



Transnational LEADER Cooperation Project "GREENPARK"

SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN LATVIA ON JOINT MARKETING OF THE REGION WITH EXPERIENCES OF GAUJA, RĀZNA AND KĒMERI NATIONAL PARKS

IN LAG CĒSIS DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP, LAG RĒZEKNE DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP AND LAG PARTNERSHIP FOR RURAL AND THE SEA AREAS

5 – 10 October 2026

AGENDA

Monday, 5 October 2026 – Arrival Day

Transfers from Riga.

Arriving at the Hotel Cēsis. *Cēsis is a delightful tiny Latvian town with a romantic medieval ambiance. Hotel Cēsis is located in the heart of the ancient city and blends seamlessly into the historic scenery. The hotel was built in 1939 and is currently totally renovated. Every significant attraction is within walking distance.*

<https://www.hotelcesis.lv/en/home>

19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Dinner at the Hotel Cēsis restaurant. *The restaurant's menu is based on traditional European cuisine, with Latvian twists and locally obtained seasonal ingredients.*

<https://www.hotelcesis.lv/en/restaurant-hotel-Cesis>

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

The Gauja National Park is the largest and oldest of the national parks in Latvia, characterized by outstanding biological diversity, various landforms, natural springs, sandstone outcrops, picturesque views, and unique natural, cultural, and historical monuments.

Breakfast at the hotel. Walking to Cēsis Castle.

9:00 – 12:30 Summer University seminar at Cēsis Exhibition Hall.

- Welcome and introductions, program, and geographical scope.
- Experience of the Gauja National Park bioregion. Inese Suija-Markova is the vice mayor of the Cēsis municipality.
- Experience with the EUROPARC Charter in Latvia (Gauja and Ķemeri National Parks). Agnese Balandiņa, Nature Conservation Agency.
- Sustainable tourism and tourism entrepreneurship in Gauja National Park and the Vecpiebalga Protected Nature Area. Representative of the Gauja National Park tourism association EnterGauja.

11:00 Coffee break.

- Project partners' presentations – experiences and benefits.

Exhibition Hall was originally built as the Cēsis Castle Manor stable and coach house; the building was redesigned in the early 19th century in a refined Late Classicist/Empire style. Today it is one of Vidzeme's key cultural spaces—where history meets modern creativity. <https://cesupils.lv/en/the-castle-complex/exhibition-hall/>

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch at H.E.Vanadziņš Ziemeļu restorāns (Michelin 2024,2025). Cozy place with a traditional exterior, but inside it is modern and stylish. The menu focuses on fresh, local ingredients. Soft drinks and cocktails are made with homemade components.

<https://vanadzinarestorans.lv/en/>

14:00 – 17:30 Travel to Gaujas National Park town Līgatne.

Guided tour with a local guide. Visits of LEADER-supported entrepreneurs. Meetings and discussions with business owners.

- Līgatne historical paper mill village. <https://www.latvia.travel/en/sight/ligatne-historical-centre-and-village>
- Līgatne winery is a family owned enterprise which was established in 2010 with goal to create delicious and high quality wine from Latvian berries and fruits. <https://ligatnesvinadaritava.lv/en/home/>
- Bicycle museum in Līgatne <https://veloligatne.lv/en>
- Garden of the restoran "Pavāru māja" <https://www.pavarumaja.lv/en>

18:00 – 20:00 Dinner at Līgatne. Back to Cēsis.

Wednesday, 7 October 2026

Vecpiebalga is a Natura 2000 protected area located in the central part of Vidzeme Hills, within the Cēsis-Madona motorway. It is part of the Vidzeme Hills Nature Reserve, which is designated to preserve the unique natural and cultural heritage of the region. The area is known for its diverse ecosystems, including oligotrophic and mesotrophic plant communities, as well as various types of lakes and forests. The reserve is a significant natural and cultural landmark, offering visitors a chance to explore its rich biodiversity and historical sites.

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out from the hotel.

9:30 Travel to Vecpiebalga Landscape protected area.

10:20 – 12:00 Visits and workshops at Ineši manor. *There are three enterprenours supported by the LEADER programme act at the Ineši manor. Meetings and discussions with the busineses owners.*

- **Piebalga Porcelain Factory.** *The production of the porcelain wares begun in Piebalga in 2007 and now "the white gold" has become one of the symbols of Piebalga.* <http://www.porcelanadarbnica.lv/home/>
- **LLC "ApīMI".** *Substances created by bees for your beauty and wellness.* <https://apimi.lv/collections/all>
- **Gardenia Eco.** *Natural wax candles enriched with herbs and essential oils.* <https://www.gardeniaeco.com/sveu-darbnca>

12:15 Travel to Rāzna National park region via town Madona for a lunch.

16:30 Arriving at Hotel Kolonna Rēzekne.

<https://www.hotelkolonna.com/en/rezekne/>

Coffee break at the hotel.

