

# CURONIAN SPIT FOR US AND FOR THE WORLD

International forum



**2019 JUNE 13, 14**

June 13: Nida art colony, E. A. Jonušo street 3, Nida

June 14: Neringa municipality, Taikos street 2, Nida

**NERINGA**



Representatives of foreign countries, representatives of state and municipal institutions, non-governmental associations which are active in the field of cultural heritage, experts, local communities and investors are invited to participate in the International Forum.

The territory of Curonian Spit is divided between the Curonian Spit National Park in Lithuania and the Kurshskaya Kosa National Park of the Russian Federation. The Curonian Spit was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2000 as an outstanding example of a landscape of sand dunes that is under constant threat from natural forces (wind, tide, climate change) and human activity (the development of tourism). Compatibility of the objectives of the protected area, the international resort and the local community is one of the greatest challenge in safeguarding the preservation of Curonian Spit values and creating future plans.

During the International Forum, a protection of Curonian Spit is going to be discussed:

1. relevant issues, marking the 20th anniversary of the inscription to the UNESCO World Heritage List,
2. challenges for the institutions responsible for preserving the World Heritage,
3. expectations of local community and the investors,
4. experiences and good practice of foreign countries that Lithuania could apply.

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JUNE 13

*Nida art colony  
E. A. Jonušo street 3, Nida*

**9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

*Registration, coffee*

**9:30 AM - 9:50 AM**

*Opening of the International Forum*

Mayor of Neringa Municipality **Darius Jasaitis**

Head of the Directorate the Curonian Spit National Park **Aušra Feser**

Chairperson of the National Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Lithuania **Evelina Karalevičienė**

Member of the Committee on Culture of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

**Vytautas Kernagis**

## SESSION 1

*Curonian Spit as the World Heritage:  
challenges and current narratives*

**9:50 AM - 10:10 AM**

**ADOMAS BUTRIMAS (PROF. DR.)**

*Professor of Vilnius Academy of Arts, art historian, archeologist, Member of the National Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Lithuania*

**The oldest inhabitants of the Curonian Spit. Nida settlement and its legacy**

**10:10 AM - 10:30 AM**

**NIJOLĖ STRAKAUSKAITĖ (PROF. DR.)**

*Historian, Senior Researcher of the Institute of Baltic Region History and Archaeology of Klaipėda University*

**How to save the Curonian Spit? Lessons of history**

**10:30 AM - 10:50 AM**

**GEDIMINAS RAŠCIUS / ARŪNAS BURKŠAS**

*Head of the Nature Heritage Fund (NHF), one of the authors of the Nomination file of Curonian Spit / Member of Neringa Municipality Council, Former Deputy Mayor of Neringa Municipality*

**Inscription to the UNESCO World Heritage List 20 years ago.**

**Expectations, rumors and commitments**

**10:50 AM - 11:10 AM**

**GRETA KUPLIAUSKIENĖ**

*Representative of the local community*

**Living in the Curonian Spit is good, but is it easy?**

**11:10 AM - 11:40 AM**

**COFFEE BREAK**

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## SESSION 1

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**11:40 - 12:00 PM**  
**NARŪNAS LENDRAITIS / SVAJŪNAS BRADŪNAS**

*Deputy Mayor of Neringa Municipality / Chief architect of Neringa Municipality*

**Identity of resorts of Curonian Spit – basis of tourism policy formed by Neringa Municipality**

**12:00 PM - 12:20 PM**  
**RENALDAS ČIUŽAS (PROF. DR.)**

*Head of the Tourism Policy Division of the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania*

**Institutional reform of tourism sector and future of tourism priorities in Lithuania**

**12:20 PM - 12:40 PM**  
**MINDAUGAS STATULEVIČIUS**

*Head of the Lithuanian Real Estate Development Association*

**Sustainable development in coastal territories: the importance of dialogue between investors and institutions**

**12:40 PM - 12:55 PM**  
**ANDRIJANA FILINAITĖ (MODERATOR)**

*Member of National Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Lithuania*

