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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Cross-border Latvian/Lithuanian CAP Conference

"Implications of CAP inequality - consequences and opportunities"

**3 May 2012, Jurmala, Latvia¹
4 May 2012, Kaunas, Lithuania²**

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Thursday	Jurmala
3 May	
8.30 a.m.	Registration & coffee
9 a.m.-	Opening Session
9.45 a.m.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee– Mr Edmunds Sprūdžs, Minister for the Environmental Protection and Regional Development– Mr Edgars Treiberis, Chairman of the Board, Co-operation Council of Latvian Agricultural Organisations (LOSP)– Ms Rigonda Lerhe, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture– Representative of a Lithuanian agricultural organisation– Representative of an Estonian agricultural organisation
9.45 a.m.–	Session One: "General farming conditions. Overview 1991-2011"
11 a.m.	
	<i>Chaired by Mr Frank Van Oorschot, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee</i>
	Keynote speech:
	Ms Guna Salputra, Head of the Research unit, Latvian State Institute of Agrarian Economics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Mārtiņš Cimermanis, Board Chairman, Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre– Mr Armands Krauze, Board Member, Co-operation Council of Latvian Agricultural Organisations (LOSP)– Ms Dilyana Slavova, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
	General debate
11 a.m.-	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.	

11.15 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	Session Two: "<i>Further greening. State of the environment 1991 – 2011</i>" <i>Chaired by Mr Adalbert Kienle, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee</i> Keynote speech: Mr Pēteris Lakovskis, Expert in environmental issues, Rural Development Evaluation Department, Latvian State Institute of Agrarian Economics – Mr Gustavs Norkārklis, Board Chairman, Latvian Organic Farming Association – Ms Maira Dzelzkalēja, Deputy Chairman, Association “Farmers Parliament” – Mr Yves Somville, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee General debate
12.30 p.m.– 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m.–3.30 p.m.	Session Three: "<i>Young farmers, small farmers, active farmers</i>" <i>Chaired by Mr Kaul Nurm, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee</i> Keynote speech: Mr Andres Oopkaup, Senior Policy Adviser, Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce. – Ms Agita Hauka, Board Chairman, Latvian Farmers Federation – Mr Juris Lazdiņš, Board Chairman, Association “Farmers Parliament” – Mr Edgars Treibergs, Board Chairman, Co-operation Council of Latvian Agricultural Organisations General debate
3.30 p.m.– 4 p.m.	Closing Session Conclusions End of Day One
4.30 p.m.	Departure from Jurmala (by bus) <i>Light dinner</i>
10 p.m.	Arrival in Kaunas

Friday
4 May **Kaunas**

8.30 a.m.– **Registration**
9.30 a.m.

9.30 a.m.– **Opening Session**
10.30 a.m.

- **Mr Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee**
- **Mr Andriejus Stancikas, Chairman, Chamber of Agriculture**
- **Mr Kazys Starkevicius, Minister of Agriculture (tbc)**
- **Mr Donatas Jankauskas, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (tbc)**
- **Mr Edgars Treibergs, Chairman, Co-operation Council of Latvian agricultural organisations**
- **Mr Roomet Sõrmus, Executive Director, The Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce**
- **Mr Jonas Guzavičius, Chairman of the Lithuanian Tripartite Council (tbc)**

10.30 a.m.– **Session One: "20 years of socio-economic and structural changes – explanation for**
11.15 a.m. **the low direct payments in the Baltic region"**

Chaired by: Mr Pdraig Walshe, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
10 min. video

- **Dr. Rasa Melnikienė, Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics**
"Structural changes in farms and the land use of today"
- **Mr Andres Oopkaup, Senior Adviser of the Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce** **"Estonian Structural changes in farms"**

General debate

11.15 a.m.– **Coffee break**
11.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.– **Session Two: "The picture of today: farm closures and disused farmland - social**
12.45 p.m. **implications for rural areas."**

Chaired by: Mr Martin Siecker, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

- **Ms Dalia Ambrozaitienė, Department of Statistics of Lithuania** **"The change of rural inhabitants 1991 – 2011 and Emigration Provisions"**
- **Dr. Boguslavas Gruževskis, Institute of Labour and Social Research**
"Current labour market situation in rural areas"
- **Ms Vilma Gegužienė, Vilnius University** **"Public services in rural areas 1991-2011 and forecast"**
- **Ms Guna Salputra, Head of the Research unit, Latvian State Institute of Agrarian Economics,** **"General farming conditions"**

General debate

12.45 p.m.– Lunch
1.45 p.m.

1.45 p.m.– Session Three: "Food security. Food prices vs. consumer purchasing power. Food safety, protection of the environment and animal welfare – competitiveness at risk?"
3 p.m.

Chaired by: Yves Somville, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

- **Mr Mindaugas Jurgelis, DNB Nord Bank "Tendencies of Lithuanian Farming sector"**
- **Ms Zita Čeponytė, Lithuanian Institute of Consumers "Affordability and food price changes 2001-2011"**
- **Ms Paulina Gbur, Policy Analyst, Consumer Markets unit, DG SANCO, European Commission "Outcomes of the study on the functioning of the meat market for EU consumers"**

General debate

3 p.m. – Coffee break
3.15 p.m.

3.15 p.m.– Session Four: "The way forward"?
5 p.m.

Chaired by Mr Bronius Markauskas, Vice-Chairman, Chamber of Agriculture

- **Mr Pedro Tarno, Head of Unit, Rural Development Programmes in Denmark, Lithuania and Poland, DG AGRI, European Commission**
- **Ms Dilyana Slavova, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion CAP towards 2020**

General debate

5 p.m. – Closing Session
5.30 p.m.

- **Mr Kazys Starkevicius, Minister of Agriculture (tbc)**
- **Mr Staffan Nilsson, President, European Economic and Social Committee**
- **Mr Andrejus Stancikas, Chairman, Chamber of Agriculture**

5.30 p.m. End of Day Two

7 p.m. Reception in the Lithuanian Chamber of Agriculture³
– **traditional Lithuanian food and drinks, music and dances**

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Lithuanian Chamber of Agriculture, [K_Donclaicio st.2](http://K_Donclaicio_st.2), Kaunas, LT-44226, Lithuania, www.zur.lt.

Saturday *Kaunas*
5 May 2012

8.30 a.m. **Departure from Hotel Daugirdas (by bus)**

– **Farm visits**

1.30 p.m. **Arrival at Vilnius airport**