



FSC Baltic meeting in Latvia 8 – 10 March 2017

Background

This is a meeting in a Swedish Institute financed project. The project aims to strengthen the network between the FSC offices in the Baltic and Nordic countries and to cover some current issues in relation to bioeconomy. The main area chosen is the implementation of the Bird and Habitat directives in relation to the development and implementation of the FSC forest management standard. In this meeting BirdLife representatives are invited as being part of the environmental interests in FSC. A next meeting is planned in the end of August in Estonia and will also include certified forest owners and authorities responsible for the directives.

Practicalities

The meeting location is Melnais stārķis guest house in Jurmala around 30 km from the Riga airport http://www.melnaisstarkis.lv/Kontakti_en.html

Pick up at the airport in Riga will be arranged. Good clothing and footwear is important as there will be an excursion and possibly more of outdoor activities.

Wednesday 8 March

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Welcome, presentation of participants, agenda and project

14.00 Presentation of FSC, general and status of FSC in the countries represented (quick presentation max 5 minutes for each country)

14.45 Presentation of BirdLife, general and status of BirdLife in the countries represented (especially regarding forestry) (quick presentation max 5 minutes for each country)

15.30 Break

16.00 Presentation of the Bird and habitat directives, general and status of implementation in the countries represented

16.45 FSC standard development in each country, how does it take the directives into account?

17.15 Identification of hot topics (forestry, directives, FSC-standards) from FSC and BirdLife perspective

18.00 Summing up

19.00 Dinner



Thursday 9 March

Excursion – field visit, start in the morning, preferably a half-day where BirdLife Latvia takes the lead. Discussion on topics identified day 1, if possible outside depending on weather otherwise inside.

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Summing up discussions from the morning

14.30 Practical implementation of the directives, more examples from the participating countries and discussion

15.30 Break

16.00 Continued discussion

17.30 Summing up and conclusions

18.00 End

19.00 Dinner

Friday 10 March

08.30 Presentation of FSC biodiversity impact reports, outcome, how can they be spread and used?

10.00 Continued discussion on outstanding topics

11.00 Summing up

Planning for next meeting in Estonia How to go on from here?
(Agenda to be planned when a bit more of outcome is known)

13.00 Lunch

15.30 End, travel home