## Nordic Association of Agriculture Science (NJF) Continuous international scientific conference

"Challengers of Economics, Education and Society Development in the Nordic – Baltic Countries and beyond" organised by Section of Economy, Education and Society Programme for the virtual seminar on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (Wednesday)
12:00 to 13:30 Central European time (13:00 to 14:30 Eastern European time)

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## **Presentation 1**

Title: Facing data issues in measuring bioeconomy in EU

Speaker: Vineta Tetere, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Author: Vineta Tetere, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Annotation: There are many attempts to find the correct way to measure the bioeconomy in the EU. The Horizon 2020 project Measuring Bioeconomy (Biomonitor) is defining indicators to measure it, too. On the one hand, those are indicators, on the other, metrics. One of the approaches is to use national accounts to calculate share of produced/used biomass in all sectors instead of using most common sectors e.g. agriculture and forestry only.

## **Presentation 2**

Title: Tourism sector for regional development in Latvia

Speaker: Laura Pole, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Author: Laura Pole, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Annotation: There were inequalities in the tourism sector in the regions of Latvia compared to the Riga region prior to Covid-19 pandemic. Under the influence of Covid-19 in 2020, the flow of tourists in Latvia has decreased by up to 89.8% in the lowest months. The limited or completely interrupted flow of tourism in the regions of Latvia (Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale, Vidzeme) has had long-term consequences for the tourism industry. The industry's direct contribution to GDP is one billion euros or 4.3%. In 2019, 9% (77,000) of all employees worked in the tourism sector in Latvia. The promotion of tourism can contribute the regional development. The study analyses the role of the tourism sector in regional development and the possibilities for further development. Specifically analysing the economic, social, and environmental aspects of the tourism sector in the regions. Positive and negative practices of other countries and regions that are less developed will be identified. An analysis of the economic situation in the regions will be carried out and the financial resources allocated to tourism and the possibilities for attracting them, will be identified.

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