European rivers – *John Zablocki/ The Nature Conservancy and David Moryc /American Rivers*
- 10:30 – 10:50 Introducing the Eco-Masterplan for Balkan Rivers – *Ulrich Eichelmann/Riverwatch*
- 11:00 – 11:45 The brave women of Kruščica: their story
- 11:45 – 13:00 LUNCH
- 13:00 – 14:00 Ideas Corner: Participants present their ideas for free rivers (2/2)
- 14:00 – 15:45 Workshops on the topics of the day
- 15:45 – 16:30 COFFEE and NETWORKING BREAK
- 16:30 – 18:00 Visual Action with all participants and artist Luka Tomac
- 19:30 **Balkan Rivers Concert** with [Rambo Amadeus](#), [Eda Zari](#), [Damir Imamovic](#), [Tamara Obrovac](#), and [DJ Ismar](#), OPEN-AIR at the BBI Centar, Trg djece Sarajeva 1, Sarajevo 71000, BiH
(In case of rain, the concert will be moved to indoor venue [Dom Mladih Skenderia](#), Terezija, Sarajevo 71000, BiH).

Schedule Participant Involvement Sections

Your River – your fight: Participants present their struggles or success stories (1/2)

Thursday, 15:00 – 16:00

- **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** Ambasada Neretva - The river and people: Protecting Neretva through generations, with culture and presence – *Omar Šelo / Ambasada Neretva*
- **Albania:** Valbona - Environmental protection forces the whole system – *Catherine Bohne / TOKA*
- Struggles against dams and river diversions in Northwestern **Greece**– *Ioannis Papadimitriou / Ioannina Ecological Organizations Net*
- **Serbia:** Battle for Old mountain – *Aleksandar Jovanović-Ćuta/ Defend rivers of Old mountain*
- Hydropower in **Italy**, the "green" energy threatening the last natural rivers – *Andrea Goltara / CIRF - Italian Centre for River Restoration*
- Our fight for the blue heart of **Italy** – *Giovanna Deppi / Coordinamento Nazionale Tutela Fiumi - Free Rivers Italia*
- **Austria:** The Tyrolean Lech: A comeback in two acts – *Anna Schöpfer / University of Innsbruck*

Your River – your fight: Participants present their struggles or success stories (2/2)

Thursday, 16:30 – 18:00

- **Portugal:** Fighting projects, plans and the vision of new hydropower as green infrastructure – *Ana Brazão / Rios Livres/GEOTA*
- **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** Current situation of Danube salmon in Una river and its sensitivity to dam – *Boris Davidov / Society for research and protection of biodiversity*
- **Polish** river pearls - union of people towards better protection of Polish rivers – *Ewa Leś and Maria Staniszewska / Polish Ecological Club*
- **Greece:** Acheloos S.O.S. – *Pinelopi Stamati / Mesohora – Acheloos SOS*
- Small river devastation in **Montenegro** - action for protection – *Vuk IkoVIC / NGO KOD*
- **Croatia:** Science (evidence) based activism - small river dams – *Dušan Jelić / Croatian Institute for Biodiversity*
- **Albania:** Beyond the destruction of the nature and the culture of Kelmend - its habitants are asking for help – *Martine Wolff / NGO for a future in Kelmend*
- **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** HPP Jablanica: Human Rights violations of the population from the submerged areas of the Jablaničko lake" – *Asja Boric / The Citizen Association of the Submerged Areas of Lisičići*
- **Greece:** Rivers and streams in Attica-Athens - Struggles to save the few ones still alive – *Evangelia Dimitriou / Ilioupolis' Citizens' Movement*

Ideas Corner: Participants present their ideas for free rivers (1/2)

Friday, 13:00 – 14:00

- Free Rivers School – *Vera Knook / Netherlands / River Intellectuals, Balkan River Defence*
- Want to Save Your River? The global Waterkeeper Alliance wants to help you! – *Gary Wockner / USA / Waterkeeper Alliance*
- How the rivers changed my life! – *Pascal Rösler / Germany / Pure Water for Generations*
- 2018 Vjosa canoe scientific expedition – opportunities for a river and its residents - *Aurélien Rateau / France / Destination rivières*
- River Contracts: a voluntary tool for river protection – *Romina D’Ascanio / Italy / Università Roma Tre and Giancarlo Gusmaroli / Italy / CIRF - Italian Centre for River Restoration*

