



## Seminar

# The Potential of Bioeconomy for Resilient and Strong Communities

**Date of the Seminar:** 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, Opening 1 p.m. (EET), hybrid type of event

**Location:** Vilnius (place of venue tbc)

**Organizer:** The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania as co-coordinator of the Policy Area Bioeconomy under EU Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region

**Language:** English / Lithuanian

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**Link for registration is open till the 17th of November 2025:**

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**Link to join the seminar online will be provided to the registered participants day before seminar**

In today's world, where we are increasingly confronted with instability - from geopolitical tensions to disruptions in supply chains - it is clear that true strength lies closer to home.

The Seminar will give us the possibility to discuss how local initiatives can ensure security and resilience even in challenging conditions. We will share insights and experience on potential of bioeconomy. We are glad to have speakers from different countries of Baltic Sea Region.

The event will gather policy makers, representatives of communities, business, academia, NGO's. We invite everyone who is concerned about communities, sustainability, security and preparedness for the potential challenges.

## Agenda

**Moderator: Aurimas Perednis**

1. **13.00 – 13.10 Opening (tbc)** – (10 min)
2. **13.10 – 13.25 Individual Threat Perception and Crisis Preparedness in the Baltic States.** Dr. Ieva Birka, University of Latvia, Latvia (15 min)
3. **13.25 – 13.40 Resilience and Strengths.** Dr. Gabrielius E. Klimenka, Commander of the 1015th Training Unit of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, Lithuania (15 mins)
4. **13.40 – 13.55 Food Innovation as Civil Security: Links Between the Bioeconomy and Societal Resilience.** Dr. Alviša Šalaševičienė, Director of Food Institute at Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania (15 min)
5. **13.55 – 14.10 Experience of Communities.** Mrs. Kristiina Tammets, Manager of Tartu County Development Association, Estonia (15 min)

Coffee break (30 min)

6. **14.40 – 14.55 Enhancing Sustainability in Public Food Services** Mrs. Leena Viitaharju, University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute, Finland (15 min)
7. **14.55 – 15.10 Biobooster an Excellent Way to Solve Challenges in Bioeconomy Businesses.** Mrs. Eva Fridman, MSc in Forestry, Senior Project Manager, Sweden (15 min)
8. **15.10 – 15.25 Experience of Communities (tbc)** (15 min)
9. **15.25 – 16.00 Panel Discussion on Initiatives and Community Resilience** (35 min.)
10. **16.00 – 16.15 Wrap-up – Summarizing Learnings** – (15 min)