

# CONFERENCE “Let’s clean the Balkans in one day!”

## 1.1 About conference organizers: Ecologists Without Borders

Ecologists Without Borders association brings together enthusiastic activists in the field of environmental protection. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the current stagnation in the field of waste management policies in Slovenia by setting their own example as a role model. Their focus is on promoting positive attitude towards life and people, cooperation, solidarity, ethical standards and environmental responsibility of individuals. Our ultimate goal is to create a zero-waste society in Slovenia with no illegal dumps and a wide, 100 % of environmentally aware and active population.

## 1.2 About Slovenia

Slovenia has been an EU member since 1st May 2004 and, as the first of the New Member States, held the Presidency of the EU Council during the first half of 2008. From the tourist point of view, it is considered one of Europe's most delightful surprises.

### 1.2.1 Basic information

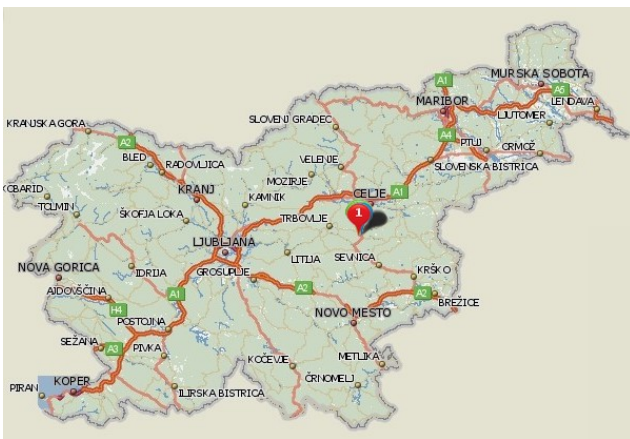
<b>Area</b>	20,273 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population</b>	2,008,516 (census: 30.6.2006)
<b>Capital city</b>	Ljubljana
<b>Language</b>	Slovenian
<b>Currency</b>	Euro
<b>Country Dialling Code</b>	+386
<b>Time zone</b>	GMT/UTC +1 (+1 summer time)
<b>System of measurement</b>	Metric
<b>Electricity</b>	220V - 50 Hz
<b>Electrical connection</b>	European round plug with two circular metal pins
<b>Bank opening times</b>	Monday - Friday 9.00 - 17.00
<b>Post Office opening times</b>	Monday - Friday 8.00 - 18.00; Saturdays 8.00 - 12.00

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## 1.2.2 About Rimske Toplice

**Rimske Toplice** (“Roman Spas” in Slovenian) is a settlement in the Laško municipality in eastern Slovenia. It lies on the right bank of the river Savinja on the road from Celje to Ljubljana via Zidani Most. The location of Rimske Toplice is surrounded by wooded slopes of the nearby mountains, providing shelter against wind and summer heat and supporting rich vegetation of exotic plants from all over the world. These include giant sequoias, Canadian hemlocks, Japanese hloes, cypresses and Californian cedars. The town is also the birthplace of the Slovenian poet Anton Aškerc.



## 1.3 Hotel location

Rimske Terme is a spa hotel rebuilt 2010, set in the picturesque valley of Rimske Toplice along the river Savinja, surrounded by lush forests and mountains.

### **ADDRESS:**

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## **1.4 Registration**

All participants are invited to confirm their participation at the conference via e-mail. Please contact Ecologists Without Borders for more information. On their arrival to Slovenia, the registration will be carried out in the hotel venue.

## **1.5 Working language at the conference**

All presentations and discussions will be held in English. All conference materials and correspondence will be provided in English. Translation in other languages will not be provided.

## **1.6 Visa and travel documents**

All participants should check with their embassy or travel agent on visa and health requirements for Slovenia. Please note that Slovenia is part of the Schengen area. Obtaining a visa may take a long time, so start the procedure as soon as possible. Upon request we can provide you with a letter of guarantee to present to the authorities when you apply for your visa.

You can find more information concerning visa at this address, just select your country: <http://www.mzz.gov.si/index.php?id=504&L=1>

## **1.7 Insurance**

Please ensure that your own insurance covers you adequately. We would strongly advise appropriate personal arrangements for travel and accident insurance, including against other risks (e.g. loss of luggage, medical care etc.), since this is NOT covered by us.

### **1.7.1 First aid / health issues**

In case of you have health issues, please make sure to provide all necessary information to the organizer. If necessary, arrange additional insurance. In case of emergency, contact the organizers immediately.

## **1.8 Accommodation and meals**

Accommodation and food are free of charges. For lunches, there is a restaurant at the Rimske terme resort, providing a variety of dishes (including vegetarian).

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## 1.9 OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION - links

### 1.9.1 VISITING SLOVENIA

- **Practical information:**

Read up on all the basic and essential information about travel to Slovenia, so it can be as relaxed and worry-free as possible here:

[www.slovenia.info/en/](http://www.slovenia.info/en/)

- **About Savinjska region:**

[http://www.slovenia.info/en/Regije/The-Savinjska-region.htm?  
\\_ctg\\_regije=32&lng=2](http://www.slovenia.info/en/Regije/The-Savinjska-region.htm?_ctg_regije=32&lng=2)

### 1.9.2 WEATHER IN SLOVENIA

[meteo.arso.gov.si](http://meteo.arso.gov.si)

[www.worldweather.org](http://www.worldweather.org)

**Idea:** Bring your swimming costume!

## 1.10 FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

All further information will be made available on the web site of the organizers: <http://ekologibrezmeja.si/>

**Please check our site regularly for updates!**

