



Bioeconomy - Based Forestry: Opportunities and Challenges in the Century of Climate Change

September 28, Riga, Latvia

Venue: RISEBA Architecture and Media Centre H2O 6
(Durbes street 4, Riga)

Conference agenda:

9:30 Registration, coffee break

10:00 Welcome Keynote – Maris Kucinskis, Prime Minister of Latvia, Janis Duklavs, Minister of Agriculture of Latvia, Jan Widberg, Director of The Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia

10:15 "Developing a national forest programme and bioeconomy collaboration programme in Sweden"

Agnetha Alriksson (Sweden), Ministry of Enterprise & Innovation, Division for Forest & Climate

10:30 "Bioeconomy and Forest policy in Finland"

Marja Kokkonen (Finland), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland

First block: Forestry sector and sustainable development of the national economy – emphasis on land-use efficiency.

10:45 "Sustainability of forestry in Latvia: state of the art and challenges"

Aris Jansons (Latvia), Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava"

11:05 "Future of European Forest-Based Sector"

Sinikka Västilä (Sweden), EFI Regional Office- EFINORD

11:25 Coffee break

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Second block: The development of the use of wood and future prospects. The forestry sector is important to the national economy - it cannot stagnate and it has to evolve with age. Over the last 100 years, the forests grow faster in Europe and nowadays it is not right to rely only on old books and tables - we should review the tactics.

11:55 "The Reform of Finnish Forestry Legislation and Policy"

Juha Ojala (*Finland*), Work Efficiency Institute

12:15 "Active forest management and its role in climate change mitigation"

Tomas Lundmark (*Sweden*), Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet

12:35 "The Estonian forestry experience, the carried out reforms and the results"

Henrik Valja (*Estonia*), Estonian Forest and Wood Industries Association

12:55 "Forest management challenges in Latvia"

Dagnis Dubrovskis (*Latvia*), Latvia University of Agriculture Forest Faculty

13:15 "Different worlds - one market"

Jānis Ciems (*Latvia*), "Latvijas Finieris"

13:40 - 14:10 DISCUSSION

14:10 Coffee break

Third block: The renaissance of wooden construction and future prospects.

14:40 "Växjö - the Modern wooden city: From Strategy to Reality"

Hans Andren (*Sweden*), City of Växjö

15:10 "The Wooden Riga"

Gvido Princis (*Latvia*), Riga City Architect

15:25 "Preconditions and challenges of the modern wood construction in Latvia"

Andrejs Domkins (*Latvia*), Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Institute

15:45 - 16:15 DISCUSSION

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