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## Welcome by the chairman of SLOVAK ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION



Welcome,

On behalf of the Slovak Orienteering Association warm welcome to Slovakia and to Bratislava and its surroundings for the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018!

We are thankful to the IOF for providing us with the responsibility to organise this important event, and we are ready to prepare as nice, demanding and exciting events as possible. The core organisers are our best Trail O athletes – Jan and

Dušan Furucz, Marian Mikluš and many others. Their experience, supported by the mind of IOF advisor and other helpers should guarantee the technical, but also social quality of the event.

Slovak Orienteering Federation belongs to smaller IOF members, with about 500 active orienteers in total, most of them involved only on foot orienteering. However, small can be effective – both from the point of results and organising. The Trail O European Championships the highest level event organised by our federation in this discipline, yet. However in other disciplines many still may remember MTBO World Championships in Donovaly, Foot O Junior World Championships and Students World Championships in Košice, recent European Youth Championships in Banská Bystrica and SkiO Junior World Championships in Tajov and Donovaly. All these events were major success and we will do our best to continue in such tradition.

We hope that in the year 2018 both the orienteers and spectators will have an unforgettable and amazing experience with European Trail Orienteering Championships!

Juraj Nemec

## Welcome by the event director



Dear orienteering friends,

I would like to invite all competitors, officials and guests on behalf of the organizing committee and orienteering club Slávia Farmaceut Bratislava to the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018 in Slovakia.

The Slovak orienteering association has great experiences with organizing some important events in the past like Junior World Orienteering Championships 2012 in Kosice, World University Orienteering Championships 2006 in Kosice, Orienteering World Cup in years 1988 (Silická planina) and 1998 (Tatranská Lomnica), European Youth Orienteering Championships 2003 in Pezinok, Junior World Ski Orienteering Championships 2000 in Banská Bystrica, Junior World Ski Orienteering Championships 1996 in Banská Bystrica and World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships 2005 in Banská Bystrica. The next European Youth Orienteering Championship 2017 will be held in Banská Bystrica. You can meet some people from these events in year 2018 too.

Trail Orienteering is a relatively new discipline in Slovakia but has quickly acquired importance like other orienteering disciplines. The first competition on Slovak territory took place during the Slovak championships in Sprint (organized by our club) on 13 September 2008 and it was prepared by the Hungarian federation. We had to wait a long time for the next TrailO competition. The first competition organized by Slovak club on Slovak territory was a local competition with 47 participants organized by our club on 25 January 2014. We started very close cooperation with the Czech federation and our skills and experience widely grew. The club TJ Slávia Farmaceut Bratislava has organized 9 national TrailO competitions (7 with international participants) and two ECTO competitions in Slovakia during the last three years. We organized three TrailO competitions in the Czech Republic last year too.

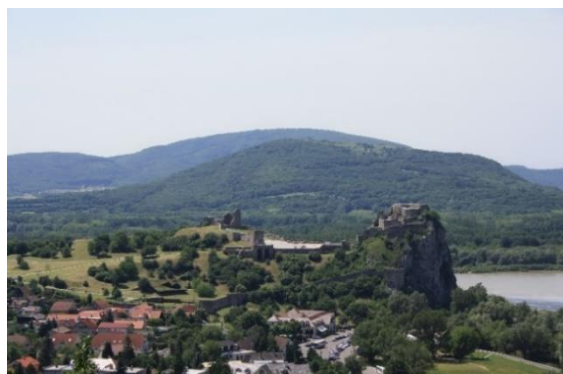
Our goal is to prepare fair and nice competition with the possibility to explore beautiful and interesting places in Slovakia. I would like to apologize that you may face a little bit higher requirements for traveling, but each competition will be held in a different type of terrain with great demands on TrailO skills. You will meet flat, hilly and steep slopes, different vegetation mostly in non-urban areas. We will pay special attention to Paralympic competitors by selecting asphalt or another firm surface on majority competitions and paths.

The European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018 will be held in the beautiful capital of Slovakia, a small town named Bratislava, and its neighbourhood. Bratislava is famous for unique architecture, culture, history tradition, art, drinks, food and nightlife.

I wish all of you a lot of success and good preparations for our event in year 2018. I assure that we will prepare this event on the highest possible level.

Dušan Furucz

## Venue



The European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018 will be held in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, and its neighbouring areas - the Záhorie lowlands and the Little Carpathian mountains.

