

Agenda

**LIFE+13 Kick-off Meeting,
Budapest, Hungary
11 November 2014**

**Venue: Ministry of Agriculture, Room I/101a
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I. Agenda

9:00 - Welcome, registration of participants

9.30 - Introduction and welcome by Éva Sashalmi, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

9.45 - LIFE+, Stakeholders, Roles – László Becszy, European Commission

10:15 - Monitoring Teams - Roles, Responsibilities – Zsuzsanna Kocsis-Kupper, Astrale
External Monitoring Team

10.35. Common Provisions – Technical Issues, Reporting and Communication – László
Becszy, European Commission

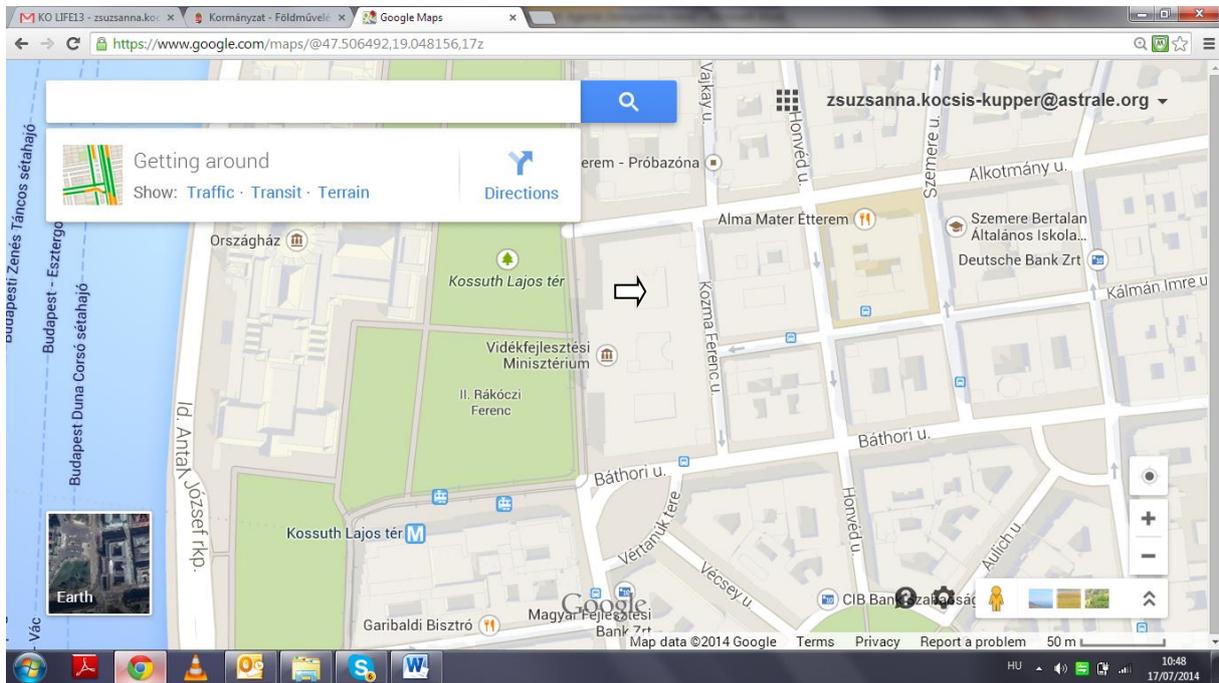
11.30 - Buffet lunch

12:40 - Common Provisions – Financial Issues and Reporting – Konstantinos Pappas,
European Commission

13.40 - Brief presentation by each project (max 3 pp slide per project, max 5 minutes)
(coffee served)

16:40 - Questions and Closure

Map of the venue



Transport/ how to reach the venue:

The venue lies at the city centre, right at Kossuth square.

Visitors using the metro lines shall take M2 (red line) Déli pályaudvar (Southern Railway Station) - Örs vezér tér and stop at at Kossuth tér to walk (2 minutes)

The venue can also be reached by Tram no. 2 at the stop Kossuth tér (former Rosevelt tér).

A single ticket costs 350 HUF - valid on metro, bus, tram, trolleybus, cogwheel tram, on the whole length of the line for one uninterrupted trip.

