

International seminar

Rural development and CLLD

12 -13th September 2018

Valmiera, Latvia

Background: The seminar reflects to the need to encourage rural area (space) stakeholders for being more innovative, to take advantages of possibilities and to be more strategic for regional and rural development.

Objective: To identify impulses (influencing factors) and possible solutions for unlocking the potential of development of the rural area.

Target groups: Managing authorities, national rural networks, local action group representatives.

September 12

Time 🕒	Agenda item ⓘ	
09.30-10.00	Registration	
10.00-14.00	LEADER, European Regional Development Fund, Rural development plan project visits: 1. Circle Limbaži 2. Circle Smiltene 3. Circle Valmieras	
14.00-15.00	Lunch	
15.00-18.30	Project visits continues	
19.10-19.50	Time for transnational cooperation	
20.00-21.30	Social dinner	

September 13

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08.00-09.00	Registration at Valmiera Cultural Center	
09.00-09.30	Welcome and introductory remarks	<p>Jānis Baiks, Chairmen of Valmiera City Council</p> <p>Gints Kaminskis, Chairman of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments</p>

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		<p>Mārtiņš Cimermanis, Chairmen of the board of Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre</p> <p>Edgars Linde, Head of the Latvian National Network Unit</p>
09.30-09.50	The development of rural space and interaction with the urban areas (Latvia 2030)	Māris Kučinskis , Latvian politician and the current Prime Minister of Latvia
09.50-10.10	Centralization and regionalization, future challenges - in the context of regional and rural development	Raivis Bremšmits , Director of the Regional policy department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
10.10-10.30	Main challenges and objectives for rural development in Latvia	Liene Jansone , Director of the Rural Development Support Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia
10.30-10.45	Discussions and questions	Moderator
10.45.-11.45	Value-based regional development	Ing. Josef Ober , Mayor of the Neue Stadt Feldbach, Austria
11.45-12.15	Coffee break	
12.15.-12.35	LAG's role in value-based region	Michael Fend , Association for the promotion of the Styrian volcanic land
12.35-12.55	Feedback from thematic work of smart villages	ENRD Contact point
12.55-13.25	Concept and development of Smart villages in Finland	Lauri Hyttinen , Network expert from Finnish National Rural Network
13.25-14.15	Lunch	
14.15-14.25	Introduction to the working sessions	Moderator
14.25-15.55	<p><u>Parallel working sessions</u></p> <p><i>-The development of rural space</i></p> <p>To notice influencing factors which are important for rural and regional (including value-based) development, to identify necessary activities and objectives for joint advancement.</p> <p><i>-Smart villages and it's role in rural development</i></p> <p>How to make it work? Identification of necessary instruments for making smart solutions.</p> <p><i>-Joint action plan for rural development</i></p>	

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	Realization of common strategy by taking into account all possibilities, resources. How to use all possible funds for development processes including multi-funding approach?	
15.55.-16.25	Feedback session on the group discussions	
16.25-17.00	Coffee break and closing session	