The lowland Záhorie is very flat region in western Slovakia between the Little Carpathians mountains on the east and the river Morava on the west. This area is well known for its sandy dunes covered by pine forest and large training military areas.

The Little Carpathians are a relative low and narrow mountain range with very diverse relief. They are part of the Carpathian Mountains. The mountains begin in Bratislava and continue about 100 km to the north. This territory is largely covered by deciduous forests with beech, common ash, sycamore maple and linden.

Bratislava is the political, cultural and economic centre of Slovakia with a population of about 450,000 inhabitants and located in the southwestern Slovakia, at the junction of rivers Danube and Morava. Bratislava is very close to two other countries Austria and Hungary. Bratislava is historically tied with these countries and during long history it was a significant economic, cultural and political centre of Central Europe. You can find a lot of unique architecture, culture, history tradition, art, drinks, food and nightlife in this "small" city.

The individual races will be held in different municipalities. Borský Mikuláš, Devín (Bratislava), Plavecký Mikuláš and Stupava are small villages but with very beautiful and diverse nature. You can see the very flat forests change to rugged terrain forms or extremely steep slopes.

<http://www.visitbratislava.com>

<http://www.slovakiatouring.com>

## Organizing team

The event will be organized by members of the orienteering club "TJ Slávia Farmaceut Bratislava", with the support of the Slovak Orienteering Association. Main officers are:

Dušan FURUCZ	Event Director, Mapper
Ján FURUCZ	Course Setter
Ján MIŽÚR	Finances
Robert MIČEK	Mapper
Silvia SHAHZAD	Technical consultant for Paralympics, Accommodation
Jakub VALACH	Design
Ladislav KASZA	IT & Equipment
Petra KOTULIAKOVÁ	PR & Media
Ivan KOTULIAK	Logistic
Zuzana JANOTOVÁ	Catering, Protocol, Secretary
Zuzana FURUCZOVÁ	Office
Marcel FURUCZ	Human Resources and volunteers
Hana ŠMELÍKOVÁ	Start and Finish area manager
Ari TERTSUNEN (FIN)	IOF Senior Event Adviser
Marián MIKLUŠ	National Controller

## Competition rules

The Competition Rules for IOF Trail Orienteering Events (valid from 1 January 2017) and the ETOC Rules (valid from 1 January 2016) shall apply to the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018. Copy of the Rules is available for download from the Rules section in the official IOF website ([www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org)).

The following deviation of the Competition Rules applies:

There are not deviation according to Competition Rules

## Event programme

Date	Event	Location
Thursday, April 26	Event Office Opens, Arrivals	Bratislava
Friday, April 27	Model Events	Plavecký Mikuláš, Lakšárska Nová Ves
Saturday, April 28	PreO – Day 1	Stupava
Sunday, April 29	PreO – Day 2	Plavecký Mikuláš
Monday, April 30	Relay	Devín (Bratislava)
	Opening Ceremony	Devín (Bratislava)
Tuesday, May 1 (National Holiday)	TempO	Borský Mikuláš
	Closing Ceremony & Banquet	Bratislava
Wednesday, May 2	Departures	Bratislava

## Training possibilities

On request, ETOC organizers can provide maps and opportunities for team preparations for the ETOC 2018 on similar or near terrains.

More information about training possibilities will be published on the official ETOC website.



## Entries

Preliminary entries should be made through IOF Eventor by January 15, 2018.

Final entries and payment of the entry fees must be made by March 19, 2018.

Entries will not be valid until the payment of the entry fee has been paid. All entries have to be made through IOF Eventor.

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/5539>

The entries will be open in November 2017.

## Participation

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Paralympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, can compete in ETOC.

Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in ETOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

In the individual PreO event a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 persons in each class. In the TempO event a Federation may enter a maximum of 8 persons. The current European Champion may be entered in their respective classes in addition to the normal maximum.

In the TrailO Relay a Federation may enter 2 teams in each class each consisting of 3 competitors. Only the better-placed team will count in the prize list.

## Accreditation and entry fees

Accreditation fee for Athletes	80 €
Accreditation fee for Team Officials	100 €
Accreditation fee for Accompanying Persons	50 €
Entry fee for PreO	100 €
Entry fee for TempO	70 €
Entry fee for Relay	150 €

Account name:	TJ Slávia Farmaceut
Bank:	Slovenska Sporitelna
IBAN:	SK2709000000005110562760
BIC:	GIBASKBX

Final entries and payment of the entry fees must be made by March 19, 2018.



