

INVITATION

Baltics Networking Brunch

Europe for Citizens points Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

29th -30th of JUNE 2018 LATVIA

Sigulda, Hotel "Santa", "Kalnjāņi", Sigulda Region, Riga District
Cēsis, Cēsis Castle, Conference hall, Pils Square 9

CONTEXT

Baltics Networking Brunch's aim is to establish contacts and develop ideas for future cooperation of Baltics countries within the EU Europe for Citizens Programme. Baltics Networking Brunch takes place for the second time, bringing together around 15 participants representing civil society organizations and public authorities from three countries: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The aim is to create partnership possibilities between participating organisations and share the experience of the fourth Conversation festival LAMPA, which takes place on 29th – 30th of June in Cēsis, Latvia.

PURPOSE

In order to support and develop new project partnerships, the participants of the seminar will get a better understanding of Europe for Citizens Programme and have a good opportunity to find partners for their ideas.

The Conversation festival is a unique event and great opportunity to exchange ideas on the organization of society, to get fresh ideas and new insights. Conversation festival gives the chance to meet like-minded and inspiring people, and enjoy a cultural program in a convivial summer atmosphere.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The seminar is targeted to civil society organizations and public authorities from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania who are interested in developing international cooperation with funding from the Europe for Citizens Programme, including towns, municipalities and regional authorities, town twinning associations and networks, non-profit organizations and CSOs, survivor's associations, cultural/youth/educational/research organisations. One participant per organization is expected to attend.

The working language of the event is English.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FORM AND SELECTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

You can fill out an application form online here: [APPLY NOW](#). A selection of participants will be made by every participating country's Europe for Citizens contact point taking into consideration the profiles and interests of the applicants.

Deadline for registration: 28th of May, 2018.

VENUES AND TRANSPORTATION

Dinner and getting acquainted in the evening of the first day, and accommodation will be in Sigulda at Hotel Santa, "Kalnjāņi", Sigulda Region, Riga District. Networking Brunch at the second day will take place at Cēsis Castle, Conference hall, Pils Square 9, in city of Cēsis that is located in the north part of Latvia.

Local Europe for Citizens contacts points will organize the transportation to Riga for Estonians and Lithuanians. Both, Estonians and Lithuanians will leave on the morning of Friday, 29th of June and arrive to Riga by 4:30PM. Latvians will be met in Riga Bus station (exact address will be specified later) at 4:30PM. At 5PM departure from Riga to Sigulda will take place with the rented bus to stay overnight. On the morning of 30th of June, ride to Cēsis will continue. Departure back to Riga from Cēsis will take place at 4PM on the same day.

There is an option to stay at the festival and organize the travel back by participants own preferences. Participants will have a good opportunity network amongst each other by travelling together and during the stay in Sigulda. Latvian participants will organize their travel by themselves from homes to Riga and back.

**The applicants should contact their local Europe for Citizens contact point for getting more detailed travelling information and questions on participation fees and on reimbursement of the transportation costs.*

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 29th of June

04:00PM arrival to Riga
05:00PM departure to Sigulda
06:00PM arrival to Sigulda, accommodating
07:00PM dinner and getting acquainted
10:00PM free time

Saturday, 30th of June

08:00AM breakfast at the hotel
09:00AM departure to Cēsis
09:30AM arrival to Cēsis
10:00AM Presentation of Europe for Citizens program and group discussions/workshop
12:30PM Lunch
13:00PM Visiting the Festival, free time
03:30PM gathering together for a reflective discussion
04:00PM departure to Riga

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