



**4th LATVIAN
RURAL COMMUNITIES
PARLIAMENT**
NEW RURAL PARADIGMS

Zaļenieki, Jelgava municipality | June, 2019

JUNE 5, WEDNESDAY

till 19:00	Arrival from all over the Europe. Getting settled in accommodation – Abgunste Manor.
19:00	Dinner
from 20:00	Exploring Zaļenieki. Enjoying video in underground chambers - TUESI.LV – inspiring video stories about young people in Rural Latvia. Chatting nearby the bonfire. Local Amateur theatre performance Tija Benga “Seven bachelorettes” (in Latvian).

JUNE 6, THURSDAY

8:30	Waking up our spirit and mind. Breakfast
9:30	Departing from Abgunste to Zaļenieki Culture House. Registration.
10:00	<p>OPENING OF 4TH LATVIAN RURAL COMMUNITIES PARLIAMENT. Drawing the future. Common values and strength. Opening statements of opinion leaders.</p> <p><i>Warm greetings from hosts and organizers:</i> Ilze Vitola from Jelgava County, Aivars Brikmanis from Zaļenieki Parish, Līga Švānberga from the Rural Partnership „Lielupe”, Uldis Dūmiņš from Zemgale NGO Center, Anita Seļicka from Latvian Rural Forum.</p> <p><i>Encouragement and strength to all of us during the changing times:</i> four personalities of different generations from Jelgava County, Gita Lancere from the Latvian National Cultural Center, Jeļena Žukova from Daugavpils County, Daina Jāņkalne from Creative and Media Environment Juris Jātņieks from the Department of Natural Defense, Inga Bika from the Centenary Office of the Latvian state.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moderators: Kristīne Kode, Jelgava County. Āris Ādleris, Latvian Rural Forum.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cultural centre</p>
12:00	Lunch break
13:00	<p>SIX DIVERSE INCLUSIVE AND SURPRISING PARALLEL WORKING STATIONS ON CHANGE Each of the stations will offer a change to get to know several initiatives on creating change. Participants will also discuss the solutions and things to be done to solve the biggest challenges on several levels, creating supportive environment, accessibility of resources, cooperation and equal dialogue among practitioners, decision-makers, academics and other parties.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cultural centre and Primary school of Zaļenieki</p>

INB Working group No 6 will be translated to English. Participation in other groups possible with “whispering” translation to English or Russian.

I WORKING PLACES AND ACTIVITY.

Daina Alužāne & Mārīte Balode, *Communities of Islands in Selia*.
Ieva Jātniece, *Social entrepreneurship in Kaldabruna School*
Ineta Liepniece, *Municipality support tools for entrepreneurship in Preiļi county*
Kristīne Kalēja un Baiba Zepa, *association „RADI Jaunjelgavā”*.

II LIVING PLACES AND HOUSES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Ģirts Laube, *Druvienas Pērles community*.
Ivars Žagariņš, *Glass constructions and Energy effectiveness*
Kārlis Grīnbergs, *association „Passive houses”*.

III SUSTAINABLE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT

Elgars Felcis, *Latvian Permaculture Association*
Ģirts Dzērve, *Smart farming and preserving biological diversity*
Inga Belousa & Zane Gailīte, *association “Green Liberty”, decreasing food waste*
Lelde Bāra, *Organic farming and diverse entrepreneurship*

IV NEWCOMERS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Aiga & Mārcis Zommeri, *bringing back life a manor house*
Dace Laiva, *integrity of nature and culture in creating a new living space*
Mārcis Feldbergs, *giving taste to entrepreneurship by creating a unique rural laboratory*.

V COUNTRYSIDE FOR PEOPLE. STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

Ieva Lāce, *community centre „Sarades namiņš”*.
Māris Jonovs, *association „City for the People”*.
Māris Olte, *Ērgļu NVO stacija*.

