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VI Annual Forum
of the EU Strategy
for the Baltic Sea Region

15 - 16 JUNE 2015, JŪRMALA, LATVIA

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue: Dzintari Concert Hall, Jūrmala
Address: Turaidas Str. 1, Jūrmala, LV-2015, Latvia



Organisers and Partners

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and the European Commission (DG Regio) are the main organisers. The partners are VASAB, INTERACT, Jūrmala City Council.

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Registration

Online registration is open until **24 May, 2015**. Registration may be closed earlier if maximum seating capacity is reached. Venue capacity is limited therefore please register early. Registered participants will be able to collect their identification badges from the registration desk at the venue in Jūrmala:

- on 14 June from 15:00 to 18:00
- on 15 June from 08:00 to 12:00
- on 16 June from 08:00 to 11:00.

Walking Tour on 14 June - Optional

Jūrmala City Council will offer free-of-charge tours to the participants of the Annual Forum who will arrive on Sunday, 14 June. Registration for the tours is required and will be closed on 24 May. Space is limited. Tours will go from 16:30-19:00 and meeting point to be confirmed at a later stage.

Baltic SeaTalk 2015 and Welcome Reception on 14 June – Optional

Venue: Jūrmala City Museum, Tirgoņu Str. 29, Jūrmala.

Time: 17:00 – 19:00 Baltic SeaTalk 2015
19:00 – 21:30 Welcome Reception and Concert

The **Foundation for Environmental Education Latvia (FEE Latvia)** in cooperation with campaign “My Sea” and Blue Flag Latvia are inviting you to the Baltic SeaTalk 2015. English translation will be provided. The event is open to Annual Forum participants and no prior registration is necessary. Number of seats is limited.

Accommodation

We advise you to make travel and hotel bookings only after receiving the confirmation e-mail from the organisers about your participation. You may book your accommodation from block reservations or hotels/guest houses of your choice.

0.85 km from the venue

- [Hotel Jurmala SPA](#), Jomas Str. 47/49, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard Single Room €87
Standard Double Room €94
Superior Single Room €112



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0.95 km from the venue

- [Semarah Hotel Jomas Seta](#), Smilšu Str.11, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard Single Room €56
Standard Double Room €61



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0.95 km from the venue

- [Baltic Beach Hotel](#), Jūras Str. 23/25, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard Single Room €129



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1.6 km from the venue

- [Amber Sea Hotel & SPA](#), Dzintaru prospekts 68, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard single room €112
Terrace single room €124



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3.1 km from the venue

- [Kurshi Hotel](#), Ceriņu Str. 22, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard Single Room €78 Superior Double Room €115 Luxury 2storey Single Room €173
Standard Double Room €84 2storey Single Room €115 Luxury 2storey Double Room €180
Superior Single Room €110 2storey Double Room €120



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3.3 km from the venue

- [Semarah Hotel Lielupe](#), Bulduru prospekts 64/68, Jūrmala
Price per night includes breakfast and VAT.
Standard Single Room €51 Comfort Double Room €85
Standard Double Room €63 Superior Single & Double Room €106
Comfort Single Room €73



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Should you have queries related to accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact Latvian Presidency official travel agency “Baltic Travel Group” by email: presidency2015@btgroup.lv or by telephone: +371 6722 8428.

Travel and Getting Around

By Air

Rīga International Airport (RIX) is located 15 km from Jūrmala and 10 km from Rīga City center.

From the Airport to the City of Jūrmala

TAXI

As there is no direct transport connection from Airport to the City of Jūrmala, the most convenient way to get to Jūrmala is by taxi. A trip takes about 25-30 minutes. The average fare is about € 20-25. Taxi services at Rīga International Airport are located outside the arrivals area.

