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Riga, The European Union House
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Final results of the project Baltic100. Press conference

13:30–14:00 Arrival and registration

14:00 Opening speech by the Minister of Economics **Viktors Valainis**

14:05–14:35 Development of the Baltic States in the last 100 years: new knowledge and data availability

- **Gatis Krūmiņš** (lead researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Kaspars Osis** (lead researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Adomas Klimantas** (PhD candidate at the University of Oxford, researcher at Vilnius University)

14:35 Extended commentary by the Minister of Economics **Viktors Valainis**

14:45–16:15 Panel discussion. The economy of the Baltic States in 100 years: lessons and future challenges

- **Jurgis Miežainis** (Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economy)
- **Ojārs Kehris** (President of the Latvian Economists Association, former Minister for Economics)
- **Adomas Klimantas** (PhD candidate at the University of Oxford, researcher at Vilnius University)
- **Ola Honningdal Grytten** (professor at Norwegian School of Economics)

Moderator: Pauls Raudseps

16:15–16:30 Informal discussions

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Valmiera, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences
Tērbatas iela 10

9:30–10:00 Arrival and registration

10:00 Opening of the second day (Agita Līviņa, professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)

10:10–11:30 Panel discussion. Sustainable development of Baltic regions in the past, present, and future

- **Agita Līviņa** (professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Zenonas Norkus** (professor at Vilnius University)
- **Olaf Mertelsmann** (professor at Tartu University)
- **Harijs Rokpelnis** (Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, former chairman of the Mazsalaca County Council)
- **Juris Pūce** (member of the board at the Latvian Economists Association, former Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)

Moderator: Gatis Krūmiņš (lead researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)

11:30–11:50 Coffee break

11:50–13:30 Parallel sessions I

12:00–13:30 Baltic100 project: main conclusions (National and regional gross domestic product (GDP) in 100 years)

Chair: Ola Honningdal Grytten (professor at Norwegian School of Economics)

Reports:

- **Adomas Klimantas** (PhD candidate at the University of Oxford, researcher at Vilnius University)

Gross domestic product of the Baltic States since 1919: main conclusions

- **Jurgita Markevičiūtė** (professor at Vilnius University)
- **Zenonas Norkus** (professor at Vilnius University)

Regional differences of the Baltic States 1920-2020, analyzing GDP

Members of the discussion:

- **Agita Līviņa** (professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Juris Pūce** (member of the board at the Latvian Economists Association, former Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)

12:00–13:30 Creative Industries panel

Chair: Dr. Emmanouel Rovithis, Ionian University (Greece)

Reports:

- **Mag.art. Jurgis Peters**, new media artist, doctoral researcher, Tampere University (Finland)

Variations of Kitsch & The Aesthetics of Generative AI

- **PhD Yuliia Kovalenko**, researcher at ViA & assistant professor at Kharkiv State Academy of Culture (Ukraine)

Immersive Narratives: Blending Cinematic Storytelling with Serious Gaming and Interactive Filmmaking

- **Mag.art. Kristaps Biters**, new media artist

CineGame project: artistic gaming solutions

- **Dr. Emmanouel Rovithis**, Researcher & Laboratory teaching staff at the Ionian University (Greece), Department of Audiovisual Arts

Audio Legends: an Augmented Knot in the Audio Gaming Thread

- **PhD Ieva Gintere**, lead researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Projects on Serious Art Gaming: Concepts and Trends

13:30–14:30 Lunch at Hotel Wolmar, Tērbatas iela 16a

14:30–16:00 Parallel sessions II

14:30–16:00 Baltic100 project: main conclusions (demography, agriculture, and other development factors)

Chair: Zenonas Norkus (professor at Vilnius University)

Reports:

- **Olaf Mertelsmann** (professor at Tartu University). **Dry data or full of surprises: 100 years of Estonian statistics**
- **Baiba Kļaviņa** (research assistant at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences). **Land use and its changes: Baltic and Latvian regions in 100 years (1920-2020)**
- **Ilmārs Mežs** (researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences). **Regional differences of demographic indicators in Latvia in a 100-year historical perspective**
- **Jānis Šiliņš** (researcher at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences). **Time, space, and personalities: some unexpected pathways in Latvian economic history**

14:30–16:00 Workshop "Why (not) engage pupils in science?"

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Chair:

- **Liene Ločmele, Linda Veliverronena** (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Sara De Coninck** (Leuven-Limburg University of Applied Sciences, Belgium)

16:00–16:30 Final conclusions

- **Agita Līviņa** (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
- **Ola Honningdal Grytten** (Norwegian School of Economics)
- **Martin Klesment** (University of Tallinn)

Moderator: Gatis Krūmiņš

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