**Summary of the session**

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**  
**LUNCH BREAK IN NIDA ART COLONY**

## SESSION 2

*Protection and conservation of the Curonian Spit:  
existing tools and priorities*

**2:30 PM - 2:50 PM**  
**JŪRATĖ MARKEVIČIENĖ**

*Architecturologist, international expert of heritage protection – member of ICOMOS, Member of the National Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Lithuania*

**Historical landscape in international heritage law: general principles and a protection of the Curonian Spit**

**2:50 PM - 3:10 PM**  
**RENATA VAIČEKONYTĖ-KEPEŽINSKIENĖ**

*Heritage Programme Coordinator of Secretariat of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO*

**Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage: national challenges**

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**3:10 PM - 3:30 PM**  
**LINA DIKŠAITĖ**

*Deputy Director of the Directorate of the Curonian Spit National Park*

**The role of the Curonian Spit site manager in preserving the values of the UNESCO World Heritage Site**

**3:30 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**4:00 PM - 4:20 PM**  
**ALBERTAS STANISLOVAITIS**

*Head of the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment*

**Nature heritage of Curonian Spit – an inseparable part of world heritage**

**4:20 PM - 4:40 PM**  
**VIDMANTAS BEZARAS**

*Head of the Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture of Republic of Lithuania*

**History of a preparation of the Curonian Spit Management Plan:  
experiences and lessons**

**4:40 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**ALGIRDAS KLIMAVIČIUS / GINTARAS DŽIOVĖNAS**

*Deputy Director of Nature Protection and Forest Policy Group of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania / Advisor of Cultural Heritage Policy Group of the Ministry of Culture of Republic of Lithuania*

**Perspectives of regulating economic activities in order to preserve nature and cultural heritage in Curonian Spit**

**5:00 PM - 5:20 PM**  
**NARŪNAS LENDRAITIS (MODERATOR)**

*Deputy Mayor of Neringa Municipality*

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## SESSION 3

*Challenges and opportunities preserving UNESCO  
World Heritage in foreign countries*

**10:00 AM - 10:20 AM**  
**MICHAŁ K. KRZYSIAK (DR.)**

*Head of Białowieża National Park (Poland)*

**UNESCO World Heritage Site Białowieża forest – experiences of  
Białowieża National Park**

**10:20 AM - 10:40 AM**  
**JULIJA MAJEROVA (SHIDLOVSKAJA)**

*Head of the Science division of the National park Kurshskaja Kosa (Russia)*

**Russian experience in preserving the World Natural and Cultural Heritage  
of the Curonian Spit**

**10:40 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**SASCHA KLÖPPER**

*Deputy Executive Secretary of Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (Germany)*

**The Continuity of Change: 10 Years of Managing the Wadden Sea World  
Heritage**

**11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 AM - 11:50 AM**  
**MAIRI LOCK**

*The World Heritage Site Coordinator of English Lake District (England)*

**English Lake District. World Heritage Site Long Term Challenges:  
development, tourism and local communities**

**11:50 AM - 12:10 PM**  
**FRANCESCA RICCIO**

*UNESCO Office of Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (Italy)*

**Role of the protection and management system for the conservation of  
cultural landscape: case studies in Italy**

**12:10 PM - 12:30 PM**  
**MARIA MOLL MAS**

*Head of communication of the Serra de Tramuntana Consortium (Spain)*

**Serra de Tramuntana. Management of a *living* world heritage: residents  
and visitors**

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**1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**  
**LUNCH BREAK**

## SESSION 4

*Future vision of preservation of the Curonian Spit*

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**NARŪNAS LENDRAITIS (MODERATOR)**

*Deputy Mayor of Neringa Municipality*

**A round table discussion.**

**Representatives of state and municipal institutions, local communities, representatives of foreign countries and organisations concerned are invited.**

**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**HERITAGE WALK IN CURONIAN SPIT**