

# **Practical Information**

Meeting Venue

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# Transportation

The SAI of Estonia will provide transport upon arrival and departure between the Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport and the Radisson Blu Hotel for all participants. You will be greeted by the representatives of the SAI of Estonia at the exit gates. Transport to all the WG15 social events will also be provided.

### Meals

During the meeting (4 - 6 June 2013), lunches and coffee breaks are covered by the SAI of Estonia. The SAI of Estonia will also host the Reception Dinner on  $5^{th}$  of June 2013 and the Closing Cocktail on  $6^{th}$  of June 2013.

# Social Events Excursion: Lahemaa National Park

Hosted by the SAI of Estonia.

The tour to Lahemaa National Park will give you an opportunity to experience rural Estonia and admire attractive historical manor complexes. Lahemaa, meaning 'the land of bays', covers an impressive 280 square miles and was created in 1971 to preserve the distinctive landscape of northern Estonia. It was the first area to be designated a national park of the former Soviet Union.

#### The highlights of the tour are:

**Visit to a private maritime museum at the sea captains' village Käsmu.** The museum, established in 1993 and located in the house of a border guard cordon from the time of early 20<sup>th</sup> century, introduces the legendary history of the village. The exhibits are all related to sea – to sailing, fishing, and smuggling as well as the sea being part the everyday life of Estonians.

**Visit to Palmse Manor** - an 18<sup>th</sup> century baronial property in the heart of the magnificent Lahemaa National Park. With its wooded park, orchards and romantic swan lake it is one of the most beautiful estates in the Baltic countries.

**Visit to Oandu Nature Centre**. Oandu is one of the educational centres operated by the State Forest Management Centre RMK hosting various programmes to introduce forestry-related cultural heritage. Participants will also have an opportunity to hike on the approximately 2 km Oandu Beaver Trail to explore the living environment of this wonderful creature.

Visit to Vihula Manor – an awarded estate from the 16<sup>th</sup> century with painstakingly renovated ensemble of historical buildings

located in a picture-perfect balance with each other and with the surrounding nature.

Buses will pick the participants up in front of the Radisson Blu Hotel on **Monday**, **3 June at 8:00** and are back at the hotel approximately at 18:30. During the excursion day, lunch and early dinner will be provided by the SAI of Estonia.

Weather in Estonia can be hectic – humid, rainy, windy, sunny. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring a warmer jacket and comfortable walking shoes.

#### **Reception Dinner**

Reception Dinner for the participants and their accompanying persons will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 19:00 in the Tallinn Seaplane Harbour, hosted by the SAI of Estonia.

Transportation will be provided by the SAI of Estonia.









# **Closing Cocktail**



Participants and their accompanying persons are invited to the Closing Cocktail on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 at 19:00 in Madissoni Grill & Bar, located in the Radisson Blu Hotel.

The Cocktail is hosted by the SAI of Estonia.

# Dress Code

- Casual, comfortable and <u>warm</u> attire and comfortable shoes for the excursion.
- Smart casual attire for the reception dinner and closing cocktail
- Business casual attire for the working group meeting

### Currency

Euro is the official currency used in Estonia. Changing money is easy at the many ATMs, banks, hotels and bureaux de change that offer currency exchange services. Credit cards such as Visa and Mastercard/Eurocard etc. are accepted in most of the major hotels, restaurants and shops.

### Time

In June, during the Daylight-Saving Time, time in Estonia is 3 (three) hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 3:00). Local working hours run from 08.00 to 17.00 while major shops and malls stay open until 21.00-22.00.

# Climate

The climate in Estonia is temperate with relatively warm summers and fairly severe winters. Average temperatures range from 20.9° C in summer (July being the hottest month) to - 8°C in winter. The average temperature in June is 13°C and this time a year, the sun can be seen in the sky as late as 23:00 – one might want to draw the blinds before bed. Remember to bring warm water-proof clothes for the Environmental Excursion!

# Electricity

Technical parameters of sockets used in Estonia are 220-240V/50Hz; sockets in use are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: "Type C" Europlug, "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko.

