BSSSC Board Meeting

Cesis, Latvia, May 28-29, 2024

Draft Agenda

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Location: Space Education Center, Cīrulīšu Street 63, Cesis

11:30 Transfer from the hotel "Villa Santa" to Space Education Center **12:00 – 12:50** Lunch

Round table discussion "The culture of democracy: strengthening the social resilience of communities"

The discussion aims to closely explore the topic of community resilience and to develop a set of recommendations that will empower local communities and civil society organizations to foster a more resilient and secure society.

The discussion will be **live-streamed on** *YouTube @VidzemesRegions and Facebook @VidzemesPlanosanasRegions from 13:00 to 15:30.*

13:00 - 13:40 Opening words and introduction of participants

 Mrs. Inese Suija-Markova, the Board Member of the BSSSC, Vice-Chairperson of the Vidzeme Planning Region Development Council (10 min)

Stepping into the heart of the local scene

- Welcome by Mr. Jānis Rozenbergs, the Mayor of Cesis Municipality (15min)
- Presentation "Know your neighbor's name" Ms. Anna Paula Gruzdina/ Ms. Madara Seile, representatives of the town of Rujiena and Valmiera Municipality, BSR Cultural Pearl 2024 title (15 min)
- 13:40 14:10 Social resilience: community perspective Ms. Inese Vaivare, Director, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (30 min)
- **14:10 15:10** Round table Discussion moderated by Ms. Inese Vaivare, Director, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation

Moderated open discussion among presenters and BSSSC board members:

- o challenges to democratic culture and social resilience
- o strategies for strengthening democratic and social resilience
- examples of successful democracy and social resilience initiatives and transferable practices
- support mechanisms and policies for strengthening democracy and social resilience of communities.

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15:10 – 15:20 Closing Remarks in the context of BSSSC by Mr. Werner Schwarz, the BSSSC

Chairman, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Areas, European Affairs and Consumer Protection of Land Schleswig Holstein *joining remotely (10 min)

15:20 - 15:30 Recommendations and conclusions by Mrs. Inese Suija-Markova, the Board Member of the BSSSC, Vice-Chairperson of the Vidzeme Planning Region Development Council (10 min)

15:30 - 15:40 End of the discussion and a coffee break

15:40 - 17:00 Story of the <u>Space Education Center</u>, Mr. Miks Dzenis, Head of Space Education Center