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Saturday, 13:00 – 14:00

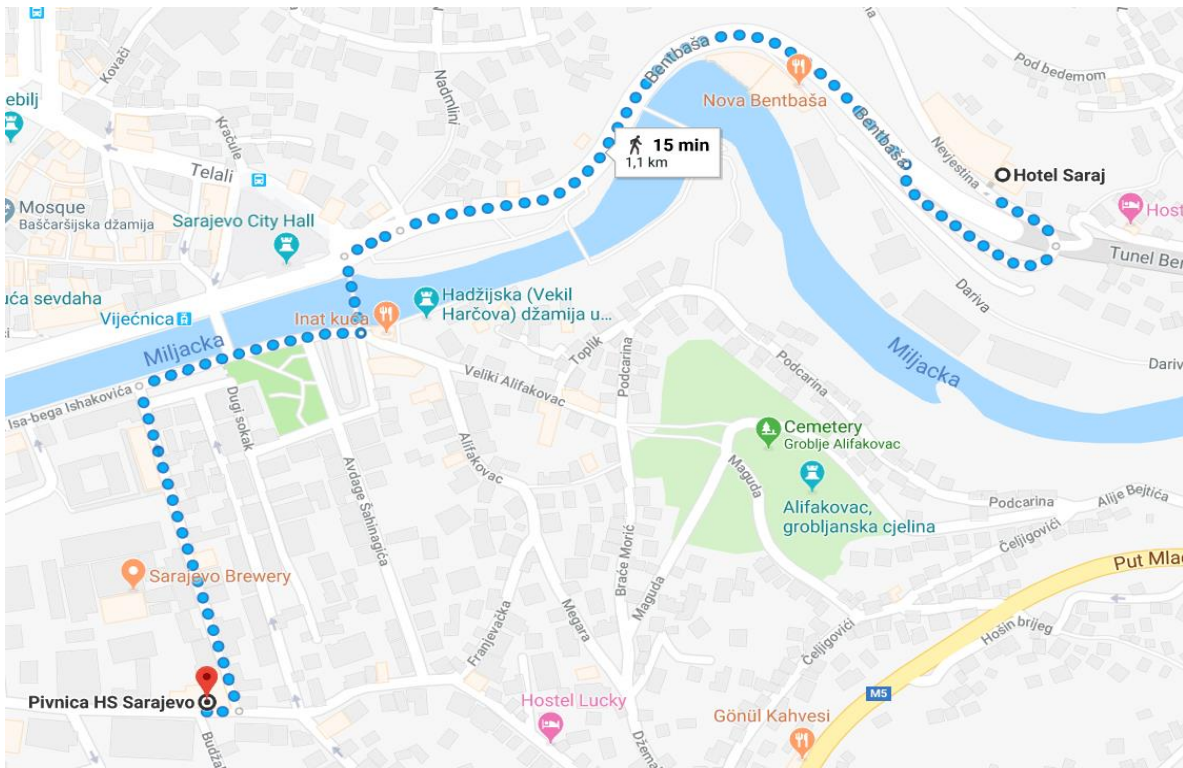
- The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act as Climate Adaptation Policy for Ecosystem Resilience - *Denielle Marie Perry / USA / Northern Arizona University*
- Green zones for blue rivers – *Aleksandra Bujaroska / Macedonia / Front 21/42*
- Youth Engagement and Young Action for Rivers – *Magdalena Vallazza / Austria / WWF Austria*
- River pollution: Biological early warning systems to detect pollution sources: methods and examples – *Almut Gerhardt / Germany / LimCo International GmbH*
- Synergy between many Serbian organisations and few thousand people will save the rivers – *Goran Tokic / Serbia / United Anglers of Serbia*

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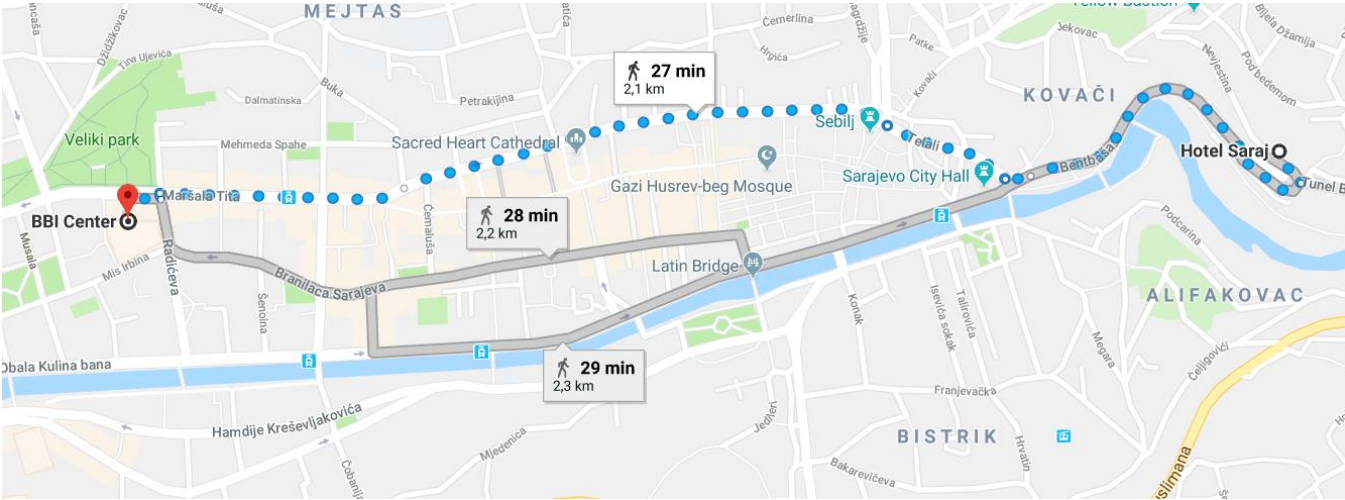
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