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Presentation 1

<u>Title:</u> Trends of fundraising efforts before Covid19 time and in Covid19 time: University of Latvia case study

Speaker: Laila Kundzina, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

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<u>Annotation</u>: Fundraising efforts are depending on several aspects. The most fundamental aspects are university fundraising policy, investments in communication with existing and potential donors, successful administration of donations. Unfortunately, in crises time, there are possibility in reducing of donations. Hypothesis: Is there any influence of Covid19 in fundraising for the University of Latvia foundation? In this research I will show fundraising trends from year 2018 - 2021 of the University of Latvia foundation.

Presentation 2

<u>Title:</u> Biomethane potential of manure produced in Latvia

Speaker: Janis Millers, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

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<u>Annotation</u>: With the adoption of the Green Deal in the European Union (EU), the role of biodiversity, basic principles of the circular economy, climate change mitigation, forest protection and renewable energy increased. Since 2007, biogas production in Latvia has increased significantly, as it was possible to receive co-funding from the EU Funds for the construction of biogas plants. Biomethane production and combustion in cogeneration plants is on a downward trend and biogas plants are increasingly looking for an alternative to a cogeneration plant - biomethane production. Rational use of biogas can reduce the need for fossil fuels. Energy production from biomethane should be encouraged, as waste is used efficiently, thereby generating energy and reducing the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. In Latvia, livestock production is one of the key industries of the national economy, which produces manure and feed waste. The present research calculated the amounts of cattle, pig and poultry manure and feed waste in Latvia. The research analysed the latest data of the potential amounts of manure and waste produced and theoretical biomethane output.

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