Recommended taxi companies:

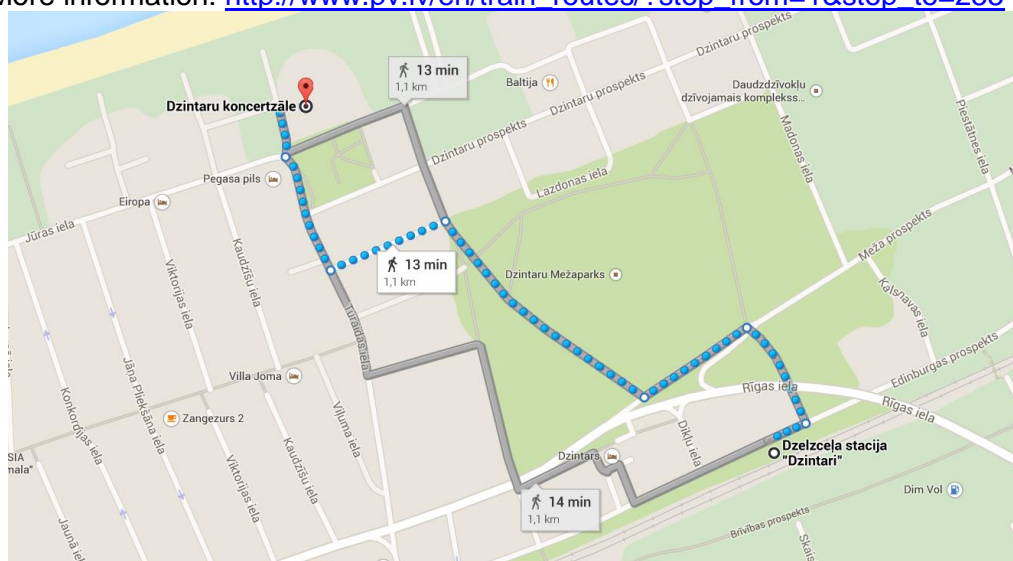
- *BalticTaxi* phone number: (+371) **20008500** or (+371) **67008500**.
- *Red Cab* phone number (+371) **8383**

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

It is also possible to get there by using public transportation via Rīga. In this case you should go first to Rīga by **Bus No.22** and there you can take the **train** or **microbuses Rīga – Jūrmala**.

Bus No.22 connects the Airport with the Rīga City centre (30 minutes trip). The bus stop is located behind car park P1 opposite Arrival E. The service operates up to every 15-20 minutes. For fares, see the <https://www.rigassatiksm.lv/en/>.

Trains from Rīga to Jūrmala are departing from the Central Train Station. To get to the Annual Forum venue the closest station is “Dzintari” (Dzintari Railway Station is located around 1.1 km or 13 min walk from Dzintari Concert Hall). More information: http://www.pv.lv/en/train_routes/?stop_from=1&stop_to=255



Walking directions from the Dzintari Railway Station (Dzelzceļa stacija “Dzintari”) to Dzintari Concert Hall (“Dzintaru koncertzāle”)

There is also **microbus connection between Rīga and Dubulti (Jūrmala)**. Microbuses Nr. 7018, 7020, 7021, 7023 are departing from Rīga microbus station, which is situated opposite to the Central Train Station. The schedule for microbuses can be found here:

www.1188.lv/transport/bus/schedule?from=riga&from-id=&fc=&to=Dubulti&to-id=5496417%7C5496418&tc=1

The closest bus stop is “Lienes iela (street)” which is about 10-15 min walking distance to the venue.

Transportation within the City of Jūrmala

All suggested hotels are located in Jūrmala and most of them are in walking distance (10-20 min) to the Dzintari Concert Hall.

There will be transfer buses provided from the hotels to the venue from Kurshi Hotel, Semarah Hotel Lielupe and Amber Sea Hotel & SPA on 15-16 June.

Catering at the Venue

LUNCH

There will be free-of-charge buffet lunch provided by the organisers on 15-16 June. Menu will be labelled and diversified to offer options for people with various diet restrictions and allergies. A snack and coffee bar will be open at the venue (cash and credit cards accepted).