## Catering

Lunch will be provided in competition arenas on request. The more details about catering will be published in Bulletin 3.

Preliminary request for the catering should be made through IOF Eventor by January 15, 2018.

Final order and payment of the catering must be made by March 19, 2018.

## Transport

Teams, VIPs and the media representatives are free to use their own transport to all the events. There will be reserved parking areas at all the arenas. Organized transport will be provided from the Event Centre to the competition arenas and model event for those teams, VIPs and media representatives that have requested and paid the Transport Package. Organised transport adapted for wheelchairs users will be provided upon request.

The more details about transport and the Transport Package will be published in Bulletin 3 based on number of requests.

Preliminary request for the Transport should be made through IOF Eventor by January 15, 2018.

Final request and payment of the Transport must be made by March 19, 2018.

## VISA

According to the current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Slovakia.

Please check the following website for more information:

[https://www.mzv.sk/web/en/consular\\_info/visa](https://www.mzv.sk/web/en/consular_info/visa)

Request for visas should be submitted at your nearest Slovakian Embassy. Please note that conditions of entry to Slovakia can change and all ETOC participants are advised to keep up to date with the current situation by consulting their local Slovakia Embassy.

## Event Centre

Vienna House Easy Bratislava  
Galvaniho 28  
82104 Bratislava  
Slovakia

Facilities for disabled guests. The entrance hall, special bedrooms, sanitary facilities and public rooms are accessible for wheelchairs. The recharging of electric wheelchairs will be possible in special rooms.

## Accommodation

Official accommodation with special ETOC prices and Event centre will be located in

Vienna House Easy Bratislava  
Galvaniho 28  
82104 Bratislava  
Slovakia

Next to the Avion Shopping Park, Slovakia's largest shopping mall, and an IKEA store, Hotel Vienna House Easy Bratislava is only a 5-minute drive from Bratislava Airport and a 15-minute drive from the city centre.

All rooms at the Vienna House Easy have a personal touch but all combine ample space with an elegant, fresh design. Relaxing furnishings, including a desk, useful extras and tasteful lighting, complete the feeling of well-being. You will soon feel at home as everything has its place and you have lots of space

Get your competition day off to a great start with a really good breakfast. The buffet offers a beautiful selection of fresh, sweet, healthy and savoury food. You have the opportunity to try out homemade culinary specialties for lunch or dinner, and that's not forgetting the excellent beers and fine wines.

The lobby bar is open 24/7. The friendly bar staff will be happy to serve you delicious drinks or meals - just sit back and enjoy!

There are four special double rooms for disabled which can be extended to next four rooms by connecting these rooms together.

Prices: single room 35€ per night / double room 50€ per night

Free private parking is possible on site.

Languages spoken: Slovak and English

Website: <https://www.viennahouse.com/en/easy-bratislava/the-hotel/overview.html>

Locations: <https://www.viennahouse.com/en/easy-bratislava/location.html>

Contact person: ZUZANA BEZDEKOVA (Revenue Manager / Sales Executive Corporate)

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Phone: +421 2 322 99 522

Reservations for the accommodation should be made directly over email  
[zuzana.bezdekova@viennahouse.com](mailto:zuzana.bezdekova@viennahouse.com) .

Final bookings and payments of the accommodation have to be made according to the business terms and conditions of the chosen accommodation. The latest date for accommodation reservation will be 15 January 2018.

## Climate

Climate in Bratislava is continental. The usual daily temperature on end of April is from 10 to 15 degrees Celsius. The weather and climate in the spring can be very unstable.

For precise weather forecast during ETOC check out the [Slovak Hydrometeorology Institute](#).

## Hazards

There is no known occurrence of the life dangerous animals. You can occasionally meet typical fauna for this area (rabbits, roe deer, deer and wild boar).

However it is low probability of insect in spring season, we are recommending to have protection against insects (mosquitoes, ticks).

There are rare occurrence of life dangerous plants. If you do not plan pick up any dangerous mushrooms or plants like [fly agaric](#) or [death cap](#) you can obtain only an unpleasant nettle from a [stinging nettle](#) when you step out of the paths in some areas.

