

Site maps

Jūrmala Spa (<http://www.jurmala.lv/en/>) is situated on the southern shore of the Bay of Riga, 14-44 km west of Riga. The city stretches 30 km in length, of which 25 km are on a narrow strip of land, actually on a peninsula between the sea and the Lielupe River flowing parallel to it. The width of the beach is about 150-200 metres and is followed by a strip of dunes and forest. Forests and parks occupy about 3000 ha. They consist mainly of pine trees, the tallest of which reach up to 40 m in height.



Jūrmala and Riga Airport

Distance from Hotel “**Baltic Beach Hotel**” (<http://www.jurmalatour.lv/en/accommod.htm#Daina>) to the centre of Riga – 30 kilometres: transport – train in the direction Jurmala to *Majori* station, or minibuses. Distance to Riga airport – 20 kilometres: transport – taxi to Jūrmala or public transport to Riga combined with train.



Jūrmala Riga Central Coach, Minibus and Railway Station

Information for Potential Keynote Speakers and Participants

2nd International Conference on

“INTEGRATIVE APPROACHES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY”

(Baltic Sea Region sharing knowledge internally, across Europe, and worldwide)
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Jūrmala
(Latvia)

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The Baltic Rim is a recognised leader in integrated treatment of environmental, social, and economic problems of sustainable development (SD). The Conference aims to strengthen the integration of the region's RTD community and to promote the of sharing its knowledge and expertise internally, across Europe (including the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions) and worldwide by inviting distinguished researchers to Latvia to:

- Discuss the global goals defined by the EU Council in Gothenburg, scientifically based thresholds of sustainability and points of no return with certain focus on the Baltic Rim;
- Discuss corporate responsibility and sustainability in the regional decision-making process;
- Share knowledge and expertise, in particular, focusing on agriculture, forestry, education and university-municipality partnership – key and advanced fields for sustainability in the region;
- Train the young researchers of the Baltic Sea Region and similar regions such as the Mediterranean and Black Sea;
- Promote further integration of researchers of the Baltic States in European networks targeted to sustainable development.

The Organising Committee

International Project board

Prof. **Jānis Grāvītis**, University of Latvia (Latvia)
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Representatives of DG Research, DG Environment of EC, to be invited

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Target audience

Baltic Sea region students, researchers, politicians, and economists dealing with validation of methods, indicators and tools with special respect to sustainability requirements in the Baltic Sea region. Students and representatives of RTD community from Mediterranean and Black Sea regions

Proceedings

Part A (abstracts for handouts) of the conference proceedings before the event. Abstracts of selected posters and extended abstracts of other reports will be published in Part B of the Proceedings after the conference.

Fees

Participant fee is 90 € and includes hard copy of Conference Abstracts, coffee breaks, lunches and Come-together reception.

Language

The official language is English.

Preliminary Programme

Hotel “Baltic Beach Hotel“ – Jūras iela 23/25, Majori, Jurmala (Latvia)

Wednesday, 11 May

Afternoon: Come-together

Thursday, 12 May

First plenary: Sustainable Economics and “Zero emissions” concept
Second plenary: Sustainable Agriculture and Agro-forestry
Poster sessions & Workshop: Science for Sustainable Development and socio-economic framework (mainly young researchers and students)

Friday, 13 May

Third plenary: Forestry, Linked Resources and Bio-refinery Concept
Fourth plenary: Education for Sustainable Development in the Context of University-Municipality Partnership
Parallel sessions: Transregional Expertise – Baltic, Mediterranean and Black Sea Regions
Fifth Plenary: Research for Sustainable Development – EU Strategy and Policy and Global Context

Saturday, 14 May

Round table discussion: Sustainability Perspectives and Coherence in the Development of Three Regions
Afternoon: Site visit to nature reserves-parks in Latvia (pre-registration is required)