

SECOND LATVIAN RURAL COMMUNITIES PARLIAMENT

"Creation of precondition for development of
small towns and rural areas"

Līgatne | 3-5 June, 2015

First day – 3 June, Wednesday

MORNING/ DAY PART (10:00-19:00), Līgatne culture house

10:00-11:00 Registration; morning coffee

11:00-12:00 OPENING OF THE LATVIAN RURAL COMMUNITIES PARLIAMENT.
Communities' highlights. Speeches of opinion leaders. Retrospect on First Latvian Rural Communities Parliament resolution (2013). Introduction and context for the Second Rural Communities Parliament resolution.

HE Andris Bērziņš, President of Latvia,
Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs,
Ainārs Šteins, Head of municipality Līgatne,
Anita Seļicka, Executive director of Latvian Rural Forum,
Skaidrīte Medvecka, Rural Partnership „Sēlija”.

Opening session is led by:

Aija Tūna, The Education Development Centre, initiative "Change opportunities in schools",
Valdis Kudiņš, Chairmen of the Board of Latvian Rural Forum.

12:00-15:45 First session „Consolidate economic potential of rural areas to strengthen the competitiveness of the EU” - common session

12:00-12:45 Introduction in to the first session
Valdis Kudiņš, Chairmen of the Board of Latvian Rural Forum

12:45-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 Parallel working groups

- 1.1. Create new opportunities in rural areas: how to earn with creativity in the rural areas?
- 1.2. How IT promotes employment in rural areas?
- 1.3. How to develop business in the countryside?
- 1.4. Alternative energy in the rural areas: how to become independent?
- 1.5. Be visible on the market: the market expect from agriculture?
- 1.6. Be responsible in the countryside: how to turn disadvantages into opportunities?

15:30-16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15-19:00 Second session „Improving quality of life in rural areas and small towns by promoting development of civil society outside the centres of development” – common session

16:15-17:15 Introduction in to the second session

Aija Tūna, The Education Development Centre, initiative "Change opportunities in schools"

17:15-19:00 Parallel working groups

- 2.1. The opportunity to develop the internet platform for civic engagement in rural areas
- 2.2. Society involvement in cultural heritage digitization process
- 2.3. Enlivening civic society for local development and quality of life
- 2.4. Schools as multi-functional centres in rural communities; the possibility of multiplying it in Europe
- 2.5. Efficient usage of community resources
- 2.6. Intergenerational learning and solidarity in 21st century

EVENING PART (20:00-23:00), Līgatne culture house

20:00-23:00

International evening. Getting to know each other- networking and non - formal communication. Musically entertaining evening with international food.

Second day – 4 June, Thursday

MORNING/ DAY PART (9:00-16:00), Līgatne rehabilitation centre

9:00-12:00 Third session „The mobility of citizens and ensuring access to services in a context of rural development” - common session

9:00-10:00 Introduction in to the second session

Atis Egliņš-Eglītis, Project manager in Liepāja Culture Department of international relations and culture

10:00-12:00 Parallel working groups

- 3.1. Will repaired roads guarantee the return of young people in the rural areas?
- 3.2. How does e-health will improve wellbeing of population in rural areas?
- 3.3. Why Europe needs educated society?
- 3.4. What are challenges of nowadays culture?

12:00-12:45 Presentation of the resolution, concussion and common commitment to collaboration in local, national and European level

12:45-13:30 *Lunch*



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13:30-15:45 Forth session "Educational seminar for Local Action Groups "Multi-sector and international cooperation for community lead local development"

Urszula Budzich-Tabor, The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) policy analyst,

Radim Sršen, President of The European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD),

Thomas Müller, Leader of the OG of European Rural Parliament,

Valdis Kudiņš, Chairmen of the Board of Latvian Rural Forum.

EVENING PART (16:00-23:00), Līgatne Culture house

16:00-18:00

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Official joint session - Development Cooperation. Suggestions for further activities. Sharing development experiences (stories from Development Forum participants from Iraq, Mongolia). Lecture about development cooperation.

OR

Free time. The opportunity to go for a different free of charge and charged tours around Līgatne city

18:00-23:00 Celebration of Līgatne. Craftsmen market. Getting to know Līgatne - paper fabric, army bunkers, cave basements, architecture of the factory village, nature trails and a lot more. Performances of local artists and ball with live music.

Third day – 5 June, Friday

MORNING / DAY PART (10:00-16:00), Līgatne Culture house

11:00-12:00, Līgatne Culture house

Closure of the Rural Community Parliament. Speeches of members of the European Parliament, Parliament of Latvia and communities. Towards 3rd Latvian Rural communities parliament.

11:00-16:00

Getting to know local communities practical initiatives and exchanging good experiences