

Exchange Schemes for young farmers in Latvia

Development forum for Rural Youth 'Solis' (Step)

Scheme name	Development forum for Rural Youth 'Solis' (Step)
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Exchange objectives	To encourage young people to start businesses in rural areas, to motivate young people to engage in a variety of political, social and economic processes, as well as to participate in the decision-making of local and national organisations, thus contributing not only to their personal growth, but also to Latvian rural development.
Group determination	Rural youth, young farmers, aged 18-30
Number of participants	70-80 participants (each year)
Destination(s)	Latvia
Duration of an exchange	3 days, once a year
Funding source	LYFC membership fee, funding from sponsors, participation fee
Selection of farmers (guests) and hosts	For participants, an interest in agriculture and business is an important criterion. For farms and enterprises the relation to agriculture (including processing), or other fields of business activities that can be realised in rural areas are important issues, as well as the willingness to admit participants, organise visit and answer question about business.
Insurance	No
Assistance in travel etc.	Participants are provided with transport during visiting farms and enterprises.
Language conditions	Latvian

Knowledge Exchange Scheme

Scheme name	Knowledge Exchange Scheme
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Exchange objectives	To promote good practice learning and implementation in farms or organisations.
Group determination	Farmers, officers of farmers organisations
Number of participants	Not specified
Destination(s)	Latvia, other Baltic States



Network of high technology farms

Scheme name	Network of high technology farms
Email	jolanta.suna@llkc.lv
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Website	www.llkc.lv
Exchange objectives	To promote practical skills of farming in four sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field crops;• Horticulture;• Livestock;• Organic farming.
Group determination	Students, rural youth, young farmers aged 16-24
Duration of an exchange	3-20 weeks