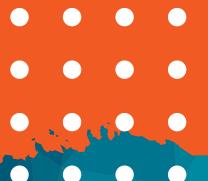


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Final results of the project Baltic100. Press conference

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 Miezainis (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 leva 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 (Leuwen-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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