

International Conference

12-14 July 2012

Hotel 'Jūrnieka Ligzda', Pērkone, South-West Coast of Latvia




'Fisheries Areas Development Possibilities'

Welcome!

Association 'Liepāja District Partnership' in cooperation with Latvian Fisheries Network invites you to the international conference 'Fisheries Areas Development Possibilities'.

The aim of the conference is to discuss and to exchange experience on promoting sustainable development of fisheries areas among fisheries local action groups (FLAG's), fisheries sector representatives, local governments and social partners.

The main issues for discussions will be as follows:

-  European Fisheries Fund Axis 4 contribution in development of fisheries areas – FLAG's local development strategies, benefits and challenges, good examples and possibilities for cooperation, etc.;
-  Development of coastal areas – challenges and possibilities in relation with fisheries sector development, tourism seasonality, infrastructure and employment;
-  Development of lake areas – inland fisheries development, as well diversification of local economy through development of recreational fishing.

Conference will be held in South-West Coast of Latvia near the Baltic Sea, hotel 'Jūrnieka Ligzda', Pērkone, Nica municipality (<http://www.jurniekaligzda.lv/welcome/>). We expect about 100 guests.

Different communication methods will be used in the conference – interactive introduction, thematic presentations, work group discussions, as well evaluation, prioritization methods and study visit.

Conference languages: Latvian, English.

We will provide the possibility for conference participants to participate in the Latvian local coastal fishing traditions like fishing with sweep-net and local fishermen's festival. During the study visit we will introduce with Pāvilosta town (<http://www.pavilosta.lv/en>) which is the small harbor situated in the Baltic Sea Coast, having fisheries, tourism and sea sports recreation as the main economic activities. In Pāvilosta we will visit the projects, supported by the European Fisheries Fund.

Organisers: the FLAG 'Association Liepāja District Partnership', Latvian Fisheries Network.



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PROGRAMME

Thursday, July 12, 2012	
REGISTRATION AND INTRODUCTION	
18:00	Arrival of participants at the conference venue – hotel 'Jūrnieka Ligdza', registration and check in starting from 18.00
21:00	Evening event – interactive introduction and dinner
Friday, July 13, 2012	
OPENING, THEMATIC PRESENTATIONS AND WORK GROUPS	
9:00	Opening of the conference
9:15	Introduction of the conference agenda
9:30 – 11:00	Thematic presentations, Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kurzeme region coastal development (insight in the past and the future of the coastal development of Kurzeme as the Latvian region with the longest seashore); ✓ Development of the fisheries areas from the fisheries sector viewpoint; ✓ Development of recreational fishing – challenge and possibility for diversification of local economy
11:00	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Thematic presentations, Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ European Fisheries Fund (EFF) Axis 4 contribution in development of fisheries areas - EU FLAG's local development strategies, benefits and challenges, good examples and possibilities for cooperation; ✓ European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET) presentation – European Fisheries Fund Axis 4 and insight into the next EU programming period.
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Working groups lead by moderators: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) EFF Axis 4 - present situation and suggestions for the next EU programming period; (2) Challenges of the coastal development; (3) Inland fisheries development possibilities; (4) Transnational cooperation – experiences and possibilities.
16:00	Working group presentations
17:00	Coffee break
17:30	Summary of the day
18:00	Free time to prepare for the participation in evening event
19:00	Evening event - coastal fishing, dinner with active participation and traditional fish products

Saturday, July 14, 2012	
STUDY VISIT TO PĀVILOSTA TOWN	
10:00	Buses leave from the conference venue to Pāvilosta
11:30 – 18:30	Study visit in Pāvilosta will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visit to Akmensrags lighthouse; ✓ Pāvilosta local municipality presentation; ✓ Visit to Pāvilosta harbor; ✓ Lunch; ✓ Visits to project sites and facilities supported by EFF; ✓ Participation in the Pāvilosta Fishermen’s Festival and introduction with traditions.
20:00	Arrival in the conference venue, closing dinner
Sunday, July 15, 2012	
until 11:00	Departure of the participants

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Registration

We invite to FLAG’s representatives from Europe, fisheries sector representatives, local governments and social partners to participate in the conference.

Registration has to be done by filling in the Registration form and sending it to e-mail address ligita.laipeniece@lrpartneriba.lv .

When filling the Registration form, please, select working groups according your priority choices.

If possible, please, bring along local fish products from your region. It will be possible to present your traditional fish products at the dinner on Friday, July 13.

Accommodation fee for 3 nights (from 12 to 14 July) is included in the participation fee. Information of the name of your hotel/guest house will be sent to you soon after the registration deadline.

Deadline for the registration is 28 June, 2012.

Participation fee

The conference fee is **192.00 EUR per person** and it includes: food and accommodation for the conference, transportation costs for the study visits.

In case if you would need transfer from Riga Airport to the conference venue (both directions), please, indicate it in the registration form. If you need transfer, it will cost additional fee - approximately 10 EUR per person one direction.

After receiving the registration form, a confirmation message will be sent to your e-mail address. Invoices will be sent to you soon after the confirmation message and we kindly ask you to pay invoices within **10 working days**.

How to get to the conference venue

Conference will be held in hotel 'Jūrnika Ligzda'*** (Seaman's Nest), Pērkone, Nica municipality. It is situated in the South-West part of Latvia, located at 6th kilometer on the road A11 Liepaja (Latvia) – Klaipeda (Lithuania) – see location at Google Map: <http://www.jurnikaligzda.lv/contacts/>

The closest international airport is Palanga Airport in Lithuania (56 km distance from the conference venue), it is small airport, but it serves flights from Copenhagen (Denmark), Oslo (Gardermoen, Norway), and Riga (Latvia). <http://www.palanga-airport.lt/en/>

Riga Airport is situated close to Latvia's capital city Riga; it is in 222km distance from the conference venue and it would take ~ 3 hours to come to the conference venue. Riga Airport has good connections with most of the European countries, see - <http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/flights/route-network> .

If you choose to fly to Riga, we would advise you to contact us regarding organized transfer from the Airport to the conference venue. In case if you would need transfer, it would be good if your flight would arrive in Riga Airport on July 12 until the 14:30 Latvian time in order to be in time for the registration at the conference venue.