## Preliminary information about Courses

Event	Length	Control points	TCs	Accessibility	Climbing
PreO day 1	0,9km	24	2 * 3	a very good forest paths*	moderate
PreO day 2	1,7km	28	2 * 3	asphalt road	increased
Relay	0,8km	3 * 11	2 * 4	paved or asphalt paths	moderate
TempO Qualification	1,2km		6 * 5	forest or forest path with sand surface*	minimal
TempO Final	0,9km		7 * 5	forest or forest path with sand surface*	minimal

\* The critical parts will be covered by carpets or linoleum.

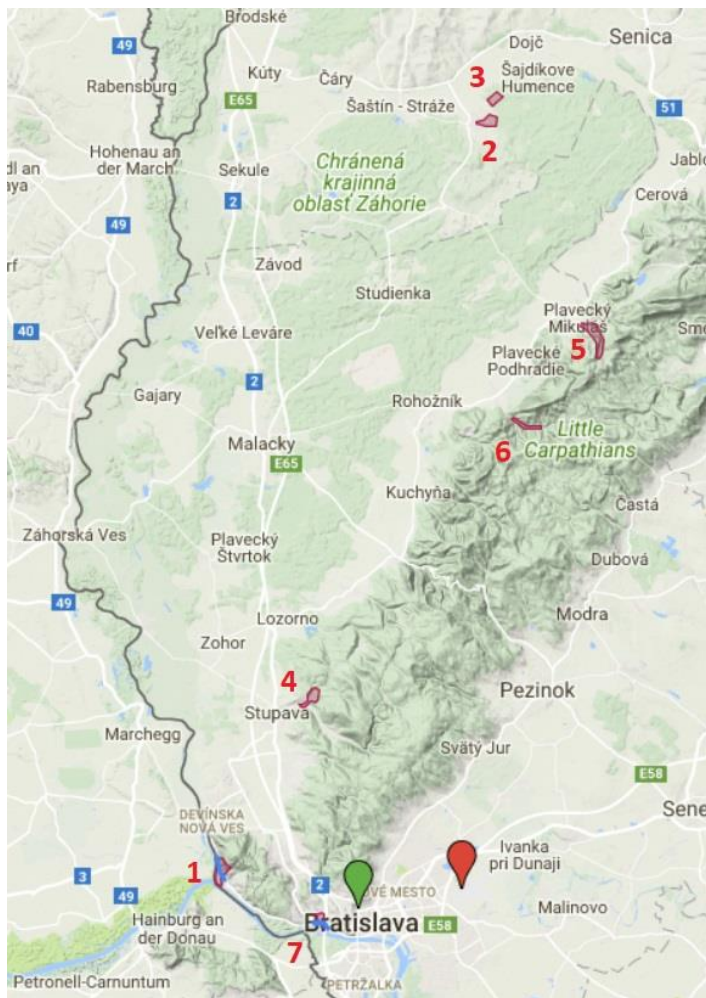
**The organizer will provision escorts on request.**

Preliminary request for the Escort should be made through IOF Eventor by January 15, 2018.

Final request for the Escort must be made by March 19, 2018.



## Embargoed areas



1. Devín
2. Borský Mikuláš
3. Borský Mikuláš II
4. Stupava
5. Kršlenica (Plavecký Mikuláš)
6. Sološnica - backup terrain
7. Rovnice (Bratislava) - backup terrain

Railway station

Airport

All embargoed areas are out of bounds for all potential ETOC 2018 team members (competitors, officials, escorts, etc.) and any other person who may influence the results of the competitions by any knowledge of the terrain.

You can find more information about [embargoed areas](#) in the official website.

## MAPs

The all maps are mapped by map standard ISSOM 2007.

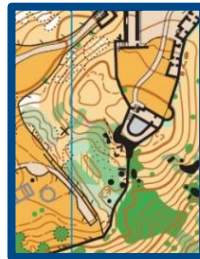
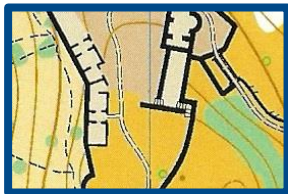
Scales: 1: 4 000

Contour intervals: 2.5m

## Terrains, previous and recent sample maps:

### 1. Devín (Bratislava)

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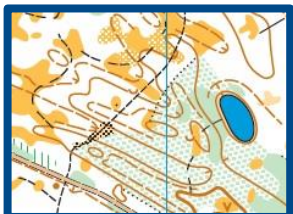


1:3 000, e=5m, 2014, ISSOM

An ancient ruins of castle Devín located on a spectacular rocky cliff with archaeological excavations reminding marked ground plans of buildings, grassy hilly areas. 150 - 200m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 2015. Never used for TrailO.

