



PROGRAM

Stāmeriena, Gulbene district, 16 – 18 June 2021

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

15.30 Newcomers to the countryside - a living library

17.00 Smart villages - a living library

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

10.00 Opening of the 5th Latvian Rural Community Parliament

12.30 Brake

13.30 Parallel thematic working groups, exploring good practices and priorities in rural areas

15.00 Brake

15.30 **13 parallel working groups with the participation of experts on experiences, challenges, and necessary actions**

18.00 Getting to know Gulbene district and Stāmeriena

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

09.00 Interactive acquaintance with the people of Gulbene district and inspiring practices - Enterprisingly forward!

10.30 Brake

12.00 The great culmination of the Community Parliament

15.00 Self-organized acquaintance with Gulbene district and Stāmeriena

13 parallel working groups with the participation of experts on experiences, challenges, and necessary actions (Thursday, June 17, 15.30)

1 Friends, it will be fine: sailing school in the waves of pandemic

The response to the Covid-19 pandemic and our ability to adapt to new circumstances.

2 Identity labyrinths within the system

The power of communities to stand up for their values and identity.

3 Cat in the bag - the use of participatory methods in the countryside

Meaningful and understanding-based citizen involvement in local decisions.

4 Believe it or not - you can live in the countryside! Newcomers

People return to the countryside and the changes it brings.

5 Enrichment of rural life lawn

Socio-cultural environment in rural areas from the perspective of place belonging, education, culture, and local community.

6 Half-full or half-empty - view of rural population

Population location and demography, its adhesion to the pull of development.

7 Standing still is the way back. Smart villages

Activating local people and resources for smart community development.

8 Digital reality in rural areas: broadband measurement

Availability of communication infrastructure outside large cities.

9 The jungle of clicks and screens. Digital skills parade

Digital skills for new opportunities, services, and information.

10 Short circuit in the food chain

Sustainable and safe food chain.

11 Deep waters of green public food procurement

Provision of local food on the menu of municipal institutions.

12 Pedalling for alternative energy production

Individually and community-generated renewable energy sources for local consumption.

13 Harvest of political and financial investments. What seeds still need to buy?

The Rural Filter in policy development and the European Rural Semester in the implementation of the funds as new tools for policy coordination.

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The Latvian Rural Forum is a national organization that unites more than 80 organizations in all regions. The mission of LRF is to promote balanced development of Latvian rural territories to create it as a place where contented people live, being able to meet their economic and social needs in the place of their residence. More: laukuforums.lv.

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