



BSSSC Board meeting in Cēsis, Latvia

Venue: Cēsis town, will be specified

Date: 8th-10th of May 2019

Participants: BSSSC Board members, Vidzeme Planning Region

Wednesday 8 May

Arrival of participants – check in at hotel (reservation made by each individually)

Thursday 9 May

09:10-09:30

Morning coffee

09:30-12:00

Internal seminar on the BSSSC Strategy post 2020

12:00-16:00

**“Transnational Smart Specialisation for development of the Baltic Sea Region”
Towards implementation of the EUSBSR in Vidzeme Planning Region**

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:20 Strategy of the Vidzeme Planning Region, horizontal priority of Smart Specialisation (*L. Gercāne*)

13:20-13:50 Transnational smart specialisation for strengthening macro-regional collaboration. Network of innovation-driven internationalisation brokers in BSR (*I. Platonova*)

Practices of implementation of macro-regional priorities on regional level:

13:50-14:10 Knowledge-driven bioeconomy innovation system in the region. Bottom-up approach for implementing bioeconomy (*I. Kulitāne*)

14:10-14:40 coffee break

14:40-15:00 Food Bioeconomy (*K. Ročāns*)

15:00-15:20 Wood and Furniture (*L. Engere*)

15:20-15:40 Energy-efficiency (*A. Rūse*)

15:40-16:00 Lifelong education through S3 (*L. Ābele, A. Jākobsons*)

16:00-16:30 Theoretical sight-visit to Institute for Environment Solution (*I. Suija-Markova*)

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16:30 – 18:00

Transport solutions – priority topic of BSR TransRIS3 mini-seminar/information from the MAMBA project (we have contacted the LP and asked for them to prepare)

Vidzeme Planning Region case: Transport on Demand experimentation in Vidzeme Planning Region, MAMBA project (*L. Puriņa-Purīte*)

19:00-...

Dinner – **(paid by BSSSC) We can make a reservation for Medieval dinner for you in Cēsis castle (dinner + theatrical programme; costs ~22 EUR from person)**

Friday 10 May

08:45-09:00

Morning coffee

09:00-13:00

Board meeting. *Representatives from Vidzeme/Cēsis are heartily invited to join. Welcome by a representative of the host would be good. Information about Governance structure in Latvia could be of interest*

13:00- 14:00

Lunch and departure

Practical information

Location

Meeting will be held in Cēsis town. Cēsis is one of the oldest towns in Latvia, this year we'll celebrate 813 years. We are located in the middle of Gauja National Park. Although quite small town, this is truly one of the most dependent towns in the regions because of the high-quality education system, well developed sports infrastructure, active culture life, strong tourism, high life quality. Our nature is rich with Sand cliffs & beautiful forests, but as you'll stay in the centre of the town, you at least have a chance to visit parks, Old town. See more on the town here: <http://turisms.cesis.lv/en/>. Main office of Vidzeme Planning Region is also located in Cēsis, other office is located in Valmiera city.



Hotels

I suggest choosing [Hotel Cēsis](#), [Hotel Gustavs](#) or [Hotel Katrīna](#). (If you choose Gustavs, then you must go first to Katrina for the keys – they are connected and located next to each other) They are all located in the town centre. Hotel Cēsis is closer to bus/train station, ~5min walking distance, Katrina/Gustavs ~10min walking distance. Please, choose room with breakfast.

Transport

There might be ordered group bus for BSSC board (currently on discussion), but in case you must use public transport, follow this instruction:

If you choose to use airplane, after flight, you must take **bus No.22 from airport to Riga Bus Station (AUTOOSTA)** that goes like every 20minutes or so. **Prepare 2 Euros** in cash for ticket. Or buy ticket in airport Narvesen kiosk. Bus goes 25-40min, depending on how busy traffic is.

Then **walk for 2 min** to bus station platforms that are behind like a wall. You must go underground and cross the street. It is very close. Congrats, you are in the BUS STATION (AUTOOSTA) now!



And then **jump in a bus to Cēsis bus station**. It takes ~1h45min, **prepare cash 4,15 Eur** for ticket, because you can buy it also from the driver for the same price, but they do not have credit card option. You should check the screens, usually bus to Cesis departs from platform 9,10,11 or 12).

No need for buying the ticket in advance, because price will not change and if you buy it in advance, you cannot change the departure time, but it can happen that you are able to take earlier bus, for example.

See exact schedules here. They may change a bit from day to day, and usually can see 1 week forward <https://www.1188.lv/en/transport/schedules/rigas-sao/cesu-ao/105317/105255>. If you reach Riga bus station at least 15minutes before departure, you can buy ticket also at the box office and see the platform on a ticket.

And then depending on hotel you chosen, you must walk for 5-10 minutes. 😊