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# INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY DEVELOPMENT 2020: From Thinking Globally to Acting Locally

Conference topics:

- **Sustainability as a Key for Bioeconomy Challenges**
  - **Bioeconomy for Rural Development**
- **Innovation to Investments, Markets and the Bio-Based Sector**

## PLACE OF THE CONFERENCE

Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy,

Faculty of Bioeconomy Development, Universiteto Street 10, Akademija, Kaunas District, Lithuania

## IMPORTANT DATES

**20 May, 2020** – registration deadline (oral presentations, posters, workshop)

**11 June, 2020** – preliminary conference date

(The decision on the final date of the conference will be taken after the abolition of restrictions on the Government of the Republic of Lithuania)

## REGISTRATION

Online registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Email for additional information: [darnus.vystymasis@vdu.lt](mailto:darnus.vystymasis@vdu.lt)

## LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE

Languages of the conference are English and Lithuanian. Posters have to be prepared in English. Oral presentations can be presented in English or Lithuanian language (text on slides has to be in English).

## REGISTRATION FEE

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

## PUBLICATION POSIBILITIES

Scientific Journal

[Management Theory and Studies for Rural Business and Infrastructure Development](#)

## PHD WORKSHOP

On the conference day, we organize a workshop “Designing the Future of Bioeconomy” for PhD students. Duration of the workshop will be approximately 4 hours.



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

*We are in the process of organizing the International Scientific Conference “SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY DEVELOPMENT 2020: From Thinking Globally to Acting Locally”. Final programme will be released soon.*

**8.00-9.00** Registration

**9.00-9.20** Welcome speech

**9.20-10.00** Plenary presentations:

- **Instruments to Support Sustainable Bioeconomy in Rural Areas**
- **Prospects of Bioeconomy Growth and Job Creation**

**10.00-11.00** Panel discussion **Bioeconomy: Seizing the Opportunity for Rural Areas**

**11.00-11.15** Coffee break

**11.15-13.00** Section I **Sustainability as a Key for Bioeconomy Challenges**

**13.00-14.00** Lunch

**14.00-15.45** Section II **Bioeconomy for Rural Development** / PhD workshop **Designing the Future of Bioeconomy** (first part)

**15.45-16.00** Coffee break

**16.00-17.30** Section III **Innovation to Investments, Markets and the Bio-Based Sector** / PhD workshop **Designing the Future of Bioeconomy** (second part)

**17.30-19.00** Social program

## PHD WORKSHOP

*Leading lector of the workshop is assoc. prof. dr. Arnis Lēnerts from the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies. The first part of the workshop focuses on theoretical view to the bioeconomy. The second part of the workshop focuses on working in groups for the development of case studies.*

## Scientific Committee

Chairperson:

Prof. dr. Astrida Miceikienė, Vytautas Magnus University

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Prof. dr. Irina Pilvere, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

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## Organizing Committee

Chairperson:

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

# Bioeconomy: Seizing the Opportunity for Rural Areas

**11 June, 2020, Thursday, from 10.00 to 11.00**

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### MODERATOR

**Virginija Kargytė**

Manager of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region  
Project “Unlocking the Potential of Bio-Based  
Value Chains in the Baltic Sea Region”  
(BalticBiomass4Value)

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### KEY SPEAKERS

**Dalia Miniataitė**

Chief Adviser of the Ministry of Agriculture of  
the Republic of Lithuania

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**Irina Pilvere**

Rector of the Latvia University of Life Sciences  
and Technologies

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**Jannik Faustmann**

Scientific Employee of the State Agency for  
Agriculture, Environment and Rural Areas of  
the German Federal State Schleswig-Holstein

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### MAIN THEMES

- Actions for developing sustainable bioeconomy in the Baltic States
- Enabling environment and business model innovation for local sustainable bio-based business development
- Scenarios for the distribution of benefits from sustainable bioeconomy development efforts

**Laura Jalasjoki**

Policy Analyst of the European Network  
for Rural Development

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**Tomas Andrejauskas**

President of the Lithuanian  
Biotechnology Association

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