

27 SEPTEMBER 2025

Julius Kugy Auditorium, Tarvisio | 09:00 – 17:00

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Participation in the Forum is free of charge, but online registration is required at the following link



PROGRAM

09:00 | Participant registration

09:30 | Institutional greetings

09:45 | The mission and vision of GSTC in the world and in Italy

Speakers: Luigi Cabrini (Chairman, GSTC); Stefano Ravelli (GSTC Italy WG)

10:30 | Sustainability No Border: Standards as a Tool for Cross-Border Cooperation

Introduced by Claudia Gioitti, Sustainability Manager of the Tourist Promotion Consortium

Case Studies:

- Hermagor-Pressegger See Markus Brandstätter, Tourism Office Director
- Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (MAB UNESCO) Stefano Santi, Director of the Julian Prealps Nature Park
- LTO Bohinj Klemen Langus, Tourism Office Director

11:15 | Coffee Break

11:45 | Tourism and Nature: Balance, Challenges and Opportunities

Introduced by Francesco Loreggian, PhD – University of Padua Case Studies:

- The Ancient Forest of Tarvisio -Paolo Molinari, Municipal Councillor for Forests
- Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves Lidia Bai, member of the Board of Directors of Federparchi and Europarc
- Dobratsch Nature Park Robert Heuberger, Director

13:00 | Networking lunch (Hotel Nevada)

14:30 | Parallel Thematic Panels (in English)

World Café: Tourism for All

Moderator: Paola Fagioli - GSTC Italy Working Group Board Member

- Daniel Wurster, Mobility and Sustainability Management | Centre for Sustainable Development of Tourist Destinations in Carinthia Villach Tourist Region
- Stefano Ravelli President of GSTC Italy Working Group
- World Café: Tourism & Nature

Moderator: Robert Kropfitsch - GSTC Italy Working Group Board Member

- Fanes, Senes, Braies Nature Park Filippo De Agostini, Sustainability Manager, APT San Vigilio di Marebbe
- Majda Odar Head of Information and Training | Triglav National Park
- World Café: Certification & Cooperation

Moderator: Stefania Zanuso - GSTC Italy Working Group Board Member

- Marika Dorigo Assistant Director & Sustainability | Alta Badia Brand
- Markus Promberger Director | AMA Stay

16:15 | Return to plenary

16:30 | Conclusions and preview of the 2026 Forum

17:00 | End of sessions

18:00 | Networking aperitif and dinner - Hotel Edelhof

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 will be dedicated to discovering the local area through a guided excursion in the PEFC-certified "NaTUra" Forest, including a sensory immersion experience and a lunch. In case of bad weather, a guided tour of the Cave del Predil mine will be offered as an alternative.

The GSTC Italy Working Group is a network of Italian organizations that implement and promote the international sustainability standards for tourism defined by GSTC. The board is composed of: Etifor Valuing Nature, APT Valsugana, Coop. Turistica San Vigilio/San Martin – Dolomites, Ways Srl SB – VIRTOU, Legambiente Nazionale APS.

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