The Eastern Railway Station (Keleti Pályaudvar) is also on this line. Look for red M2 signs!

Budapest Metro System



Budapest Airport



Budapest Airport, T2

Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD), formerly known as Budapest Ferihegy International Airport.

Budapest Airport Terminals & Facilities

Budapest Airport *Terminal 2* is further divided into 2A and 2B. 2A serves flights to/from Schengen countries and 2B serves all non-Schengen destinations. Terminals 2A and 2B are connected by [SkyCourt](#), a new passenger hall. Airport facilities include the usual, duty free shops, ATMs, money exchange, post office, restaurants, baggage wrapping, short- and long-term parking, tourist information and car rental. WiFi internet access is available in all terminals.

Budapest Airport Transfer

As in all major cities, use caution and avoid taking a ride with strangers offering transfers to the city. Use either the shared shuttle (Airport Minibus) or the officially appointed cab company to service the airport (Főtaxi).

Airport Minibus

Airport Minibus offers a shared ride to any address in the city for a flat fee. Discounted roundtrip tickets are also available. Advance booking is available online or over the phone; however it's not necessary, as they have a booth inside each terminal on the arrivals level. After purchasing a ticket, your name will be called when the driver arrives. Booking a transfer to the airport generally requires a 24-hour advance notice. We at visit Budapest.travel have been using this service for many years and they have always been reliable. A one-way trip to the city center is HUF 3,200 per person and a return trip is HUF 5,500.

Website: www.airportshuttle.hu

Taxi (if you travel with more people it is cheaper to take a taxi)

Főtaxi is the officially appointed taxi company to service the airport. They offer competitive zone-based rates.

Zone 1 (the area surrounding the airport): HUF 3,800 / EUR 14

Zone 2 (most of downtown Pest): HUF 5,800 / EUR 21

Zone 3 (Buda and the rest of Pest): HUF 6,000 / EUR 22

Phone: (+36-1) 222-2222

Website: www.fotaxi.hu

Hungarian Currency, Costs and Money

The Hungarian currency is the Forint (Ft, HUF), which has the following denominations: notes - 500Ft, 1,000Ft, 2,000Ft, 5,000Ft, 10,000Ft and 20,000Ft; coins - 5Ft, 10Ft, 20Ft, 50Ft and 100Ft. Prices, such as hotel rates, sightseeing tours, etc. are often quoted in Euros. Many businesses, even including some select supermarkets accept Euros. Don't forget to check their exchange rates, as you might be better off exchanging your currency first and paying in Forints. **(currently it is EUR 1 = HUF 309)**

ATMs are easy to find in Budapest, and there are many options for exchanging cash. Most often, currency exchange kiosks located in tourist areas or shopping malls offer the best exchange rates. Currency exchange is also available at banks at a surcharge. ATMs dispense Hungarian currency at your bank's daily exchange rate; however, you may be charged a foreign fee on top of the service fees. Many international banks have branches in Hungary. Currency exchange is available at the airport at a significant surcharge (10%-15%).

Budapest Public Transportation

Most of Budapest's city center and historic districts are suitable for walking. There are pedestrian precincts in downtown Pest and traffic is restricted on Castle Hill, so walking is probably the best way to get around. However, Budapest also has an excellent public transportation system. Glance skyward and you'll see that most of the city's streets are lined with cables, as Budapest has a vast system of streetcars (or trams) and trolley buses. Budapest also has a clean, fast, and efficient subway system (or metro as the locals call it). Getting around is easy. Although walking is probably your best bet, streetcars 2, 4 and 6 as well as the three subway lines are also good options to get to most places in the city.

Hotels nearby Kossuth tér

1. **Hotel Parlament**

Kalman Imre u. 19 Budapest, 1054, 06 1 777 9228

2. **Hotel President Budapest**

Hold utca 3-5 Budapest, 1054, 06 1 777 9228

3. **BPHome Apartments**

Vadasz utca 28 Budapest, 1055, 06 1 777 9228

4. **Central Basilica Hotel**

Hercegprimas street 8 Budapest, 1051, 06 1 777 9228

5. **Alkotmany street Apartment**

Alkotmany utca 16 Budapest, 1054, 06 1 777 9228