VI KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION OF A COMMUNITY (with translation to English)

Ilona Blūma, *boys’ school „Saknes un spārni” (Roots and wings)*
Velga Černoglazova, *Solution to the closed school - new Waldorf School in Druviena*.
Zane Pīpkalēja, *smart village and coworking space in Skujene*

15.00 Coffee break with talks

15.30 **SUPPORT FOR NEW INITIATIVES. COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

Raimonds Dombrovskis. *Enlivening the place and healthy lifestyle from Colorado River to Gauja*
Ieva Vītola-Deusa. *CLLD and cooperation. Coastal maintenance, seaweed processing*
Solvita Kukle. *Young people in the countryside. Adding economic value to community activities.*
Primary school of Zaļenieki, 3rd floor

17.00 Break, setting up the degustation tables and walking through Zaļenieki Park

18.00 Supper soup at the bonfire next to Green Manor

from 18:30 **GREENHOUSE OF NEW PARADIGMS.** Informal **networking** and experience exchange. Enjoying local goods and tastes – **market of local crafts**. **Degustation** of local identity products from participants’ represented areas, highlighting new unique products and unique community initiatives.

CELEBRATION OF WAKING UP GREEN MANOR HOUSE. After sleeping for centuries, Manor will be awoken by baroque music and Duke Jekab, travelling from room to room and discovering legends, old skills and traditions.

JUNE 7, FRIDAY

- 8:00 Waking up our spirit and mind. Breakfast.
- 9:00 Departing from Abgunste to Zaļenieki
- 9:30 **EXCHANGE PLATFORM FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE. Closing plenary and discussions to revitalize the new rural space.** Analyses, remarks and conclusions from the results and conclusions from previous days' work stations. Cooperation statement of participants. Action plan for two following years and vision of future changes. Introducing the new paradigms in rural areas and small towns.
- Moderators: Kristīne Kode, *Jelgava Country*. Āris Ādlers, *Latvian Rural Forum*.
Zaļenieki Culture house
- 12:00 **FIELD TRIP.** Acquaintance of new paradigms and discovering experience and practice in territory of Local Action group "Rural Partnershil "Lielupe"". **Reinventing traditional processes.** *Zaļenieki - Lielplatone - Vilce – Trubenieki.*



- **FARM "TRUBENIEKI" UN GROWIN SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS**

Owner Jānis is currently the largest shiitake mushroom grower in Latvia. The reason for this is simple. The small amount of available land forced for him to search for the best possible solution for its rational and most efficient use. Jānis has found it in a non-traditional field for Latvia. His farm produces high-quality Shiitake mushrooms throughout the year, serving the best Latvian restaurants and shops. Knowledge technology in the world has the advantage of creating a special incubator for mushroom growing. At the same time, there is also a place for the guests of the farm and those interested in experiencing the mushroom story in person and enjoying the delicious mushroom soup.



- **LIELPLATONE MANOR AND ANCIENT S MUIŽA UN SENĀ VEĻAS MAZGĀŠANA**

Walking through the manor park, it is easy to imagine Baron Hahn walking through the love alley and rushing to wash the baroness robe. Then suddenly the past scenes freeze and a real authentic laundry house (vešūzis) from 18th/ 19th century can be seen in the park between the trees. It was reborn last year in order to tell and show the ancient traditions to the modern man. Under the guidance of professionals, washing and ironing of laundry takes place here. If establishing good relationship with owners by supporting the processed, guests are allowed to have a look in personal rooms. Vešuzis is not just the only known building of such a function not only in Latvia but in the nearby Baltic region.



- **SIA "ZELTLEJA" AND GROWING BUCKTHORN**

There shines golden-green sea buckthorn garden on the Platone River. It is specially designed to produce only one-variety of sea buckthorn trees, whose berries contain increased oil content. The process of growing sea buckthorn is responsible by zero waste production. The farm is actively working on creating value added for their product. The tourism offer is developing alongside the production. It will allow you to experience the many uses of sea buckthorn in gastronomy and natural cosmetics. Already today, the ZELT brand offers wonderful cosmetic creams and soaps in addition to sea buckthorn juices and oil, which are successfully collaborating with local businesses.

after
17.00

Way to Riga or individual visits in region.

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