17:30 Guided tour with local guide along Rēzekne River Promenade. *The new river promenade links the Olympic Centre Rezekne and Embassy of Latgale GORS, while walking along the Rezekne river, one can observe the view to the city from the castle hill, familiarise with historical names of the city on the bridge bas-reliefs as well as visit sightseeing objects along the route, including the Embassy of Latgale GORS, Youth Centre Zeimuls with its oblique towers and 13th century's castle ruins.*

<https://visit.rezekne.lv/en/objekti/rezekne-river-promenade/>

20:00 – 22:00 Dinner and culture programme at the hotel restaurant

Thursday, 8 October 2026

The Rāzna National Park is the heart of Latgale, where the vast Lake Rāzna shines like a symbol of inner freedom. Here, rolling hills, quiet forests, and waters reflecting the sky create both peace and strength. It is a place where the soul breathes deeper and nature inspires you to be truly present.

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out from the hotel.

9:00 – 9:30 Travel to Rāzna National park region.

9:30 – 11:30 Manor Lūznava. *Lūznava Manor was built in 1905. The building is an example of romantic Art Nouveau built. At present, Lūznava Manor is a creative, active and inspiration meeting place - concerts, exhibitions, seminars, conferences, festive events, wedding ceremonies, excursions and walks in the park away from the city hustle allow devoting your thoughts to what is important - celebration of a special occasion, everyday life or work.*

<https://www.luznavasmuiza.lv/home/>

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch at a complex Rāznas Ezerkrasti. *Recreation complex "Rāzna Ezerkrasti" is located 50 meters from Lake Rāzna. Lake Rāzna is often called the sea of Latgale. It is the biggest lake in Latvia. Rāzna is situated on the hill Rāznava with beautiful landscapes, high peaks and Latgalian castle hills.*

<https://www.latvia.travel/en/accommodation/raznas-ezerkrasti>

13:20 – 14:30 Enterprise Safīra L. *Degustation of products and discussion with the owner. LEADER supported bussiness. Plant-based cuisine and rural nature, located in the heart of Latgale scenic Rāzna National Park. This unique tourism offer combines gluten-free vegan food tasting, local storytelling, and a peaceful natural environment — ideal for visitors seeking meaningful, flavour-driven experiences.*

<https://www.sainvie.com/>

15:00 – 16:30 The "Pīterkolns" ceramics workshop. *It is a unique location where Latgale customs and contemporary inventiveness collide. In addition to observing the ceramists' creations, you can learn about the magic of traditional craft techniques and observe how they were made.*

https://www.facebook.com/Piterkolns/?locale=lv_LV

16:30 – 19:30 Travel to town Jēkabpils and dinner.

19:30 – 21:30 Travel to city Jūrmala. Check in at Hotel Jūrmala SPA. *Jūrmala SPA Hotel is a four-star Superior hotel. Jūrmala SPA Hotel offers its guests relaxation in the very heart of Jūrmala, including rest in a modern saunas & pools centre Wellness Oasis.*

<https://www.hoteljurmala.com/en>

Friday, 9 October 2026

The Ķemerī National Park is a mysterious world of nature, where bogs breathe and the morning mist gently embraces the land. The vast Great Ķemerī Bog reveals a wild beauty, with wooden boardwalks leading across moss and waters like a path to tranquility.

Breakfast at the Hotel.

8:30 – 9:40 Travel to Ķemerī National Park information centre „Forest House“. We will visit the administration building of Ķemerī National Park.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g274964-d1638082-Reviews-Kemerī_Forest_House-Jurmala_Rīga_Region.html

10:00– 11:20 Kanieris Lake nature complex. A boat base, reed boardwalk, observation tower. Lake Kanier is a lagoon-type lake, which is one of the best places for bird watching in Ķemerī National Park. There are 14 islands in the lake, and a total of 237 species of birds have been found here.

<https://kanieris.ecosoul.bio/en>

11:30 – 12:50 Discover the power of nature in the Dare meadows.

A unique place has been created near Lake Kanier, where the meadow and its gifts are used in every possible way.

<https://www.plavuskola.lv/>

13:20 – 14:20 Lunch. Lunch at the local fisherman, where a small shop is set up on the side of the road and passers-by are offered fish soup cooked on a live fire in the fresh air.

<https://klapkalnciemazivis.lv/lv/>

14:40 – 16:30 Art in the forest „Valguma pasaule“. On the art trail in the forest there is an opportunity to move healthily, breathe in fresh air and enjoy amazing landscapes both in nature and in photos! This is a great offer of a tourist service, available throughout the year, also during the dark hours of the day.

<https://www.valgumapasaule.lv/>

17:00 – 18:00 Ķemerī Resort Park. A landscape park with more than 180 years of history, where garden design merges with resort architecture and healing traditions.

<https://www.visitjurmala.lv/en/see-and-do/for-children/kemerī-resort-park/>

18:30 – 23:00 Dinner at Jūrmala SPA hotel. (SPA is opened until 23:00.)

Saturday, 10 October 2026

Breakfast at the hotel. Checking out. Departures by bus for airport, bus station.

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