DINNER

The Networking Dinner (free-of-charge; dress code: casual) hosted by the organisers will be held on the evening of 15 June at *Havana Club Lounge* on the beach next to the Annual Forum venue.

Conference venue facilities and services

IT services and Support

Wireless Internet access (WiFi) will be available throughout the venue. Please see signs at the venue for the login information.

Persons using a wheelchair

The venue is accessible to persons using a wheelchair and assistance can be provided if needed.

Interpretation

Working language of the event is **English**. No interpretation will be provided.

About Jūrmala

Jūrmala is a city by the Gulf of Rīga stretching along the coastline. It is situated 25 km from the capital, Rīga. Jūrmala is resort city highly regarded for modern relaxation and resort facilities. During the summer season the city is lively and an attractive place for local and international tourists. It has become the largest resort area in the Baltic States, as well as a popular location for international conferences and meetings.

The city is known for its historic wooden architecture, cottage-style buildings and resort centres. The old wooden buildings represent Classicism, Art Nouveau, National Romanticism and Functionalism style which are also preserved in the Dzintari area. A pedestrian street called Jomas Street or a stroll on the beach is the best way to get acquainted with the rhythm of the city.

Useful information about Jūrmala can be found on www.tourism.jurmala.lv

Dzintari Concert Hall

The neo-eclectic Dzintari Concert Hall was built in 1936. It has been recently renovated and modernized, and it regularly hosts outstanding performers.



About Latvia

Flag:



Coat of Arms:

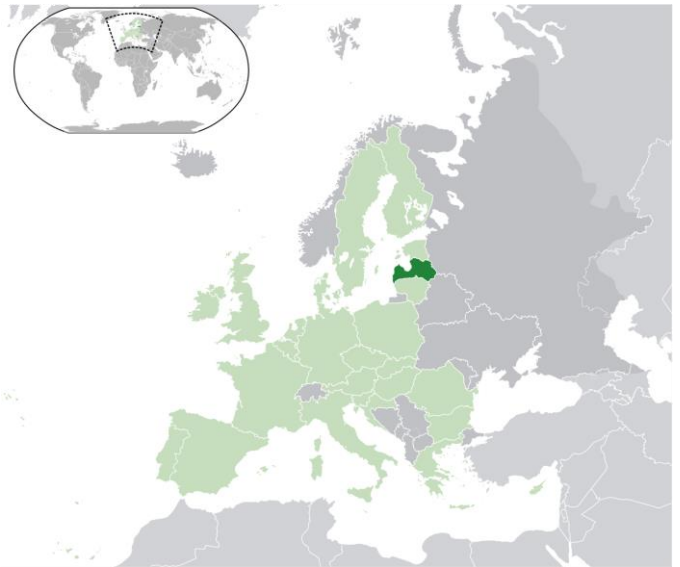


Government system: parliamentary republic

Population: 1,985 600 (March, 2015)

Area: 64.5 thousand km²

Capital: Rīga, (European Capital of Culture in 2014)



History: The Republic of Latvia was established on 18 November, 1918. Independence from the Soviet occupation was announced on 4 May, 1990 and restored on 21 August, 1991. Latvia joined the European Union and NATO on 1 May, 2004 and introduced the euro currency on 1 January, 2014. Latvia holds accession talks with the OECD. For more information please see this [Timeline](#).

Language: Latvian (Indo-European, Baltic language; writing system: Latin) is the only official state language of the Republic of Latvia. English is widely spoken.

Local time: GMT+2

Currency: Euro (€).

Useful information about Latvia can be found on www.tava.gov.lv/en and www.latvia.eu.
Smart phone App: [Latvia.Travel](#). The application is available on Google Play Store and iTunes.

Useful numbers

- Dial code for Latvia: **+ (00) 371**
- Emergency: call **112**, the EU-wide emergency number for the police, fire and ambulance services



*Information is subject to change.
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