

International Forum "Mission: Establishing a Bioregion in Gauja National Park"

Siguldas DEVONS | 25.10.2023.

The event will take place in the Latvian language and the English language. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Programme

- 9.30–10.00 Registration and morning coffee
10.00–10.20 Forum opening
Welcome Address by **Līga Sausiņa**, Chairman of Sigulda Municipality
Welcome Address by **Jānis Rozenbergs**, Chairman of Cesis Municipality
Welcome Address by **Edgars Ricevs**, Founder of "GreenFest" Association

Establishing a Bioregion for Sustainable and Forward-looking Regional Development

- 10.20–10.40 **Sustainable transformation of regions: opportunity for local development and resilience**
Edwards Kušners, Head of Sustainability at Latvijas Banka
10.40–11.00 **Bioregion Examples Worldwide and in Europe**
Jostein Hertwig, Executive Director of the Global Alliance of Bioregions, Norway
11.00–11.20 **Biological food production and market: development and opportunities**
Raivis Bahšteins, the main editor of the journal "Biological,"
policy expert of the Latvian Association of Biological Agriculture
11.20–11.40 **Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Center - Support on the Road to Latvia's First Region**
Mārtiņš Cimermanis, Chairman of Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Center
11.40–12.00 **Strategic Approach to Regional Development: The Styria's Vulcano Land Example**
Roman Schmidt, Creator of the Volcano Land brand and CEO of Lava Bräu, Austria
12.00–12.30 Coffee break

The Bioregion: Benefits of Sustainable Resource Management

- 12.30–12.50 **Healthy Food in Schools and Kindergartens**
Dr. Claudio Serafini, Director of Organic Cities Network Europe, Italy
12.50–13.10 **The Power of Cooperation in Organic Agriculture Development**
Ringolds Grāpis, Chairman of the Board of Jurgensburg Agro Cooperative
13.10–13.30 **Slow Tourism - Offering Inner Peace and Authentic Experiences to Travelers**
Dr. Andris Klepers Associated Professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Tourism Expert
13.30–13.50 **Zero-waste Approach to Resource Management**
Gints Kukainis, Chairman of the Board of SIA "ZAAO"
13.50–14.30 Lunch Break

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- 14.30–14.40 **Responsibility Towards Future Generations**
Ingars Jēkabsons, Member of the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs of the Sigulda Municipality
14.40–14.50 **Gauja National Park - Backbone of the Region**
Rolands Auziņš, Director of Vidzeme Regional Administration of Nature Conservation Agency
14.50–15.10 **Community Support for the Bioregion Establishment Idea**
Ieva Kalniņa, Chairwoman of Rural Partnership Projects in Cesis District
15.10–15.20 **Preconditions for Bioregion Establishment and Signing of the Memorandum of Good Will**
Inese Suija-Markova, Deputy Chairwoman of Cesis Municipality
15.20–15.40 **Signing of the Memorandum on Goodwill for the Creation of a Bioregion in Gauja National Park**
15.40–16.00 Closing Remarks

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