

## BESTbelt Pan-European Conference Excursion (16 October 2024)

### Detailed plan

Time	Duration	Logistics/Location	Activity	BESTbelt project	Topics
At 8:30		Hotel Jurmala SPA	Meeting in the lobby for excursion day		
8:45 – 10:15	1h30min	Drive to Lake Engure Nature Park	Bus drive		Introduction into the region
10:15 - 11:15	1h	<u>Group A:</u> Bērciems-Mērsrags	<u>Group A:</u> BESTbelt project visit: 10:15 – 11:00  Drive to Lake Engure (11:00 – 11:15)	<u>Group A:</u>  <a href="#">Reduction of eutrophication in grey dune habitats</a> (Lead: Latvian Green Movement)	<u>Reduction of eutrophication in grey dune habitats</u> Topic: Presentation of BESTbelt project activities, How can good restoration work be organized? + Exchange
		<u>Group B:</u> Lake Engure	<u>Group B:</u> Coffee break (10:15 – 10:40)  BESTbelt project visit: 10:40 – 11:15	<u>Group B:</u>  <a href="#">Restoration and sustainable management of coastal and island</a>	<u>Restoration and sustainable management of coastal and island meadows at Lake Engure in Latvia</u> Topic: Presentation of BESTbelt project activities, Restoration of different habitats

				<a href="#">meadows at Lake Engure</a> (Lead: Lake Engure Nature Park Fund)	Observation of different habitats and restoration management activities
11:15 - 12:15	1h	<u>Group A: Lake Engure</u>	<u>Group A:</u> Coffee break (11:15 – 11:40) BESTbelt project visit (11:40 - 12:15)	<u>Group A:</u> <a href="#">Restoration and sustainable management of coastal and island meadows at Lake Engure</a> (Lead: Lake Engure Nature Park Fund)	<u>Restoration and sustainable management of coastal and island meadows at Lake Engure in Latvia</u> Topic: Presentation of BESTbelt project activities, Restoration of different habitats Observation of different habitats and restoration management activities
		<u>Group B: Bērciems-Mērsrags</u>	<u>Group B:</u> Drive to Bērciems (11:15 – 11:25) BESTbelt project visit: 11:15-12:15	<u>Group B:</u> <a href="#">Reduction of eutrophication in grey dune habitats</a> (Lead: Latvian Green Movement)	<u>Reduction of eutrophication in grey dune habitats</u> Topic: Presentation of BESTbelt project activities, How can good restoration work be organized? + Exchange
12:15 - 12:45	30min	Drive to Roja Municipality	Bus drive		
12:45 – 14:15	1h30min	Roja Municipality	Lunch break at <a href="#">Otra Puse</a>		
14:15 – 15:15	1h	Roja Municipality	<u>Group B:</u> BESTbelt project visit: Walk along the Baltic Coast Hiking Trail (14:15 – 15:15)	<a href="#">A common Code of Conduct for Green Belt coastal nature territories in Latvia.</a> (Lead: Lauku celotajs)	BESTbelt project visit: Walk along the Baltic Coast Hiking Trail with explanations about the BESTbelt project activities with focus on the developed “Code of Conduct”

			<p><u>Group A:</u> Presentation about sustainable tourism and the creation of green jobs in the region (14:15 – 15:15)</p>	<p>Input by Lauku celotajs (Asnate Ziemele)</p>	<p>Presentation + Exchange: Experience sharing of Lauku celotajs about sustainable tourism (who are key stakeholders, what are main challenges, how can green jobs be generated, potential of transfer to other regions and projects etc.)</p>
15:15 – 16:15	1h	Roja Municipality	<p><u>Group B:</u> BESTbelt project visit: Walk along the Baltic Coast Hiking Trail (15:15 – 16:15)</p>	<p><a href="#">A common Code of Conduct for Green Belt coastal nature territories in Latvia.</a> (Lead: Lauku celotajs)</p>	<p>BESTbelt project visit: Walk along the Baltic Coast Hiking Trail with explanations about the BESTbelt project activities with focus on the developed “Code of Conduct”</p>
			<p><u>Group B:</u> Presentation about sustainable tourism and the creation of green jobs in the region (15:15 – 16:15)</p>	<p>Input by Lauku celotajs (Asnate Ziemele)</p>	<p>Presentation + Exchange: Experience sharing of Lauku celotajs about sustainable tourism (who are key stakeholders, what are main challenges, how can green jobs be generated, potential of transfer to other regions and projects etc.)</p>
16:15 - 17:45	1h30min	<p>Bus drive from Roja to <a href="#">Restaurant Neptuns</a></p>	<p>Bus drive</p>		
17:45 – 19:45	2h	<p>Dinner at <a href="#">Restaurant Neptuns</a></p>	<p>Joint dinner</p>		<p>Local “green” restaurant with sustainable management located in the dune zone of the Gulf of Riga and close to Ķemeri National Park</p>
19:45 – 20:45	1h	<p>Return to Hotel Jurmala SPA</p>	<p>Bus drive</p>		
		<p>Hotel bar on 11<sup>th</sup> floor is open until 00:00</p>			

