

Joint Press Journey along the Green Belt Italy-Slovenia-Austria 28./29. July 2014



**European Green Belt –
Searching for Clues in Wilderness and History**
Along the former Iron Curtain from the Adriatic Sea to the Alps

Program

Monday, 28. July 2014

- 8:00 Starting of the press tour in **Trieste – Hotel Roma**, Via Ghega n.7, Trieste
- 8:10 Departure to **Borgo Grotta Gigante – Sgonico (TS)**
Topics: the Iron Curtain in FVG, the Cold War and the Free Territory of Trieste
(Italian: Territorio libero di Trieste, TLT) guided by **Edi Caropresi**
- 8:45 Excursion to:
- former barracks “Dardi”, former powder magazine both located in Borgo Grotta Gigante, Sgonico (TS) guided by **Paolino Privitera** (Legambiente), project “The Friuli Venezia Giulia fortress”
 - fauna of the Karst region guided by **Stefano Filacorda** (University of Udine)
- 10:00 Departure to Vrtojba
During the journey: information by **Pierpaolo Merluzzi** about the Karst landscape
- 10:45 Visit of the **border memorial in Vrtojba** (Slovenia), former watchtower and smallest Slovenian Iron Curtain museum, guided by **David Kožuh**, Goriški muzej Kromberk – Nova Gorica (Museo del Goriziano/Museum of Goriška).
Information on the Sabotino road by **Edi Caropresi**
- 11:30 Departure to Gorizia
- 12:00 Press conference in **Gorizia** (Italy) at the CARIGO Foundation,
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Gorizia, Via Carducci 2, 34170 Gorizia
- **Dott.ssa Sara Vito**, Regional Councillor and European Green Belt National Focal Point – Italy
 - **Ing. Roberto della Torre**, President of CETA, NGO supporting the Italian NFP
 - **Prof. Dr. Hubert Weiger**, chairman of BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany)
 - **Dr. Liana Geidezis**, BUND Project Office Green Belt, Regional Coordinator Green Belt Central Europe
- 13:30 Lunch at the CARIGO Foundation

14:30 Departure to the Transalpina Square (Piazza Transalpina / Trg Evrope, Gorizia / Nova Gorica)

Welcome message by the

- President of the Province Mr **Enrico Gherghetta**,
- Vice-President of the Province Ms **Mara Černic**,
- Mayor of Gorizia Mr **Ettore Romoli**
- Mayor of Nova Gorica Mr **Matej Arčon**

Visit to the **Topographies of Memory** - Museum of the of the twentieth century (Transalpina Square) (<http://confine.todm.it/museum/8/>), focus on the Iron Curtain which divided two towns of Gorizia (Italy) and Nova Gorica (Slovenia), guided by **Edi Caropresi**

Visit to the Museum/exhibition at the railway station in Nova Gorica (http://www.novagorica-turizem.com/destinations_and_events/culture/2012032010422734/), guided by **David Kožuh**

Information on the Cold War by gen. **Pellegatti Federico Maria** (Legambiente) former Comandant of the Militar Region Friuli Venezia Giulia from 2012 up to 2013

15:30 Departure to Prato di Resia, Nature park Julian Prealps

17:30 Arrival in **Prato di Resia**

Visit of Nature Park Visitors Center

- Meeting with representatives of **Nature park Julian Prealps (Italy)**, **Stefano Santi** and of **National park Triglav (Slovenia)**, **Martin Šolar**
Topics: biosphere reserve (MAB), international cooperation, experiences from the GREENNET project (CETA)
- Visit of the barrack **Lischiazze**, whose destination is under changing, and Sella Carnizza and barracks belonging to the Iron Curtain system
guided by **Sergio Chinese**, Mayor of Resia

19:30 Dinner at the mountain hut "Botton d'oro" in "Sella Carnizza"

22:30 Overnight stay in **Venzone, Hotel Carnia**, Via Canal del Ferro 28

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8:00 Departure to **Chiusaforte**

8:30 Visit to the **barracks "P. Zucchi"** of Chiusaforte, guided by **Fabrizio Fuccaro**, Mayor of Chiusaforte

9:30 Departure to ski area **Sella Nevea/Mount Canin**

10:00 Cableway to Mount Canin – Botanical trail of Bila Peč

Topics:

- botanical trail guided by **Giuseppe Oriolo**
- big mammals project (Austria, Italy, Slovenia), information/guided by **Stefano Filarcorda** (University of Udine), **Paolo Molinari** (Researcher) and **Thomas Huber**
- speleologic resources of the Mount Canin, guided by **Alessandro De Santis** (Speleological guide Association)

12:15 Lunch at the mountain hut “Rifugio Celso Gilberti”

13:30 Departure to Arnoldstein (Austria)

15:00 **Final press conference in Arnoldstein**, Restaurant “Südrast-Dreiländerecke”

- **Victoria Hasler**, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management Austria
- **Prof. Dr. Johannes Gepp**, National Focal Point Green Belt Austria and Vice-President Naturschutzbund Österreich (Austrian League for Nature Conservation)
- **Prof. Dr. Hubert Weiger**, chairman of BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany), Regional Coordinator Green Belt Central Europe

Approx. 16:30 end of press journey

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