



EUROPEAN CRAFTS CONFERENCE

Creating Sustainable Economies

21ST OCTOBER, 2014, RIGA, LATVIA

Agenda

9.00 - 9.30 Registration.

9.30 – 10.00 **Opening and welcome speeches - moderator Ansis Bogustovs**

- **Rihards Kols** - Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Culture.
- **Einārs Cilinskis** – Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Environment and regional development Latvia – (To be confirmed)
- **Gunta Žilde** - Chairman of Zemgale planning region development board.
- **Dace Strautkalne** - Manager of project Lead partner organization.

10.00 – 10.20 **EU Interregional Cooperation State of play and perspectives. Mahesh Bhardwaj** – Joint Technical secretariat of INTERREG IVC programme

10.20 – 10.50 **Coffee break – Exhibition of good practices / Networking**

10.50 – 12.00 **Plenary discussion: Preserving crafts skills and traditions.**
Speakers:

- **Pat Reynolds** - Heritage Crafts Association England, Coordinator, ENGLAND.
- **Linda Rubena** - Latvian National Centre for Culture, Folk applied art expert, LATVIA.
- **Mercedes Carrascosa** - Expert in traditional skills, SPAIN
- **Marco Espinheira** - Cascais Town Hall, PORTUGAL

12.00 – 13.00 **Plenary discussion: Crafts education.**

- **Indra Ruperte** - Assistant Professor, Riga Technical University, LATVIA.
- **Daina Klints** – Līgatne Crafts centre, LATVIA.
- **Olga Oikonomou** – Municipality of Paggaios, GREECE

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break – Exhibition of good practices / Networking**



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14.00 - 15.20 Plenary discussion: Design and innovations in crafts.

Speakers:

- Prof. **J.C. Han Brezet** of the Technical University of Delft, The Netherlands.
- **Aija Freimane** – Assistant Professor, Design Department, Art Academy of Latvia, LATVIA.
- **Ana Mestre** - SUSDESIGN, PORTUGAL
- **Julia Saiz- Pardo** – Communication Office Andalusian Public Foundation The legacy of al-Andalus, SPAIN
- **Enrique Herrera** – New Technologies Department Andalusian Public Foundation The legacy of al-Andalus
- **Aikaterini Karagianni** - Founder of the silk clothing company “Arsinoe de Thrace”

15.20 – 15.50 Coffee break – *Exhibition of good practices / Networking*

15.50 – 16.40 Plenary discussion: Support tools for crafts development.

Speakers:

- **Mariela Petrova** - Executive Director of RAM Central Stara Planina, BULGARIA
- **Simon Tijssma** – Foundation Kulturele Haadsted 2020, Project manager, The Netherlands.
- **Kristps Soms** – Ministry of Economics (To be confirmed)

16.40 - 17.00 Closing of the conference



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