

Preliminary program / I. and NIFOB workshop part

June 6. 2016, Riga and Cesis

Individual arrival in Riga and transport from Riga to Cesis.

- For the sheer reason of info: Latvia is a Euro-zone country. Paying with credit cards and debit cards is widely spread, even in smallest rural shops. However, please consider to have a bit cash with you, especially for local transport or regional busses.
- For those coming earlier to Riga: Please be aware that you're arranging your accommodation in Riga in time. Taken in consideration that June till August are main touristic months, you should start to search early enough. If you need any assistance to find a ho(s)tel, please let us know as soon as possible. We're eager to help and support you as much as possible.
- From the airport bus line 22 is running straight in the city.
- For the public transport in Riga, buy a 1, 3 or 5 drive e-ticket at any "Narvesen"-Kiosk (also located at the airport), otherwise one drive in public transport costs instead 2.00€ per drive.
- Starting from Monday afternoon we'll organise a shuttle system to Cesis. Therefore one ask: Please let us know early enough when you're arriving and if you're arriving earlier, at which ho(s)tel you're staying. Thanks a lot for that.

Monday evening

Welcome and accommodating at Rucka http://www.rucka.lv/?page_id=2 and <https://www.facebook.com/Rucka-167405326791825/>. We're planning a community cooking, meaning all of us prepare the food and have lots of opportunities to chat and relax.

June 7. 2016, Cesis

NIFOB workshop day / Cesis case study

- Breakfast at our accommodation
- 9.00 Registration @Skola6 <https://www.facebook.com/skola6cesis/> and <http://skola6.lv>
 - 9.30 Welcome by Janis Rozenbergs, Cesis Mayor (tbc)
 - 9.45 Welcome by Dita Trapenciere, Skola6 and Jonas Büchel, Urban Institute.
 - 10.00 Presentation - Evija Taurene, City Council of Cesis:
"Skola6, a part of an alternating urban development strategy in Cesis"
 - 10.45 "Urban Diving" Cesis, with Toms Kokins (tbc), Evija Taurene and Dita Trapenciere.
 - 12.30 Lunch @Skola6
 - 13.30 NIFOB Workshop Cesis @Skola6, 1.part with local representatives and NIFOB partners
In between coffee break
 - 17.00 NIFOB partner meeting
 - 17.30 Free time
 - 19.00 Dinner @"Hungry John", former firefighter house.
<http://www.izsalkusaisjanis.lv> and <https://www.instagram.com/izsalkusais/>
 - 20.00 Open house party - @Skola6 / or another Pop-Up place:
'Artsound' / Cesis <https://www.facebook.com/artsound.biedriba> and
Wouter de Witte (NL) / Riga, DJing @<http://fnoobtechno.com/djs/>

Preliminary program / II. and public workshop part

June 8. 2016, Cesis

The New Ideas For Old Buildings / NIFOB meets the Latvian public

Case studies of small and medium sized cities combating shrinkage and identifying alternative strategies in urban management from Latvia and abroad

- 9.30 Coffee-registration
- 10.00 Welcome by Dita Trapenciere, Jonas Büchel and a NIFOB representative
- 10.15 Presentation of results of the previous days NIFOB workshop
- 10.30 Issue setting: Development without growth, build on resilience?
Introducing keynote by Jonas Büchel: “Urban (change) management without growth”
- 10.45 Inputs / Presentation session - 20 minutes each plus discussion
Urban Jeriha - “The NIFOB project”, international experiences
The “Free Riga” initiative in Riga - Latvian bottom-up experiences
Cesis Brewery - a Cesis based privately driven example (tbc)
- 12.45 Lunch refreshments
- 13.30 Panel discussion with representatives from participating initiatives and city councils:
“Does the re-use of an abandoned building as an incubator for community building support the general development process of a city” (working title)
With Ana Furlan, Ajdovscina municipality, Slovenia / Urban Jeriha, IPoP, Ljubljana, Slovenia / Cesis brewery project / Free Riga representative / Cesis City Council representative. Moderation Jonas Büchel, UI, Riga.
- 15.00 Farewell and informal gathering
- 18.00 Leaving towards Riga

Note: Individually arranged accommodation in Riga for the NIFOB network participants from Wednesday night and further on.

Preliminary program / III. informal part

June 8. and 9. 2016, Cesis and Riga

After finishing the formal part of the workshop, we are planning further activities on Wednesday (Cesis rural environment) and Thursday (meeting urbanity and urban actors - urban diving with in Riga) for everybody staying till Thursday or longer.

Whoever wants to stay even longer. We're planning a small tent city during weekend at my house at the seaside, West of Riga. Who's interested to join in and have a bit of Baltic beach atmosphere is highly welcome to join and enjoy. <https://goo.gl/maps/QhekMEqMcKR2>

... see you all soon in Cesis!