### 2. Borský Mikuláš

(48.628111, 17.223697)

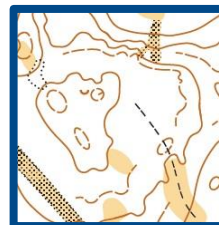


1:4 000, e=2m, 2015, ISSOM

A typical flat terrain for lowland Záhorie – pine forest with sand dunes. A forest path with mostly firm surface but on some places with sand surface. 200 - 250m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 2016. Last TrailO competition in year 2015.

### 3. Borský Mikuláš II

(48.6414317, 17.2275847)

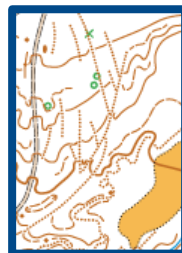
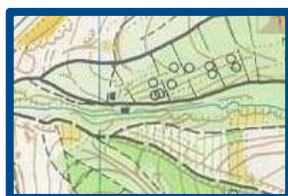


1:10 000, e=2,5m, 2015, ISSOM

A typical flat terrain for lowland Záhorie – pine forest with sand dunes. A forest path with mostly firm surface but on some places with sand surface. 200 - 250m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 2016. Last FootO competition in year 2012. Never used for TrailO.

### 4. Stupava

(48.280444, 17.055993)



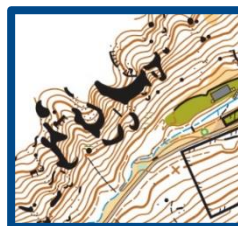
1:15 000, e=5m, 1990, 1:5000, e=5m, 2000, ISOM

A typical Little Carpathians hilly terrain covered by deciduous forests and parks with various vegetation - mostly maintained lawns and deciduous forests. 180 - 280m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 1990 (2000). Never used for TrailO.

## 5. Plavecký Mikuláš

(48.502577, 17.320693)

No previous map



A typical karst valley with karst surface and high steep slopes. Territory largely covered by deciduous forests with beech, ash-tree, maple and linden. 300 - 500m above sea level. Never used for orienteering.

## 6. Sološnica - backup terrain

(48.448669, 17.250037)

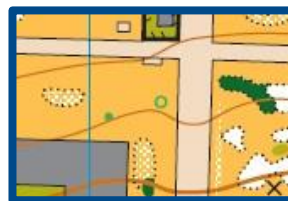
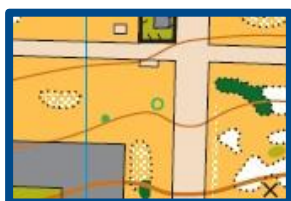
No previous map

TBD

A typical Little Carpathians valley. Territory largely covered by deciduous forests with beech, ash-tree, maple and linden. 300 - 500m above sea level. Never used for orienteering.

## 7. Rovnice (Bratislava) - backup terrain

(48.148713, 17.072576)



*1:4 000, e=2,5m, 2014, ISSOM, backup terrain*

University campus with various vegetation - mostly maintained lawns and deciduous forests, botanical garden. 130 - 200m above sea level. Last FootO competition in year 2014. Last TrailO competition in year 2014.

## Zero tolerance

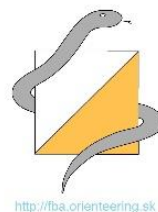
Our goal is to prepare fair and nice competition so we would like avoid any confusion about right placements of control flags. Our main idea is: "Competitors have to find solution only by reading map and bring TrailO closer to orienteering".

The distance between any Zero controls to the closest flag is always 5 and more meters.

The more details about Zero tolerance will be published in Bulletin 4.



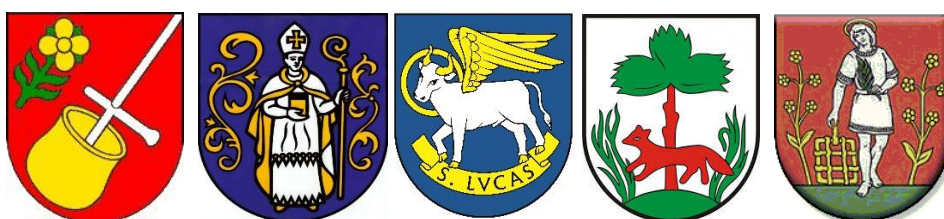
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