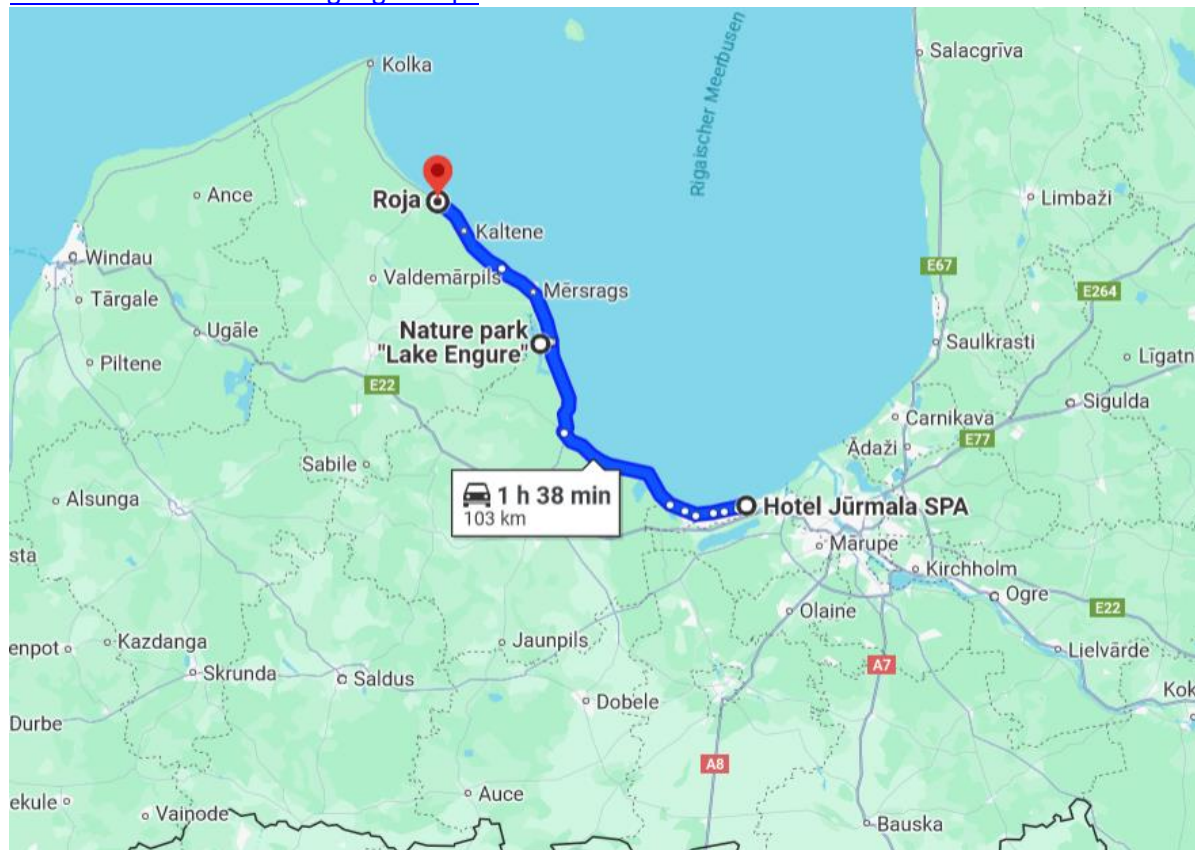
**Excursion route:**[Link to excursion route on google maps](#)

Figure 1: Excursion route (Source: Google maps)