



Seminar

Local Cooperation for Development of New Tourism Products in Kurzeme

Minutes

11.05.2009.

13.15 – 16.20

"Laumas" Nature Park, Talsu district

Participants: 35. See list of participants.

Aim of seminar: to inform stakeholders about the project, about the possibilities to participate and cooperate within the project, as well as initiate discussion about existing military heritage objects on the Baltic sea cost line and its potential development.

Agenda:

- 13.05 – 13.20 Opening of the seminar by Antra Damberga, Lauku celotajs
- 13.20 – 14.00 Introduction to product development history of "Laumas" Nature Park by Roberts Riekstins, guest house "Laumas"
- 14.00 – 14.15 "Presentation of the project: idea, goals, expected outcomes, activities by "Lauku celotajs", planned benefits to the region from the project" by Antra Damberga, Lauku celotajs
- 14.15 – 14.35 "Planned activities by Slitere National Park – goals and expected outcomes" by Antra Ratkevica, Administration of Slitere National Park
- 14.35 – 14.55 "Development of tourism product and its marketing – cross boundary examples" by Antra Damberga, Lauku celotajs
- 14.55 – 15.25 "Initiative to Save Heritage Objects and Sites from Cold War within Baltic Sea Region" by Aira Indriksone, Ministry of Economics of Republic of Latvia
- 15.25 – 15.55 "Use of military heritage sites in development of active leisure and nature tourism products in Latvia. Unique value of nature along the boundary of the Iron curtain that was set up by the Soviet Union?" by Juris Smalinskis, Lauku celotajs"
- 15.55 – 16.20 Discussion: military heritage sites and object along the Baltic Sea coastline

1. Obstacles after presentation by Antra Ratkevica

- nature trail – bicycle route condition of use
- need to start advertisement of nature trail-bicycle route already in 2009 during the high season (+ sign-points)

2. Juris Smalinskis during his presentation:

Known military heritage objects in Kurzeme region:

- Irbene
- airport at Tukums
- border guards at Roja and Mersrags
- guest house with Soviet style interior in Kemeru National Park
- army troop in Roja (private property)
- "Krasnaflotska"

3. Discussion – Possible use of military heritage object by involving local stakeholders:



In discussion active part takes: Janis Dambitis (ltd."Kolka cape"), Dzeneta Marinska (guest house "Usi"), Janis Vicups (NGO "ColdWarHistory"), Aira Andriksone (Ministry of Economics of Republic of Latvia), Janis Grigalis (holiday house "Apsisi"), Juris Smalinskis (Lauku celotajs), Andra Ratkevica (Administration of Slitere National Park)

Objects	Situation	Opportunities, activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Military objects• Nature objects – trenches, old railway paths• Historical evidence – pictures, stories, passes etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Military heritage objects are in bad conditions and have not been managed• Many of military heritage objects are private property• there is lack of information on existing military heritage objects, their location, purpose and usage.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Options for cooperation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- NGO "Cold War Period History"- Initiative to Save Heritage Objects and Sites from Cold War within Baltic Sea Region- local residents2. Do field visits and make a list of military objects, create a data base with additional information on the military heritage objects and sites;3. All obtained materials converts into digital format – scan pictures, record stories.

To do:

1. Arrange meeting with founder of NGO "Cold War Period History" and discuss opportunities of cooperation. Contacts: Janis Vicups, phone no: 29412280, cwphistory@gmail.com
2. Arrange meeting with Jurijs Melkonovs in Luzna, Targales parish, Ventspils district as expert on history of military heritage objects by suggestions of local residents.